

“Sound of Music” comes to St. Helens

The hills are alive with the Tony Award winning Rogers and Hammerstein production “The Sound of Music” this summer. Shoestring Community Players announces the return of the beloved musical to St. Helens High School Olmschied Auditorium this July.

Community members are currently hard at work, swiftly bringing pre-World War II era Salzburg, Austria, to St. Helens. With songs such as “My Favorite Things” and the eternal “The Sound of Music”, audiences are sure to be singing along by the end of the production. Performances will start beginning July 2 and 3 at 7:00 p.m. Performances will continue with 7:00 p.m. showings on July 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17. A 2:30 p.m. matinee will be presented on Sunday, July 11.

Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students and seniors, and can be purchased at St. Helens Book Shop, The Buzz salon, online

Fair & Rodeo Court in Rose Parade

The 2010 Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court won First Place for Rodeo or Fair Queen and Court at the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade, receiving a perfect score. The Court also was honored to receive the highly coveted Vern Hulit Award for Excellence in Preparation, Organization, and Presentation.

The Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court consists of Queen Leilani Schmit (Rainier), Princess Stephanie Esterly (Scappoose), and Princess Emily Simpson (Warren). The

at www.sscpmusicals.com, and at the auditorium box office before each performance. For general information, as well as group rates, call 503-366-4406.

court wore white shirts embroidered with red roses, created by Double C Custom Cowgirl of Warren. Their flower arrangements of red roses, white roses, white carnations, and baby’s breath, were created by Kacee Joiner of Rainier, with flowers from Flowers 4 U of St. Helens.

The Court invites everyone to attend the Columbia County Fair and Rodeo held July 14-18 at the Columbia County Event Complex in St. Helens. Visit www.columbiacountyeventcomplex.com for a full schedule of fair activities.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Haaaa, my last grandchild has graduated from high school. Small class 125+. The most enjoyable part was all the musical groups. Regular band, pep band, and jazz band. The choirs, trios and solos – pop and swing. Music is so important to the rounding of an education, so is drama and the arts. Kindergarten through grade 12.

Joy, joy, the sun shone long enough last Monday that Jim was able to plant our garden. It is now swinging in the breeze. Tomato; 60 days. Zucchini; 55 days. Cucumber; 60 days. Who knows I may be able to bring the Golden Oldies zucchini bread this fall. With or without nuts?? Now, if you could only hang radishes, green onions and lettuce.

Weary, weary, weary – that’s me – of the spring rains. I want to put winter in a box but it seems I’m stuck in winter weight clothes or I’m becoming fashionable by learning to layer my clothes, so when necessary I can ‘peel’ without doing a total strip tease or put some on when the weather chills. Strange thing though, I’ve had to shed my socks part of the time.

I passed another bridge in my treatment today (June 8). We started setting up my button hole treatment site (this means no more tracks on my arm). Yippee – it won’t hurt so much any more.

P.S. As I file this I am becoming a great-grandmother (I think).

In The Service



Timothy R. Williams

Air Force Airman Timothy R. Williams graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Williams is the son of Ryan Williams of Portland and Nora Williams of Vernonia. He is a 2009 graduate of Hillsboro High School.

Republican picnic will be June 26

The Columbia County Republicans will be hosting a free BBQ at their annual Summer picnic to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, in the North Shelter House at Trojan Park on Highway 30 near Rainier. All Republicans and other conservatives and families are invited to attend. The theme will follow the Liberty and Freedom ideals of the Tea Party movement. This picnic will be held in lieu of the Republican Friday MeetUp gath-

ering for June. The regular last Friday of the month MeetUp schedule will resume in July.

Special guest speakers will include candidates who will be representing the Republican ticket in the November General Election.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, condiments, tableware, etc. will be provided. Each family should bring a salad or a dessert to share. For questions or more information, contact Fred Yauney at 503-543-6271.

50 Years Ago This Month

The June 16, 1960, issue of the Vernonia *Eagle* included the following news story on the front page:

City residents will have the opportunity to present their opinions about the municipal budget for the coming fiscal year next Wednesday evening June 22, the date set for a public hearing on the proposed list of expenditures.

The new budget presents a figure for total expenditures that is considerable above the amount of the 1959-60 cost sheet, but there is a good reason for this increase. Also it should be noted that the item of most interest to taxpayers, the amount to be raised by direct tax, is lower than last year and does not exceed the six per cent limitation.

Several small increases and decreases in regular budget items are evident when the new

budget is compared with the old, but none of them account for the sizeable difference in the amount of expenditures as compared with last year.

The big difference is contained in one item, the sewage lagoon project which must be constructed this year and which project the city has already taken steps to get underway. This one item of \$65,000 accounts for the big increase.

Under the list of estimated receipts for 1960-61 most items with the exception of three are about the same as before, but those three account for a big difference.

First, the city will start the new year on July 1 with an estimated cash balance of \$31,000 as compared with \$3,000 last year, this big difference being accounted for in the sale of O.A. houses and unexpected funds from last year’s budget. Money from the house

sales has been put aside to provide part of the funds needed for the sewer lagoon project.

The second item is an amount of \$19,000 from the sewer sinking fund and the third is the figure of \$19,500 which will come from a federal grant to be applied towards the cost of the sewer lagoon.

These large items of estimated income provide the offset for expenditures, leaving the amount to be raised by taxes at a lower figure than last year.

If 'what you see is what you get'
and 'actions speak louder than words'
the golden rule is more important than we realize.
SMILE and treat other people how you want to be treated.



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