

# McCoy is Vernonia's 2010 My Fair Lady

Rosie McCoy has been named the 2010 Columbia County My Fair Lady Princess from Vernonia. McCoy was born on Shady Lane in Vernonia in 1938. While growing up, she was teased as, "The naughty lady from Shady Lane." She went to Vernonia High School, married at age 17, then lived in Louisiana, Texas, Washington and Montana, before coming back home to Vernonia. She has two sons and one daughter and didn't work outside the home until after the kids were grown. She also has eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She has been a volunteer at the Vernonia Senior Center since 2001 and at Vernonia Cares Food Bank since 2005. She is currently the president of Vernonia Cares. In addition to her volunteer work, McCoy paints, sews, does crafts, enjoys flowers and gardening, card games and cribbage. She recently taught an etched glass class at the senior center and plans to offer other craft classes there.

McCoy was nominated by the Vernonia Senior Center and has been in the St. Helens Ki-



wanis Parade, and will appear at the Columbia County Fair on July 14 for the My Fair Lady Pageant. Columbia River People's Utility District (PUD), in conjunction with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), organizes the pageant each year to recognize senior

women for their outstanding service in the community. The other princesses are Marvel Brown of St. Helens, Margie Clark of Rainier, Marcia Powers of Clatskanie and Helen Simons of Scappoose.

July 14 is Senior Day at the **See McCoy on page 22**

## Senior Center News

Government offices and many businesses will be closed on Monday, July 5th, but the Vernonia Senior Center and Thrift Shop will be open with regular hours. For those whose work schedules keep them away from the thrift shop, Monday will be a perfect day to check out the great bargains.

The card sharks have been sharpening their skills for lively games of pinochle on Fridays. The games start at 1:00 p.m. and go to 3:00 p.m., or until the last game is over. Join us on Fridays at the senior center for friendly rivalries and lots of fun.

Free hearing checks will be performed by a representative of Columbia Hearing Aids on the second Monday of each month; call the Center for an appointment.

Are you currently working on a quilt, crocheting an afghan, knitting a sweater, or other needlework project? If so, bring your project to the Senior Center on Tuesdays, any time from 10:30 a.m. to closing, and enjoy the company of others as you work.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon. A \$3.00 donation is suggested for those 60 and older, and \$4.00 for those under 60. If you prefer lunch to go, for only \$4.00 you can call ahead and place your order.

Breakfasts are available on Fridays at the Senior Center, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Breakfast for all ages is \$3.50 per person. Maple bars, made fresh daily, are just \$1.00 each! If you want maple bars for a gathering of any kind, call 503-429-3912 a day or two ahead and place your order.

Meals on Wheels are available for those who are home-bound. Call Senior Information Assistance Representative Rosie McCoy. She will explain how to put this great service to work.

You can learn more about your senior center by listening in during the Board of Directors meeting on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11.

Don't miss the festivities on Independence Day...parade, fireworks and more. We wish all of you a happy and safe 4th of July.

**Vernonia Senior Citizens Center:** 446 Bridge Street  
**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Thrift Shop Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Phone:** 503-429-3912

## Enjoy Vernonia First Friday on July 2

Vernonia's July 2nd First Friday will happily feature the Open Air Market with local produce. Activities will include a float building project for kids to be included in Sunday's Fourth of July parade, a guest appearance by Betsy Ross, OSU Extension Agent Chip Bubl again answering questions about those pesky tomato plants or...?, the famous scapegoat burning, and a chance to air-brush your own t-shirt – so bring one with you!

Don't miss live music performed by local legends Hobe Kytr and Dave Berg. Their CD "Dog Salmon & Rutabagas"

features music about Vernonia and Columbia County.

Many of popular artists and crafters will again be tempting you with high quality, handmade gifts and cards. A new twist, starting this month, will be one artist having a month-long show that premieres during First Friday. Our featured artist for July will be local Randal Harvey, whose acrylics will be hanging in the Blue House all month. Her "Vernonia Series" will feature inspiration found around town, everything from produce at Sentry to dogwoods on Texas Avenue, to flowers purchased from local treasure

Julie Prohaska at the Open Air Market.

A flag retirement ceremony will be performed by local Scouts to give old and tired flags the respectful farewell

they deserve as symbols of our country. If you have any Stars and Bars at home that have their best days behind them, please bring them with you.

For more information, watch

our Facebook page: Vernonia First Friday, check out our website: [vernoniafirstfriday.org](http://vernoniafirstfriday.org), email Erika Paleck at [epaleck@gmail.com](mailto:epaleck@gmail.com) or call her at 503-704-5970.

**Mariolino's** Prime Rib with Baked Potato, Green Salad & Garlic Bread



Have a Happy 4th – Don't Drink & Drive  
 721 Madison Ave., Vernonia • 503-429-5018

# VERNONIA'S BIGGEST CLASS REUNION

Sunday, August 15th - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m.  
 Prizes ~ entertainment ~ Tours ~ Food ~ Fun

\$5.00 Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. at the School cafeteria  
 Food & Drinks will be available for purchase

Please RSVP by July 15th to: [VernoniasReunion@yahoo.com](mailto:VernoniasReunion@yahoo.com)  
 Or mail to; Vernonia's Biggest Reunion c/o Vernonia School District Office  
 475 Bridge St., Vernonia, OR 97064

For more information visit [www.VernoniaClassmates.com](http://www.VernoniaClassmates.com) or our Facebook Group, Alumni & Friends of Vernonia Schools ~ Vernonia's Biggest Reunion

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 This is a fund raiser for our new schools.