

Carr wins 2011 Miss Rodeo Oregon



Mackenzie Carr - 2011 Miss Rodeo Oregon. Photo courtesy of Creekside Studios of Scappoose.

Mackenzie Carr of Vernonia was crowned the 2011 Miss Rodeo Oregon, July 1, during the first rodeo performance of the 75th Annual St. Paul Rodeo.

The daughter of Alan and Barb Carr, Mackenzie grew up on a small farm in rural Vernonia. She was on the varsity volleyball, equestrian and track teams throughout high school, as well as being a member of the band and choir. She was valedictorian of her 2008 graduating class from Vernonia High School, and a nine year member of Columbia County Horse 4-H. Mackenzie has sung the national anthem at various venues, including rodeos, sporting events, and opening the Rodney Atkins concert at the Oregon State Fair.

After attending Oregon State University for two years, Mackenzie will attend college part

time during her tenure as Miss Rodeo Oregon, when she will represent Oregon and the sport of rodeo throughout Oregon and the country, culminating in the Miss Rodeo America pageant in December 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Her part time studies will be at Lower Columbia College, in Longview, to work on her minor in communications. When her schedule is not so demanding, she plans to major in architecture with a focus on interior architecture and commercial building design. In her spare time, she enjoys riding her horses, giving riding lessons to children, and training horses. She also enjoys volleyball, country western dancing, and spending time outdoors.

Before winning the title, Mackenzie won awards for knowledge, personality, appearance, speech, horsemanship, and photogenic.

Kiernan Hull, from Newberg, was crowned Teen Miss Rodeo Oregon, and Haley Marie Jones, from St. Helens, was crowned Junior Miss Rodeo Oregon for 2011 on June 26, during the first performance of the 24th Annual Tillamook County Rodeo.

Miss Rodeo Oregon Pageant, Inc., sponsors the annual Miss, Teen, and Junior Miss Rodeo Oregon pageants during the last week of June. All of the contestants compete in multi-day contests in the categories of horsemanship, personal interview, rodeo knowledge, speech, personality and appearance.

Social Security stories are sought

An effort to gather stories about the importance of Social Security in our society has resulted in a special video project and upcoming book. The Social Security Stories Project is seeking story submissions from the public, with a goal of receiving 1,000 stories by the end of July. The stories will then be reviewed for possible inclusion in a new book to be published in honor of the 75th anniversary of Social Security on Aug. 14, 2010.

There are currently 10 stories featured in a new video that was showcased by the National Academy of Social Insurance on June 22, 2010, at the

National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The video can also be viewed on YouTube. The video uses photos submitted by the story tellers, as well as audio captured through a special

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Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



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The saga of a RIGHT HANDED WOMAN (note_she was right_handed but became a LEFTY). THINGS YOU MUST RELEARN.

IN DRESSING THE BODY@ a blouse becomes a sleeveless Tee shirt. a pair of slacks MUST be elastic waisted! socks (if needed) must have loose opening. Your toes need to be coached into the openingwi with MUCH blessing. SHOES must have velcro closer strips. No, having things at the ready, Sit down, put feet in the correcto openings the first time(it saves your sanity), now, stand up, bend over, grasp under garment, shimie it upand overone hip, no good luck in working it over the bump on the other side without letting the first side drop off it's perch. IN showering,brushing or washing your hear you will find your brain does not compute instantly into reverse mode. Cooking isn't so bad IF you keep it SIMPLE. Remember you can'T cut or chop anything up and make it stay in one place on the board. FRYING,BOILING is good. IF you are a Chef cracking an egg is easy as pie one handed but if not you should start practicing NOW. You can stil run the washer and dryer, but you can'T run the vacuum. Doing the dishes is something I do not really advise. The soap, water and object you are trying to wash move at a different angle (NONE HOLDSTILL)

(Now for a short recap of when this all started.)

50 Years Ago This Month

The July 7, 1960, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following news story on the front page under the headline "Fireball Viewed Sunday Night":

A giant fireball which appeared the size of a full moon, streaked across northwest Oregon skies in a haze of blinding white light at 12:07 a.m. Sunday, according to A. D. Lolley, city marshall who was sitting in his police car with deputy Roy Sanders and said the fireball traveled from the south-

west to the northeast and was descending at a 45-degree angle.

He said it looked as if it should have hit somewhere in the vicinity

of St. Helens, but a later report said it continued eastward.

Also witnessing the fireball,

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