

“Willy Wonka” by ShoeString Players

The ShoeString Community Players production of Roald Dahl’s “Willy Wonka” will open Friday, July 8, in the new auditorium at the Scappoose High School.

The production will run July 9, 15, 16 and 21-23 at 7:00 p.m., with a Sunday matinee on

July 17 at 2:00 p.m.

“Willy Wonka” is based on the book “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” by Roald Dahl. Adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse and Tim McDonald, with music and lyrics by Bricusse and Anthony Newley, it is presented through spe-

cial arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors/students and are available at the St. Helens Book Shop, Bertucci’s and online at www.sscpmusicals.com.

ODFW to tell shellfish secrets on 18th

Recreational clam diggers and crabbers can have all of their questions answered Saturday, June 18, at an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Shellfish Open House at Garibaldi.

The event is from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Garibaldi tide-flat parking lot near the Pier’s End crabbing dock. Shellfish biologists from ODFW’s Marine Resources Program will have live shellfish displays with common local clams and crabs and be available to answer ques-

tions.

They will also discuss the department’s shellfish and habitat assessment project in Tillamook Bay, which is in its second and final year. The project is documenting where gapers, butters, cockles and native littleneck clams are found in Tillamook Bay, how abundant they are and describes the habitat for each species.

Those who attend the open house will also:

- Learn about other shellfish

research,

- Learn about shellfish monitoring programs,
- Learn about recreational shellfishing opportunities up and down the coast,
- Find out about new techniques to harvest clams and crabs,
- Get help identifying northwest clams and crabs.

For more information contact Justin Ainsworth, 541-867-0300 ext. 288 or justin.c.ainsworth@state.or.us.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



My brain cells seem to be depleted of all tidbits of inconsequential information (in other words a blank bank).

Observations:

1) For the bride-to-be; when planning an outdoor wedding this month, be sure to have a plan “B” at the ready.

2) On walking your pets; best time, early in the morning or late evening. Be sure to

have with you a Sou’wester hat, trench coat, sunglasses, umbrella and a sandwich in case you get caught in the rain, wind, hail or high hat sun too far from home.

3) The flowers and trees around here aren’t sure what time of year it is. They bud, chill to their roots. They bloom and the rain and wind beat the petals off their stems. The poor squirrels can’t find the seeds in the immature cones that are beaten out of the trees, but pollen is flying everywhere so walk with your nose covered and carry a big hankie.

Shadow and I are plodding along in the tree debris the wind pares from them each night. Thank goodness they don’t come down as we walk by.

It is great when the rain and wind stop and let the sun come out with just a hint of a breeze.

All in all – it’s great to be alive waiting for the next cloud to roll by.

I’ve got no nail to bite this week.

Ta, ta.

24 Years Ago This Month

The June 25, 1987, issue of *The Independent* included the following news story on page 20:

In two meetings early this month, the Vernonia City Council, Mayor Wally Vaughn, and the city staff tossed around the question of fencing at Spencer Park like a baseball in a little league game, and it wasn’t error free ball.

On June 1, the mayor and city recorder Don Dunaway told the council that the planned chain link fence between the city’s park property and property belonging to Larry Bair must be installed before anything else was done at the park, because that was the agreement made between the two parties last year. When trees were logged at the property in 1986, the council was told, some trees belonging to Bair were cut in error, but he agreed not to charge the city for them provided a fence was installed before any use of the field was allowed.

After discussing the problem, the council decided that no ball playing would be allowed at

the park until it was fenced.

At a special council meeting called by Councilmember Mario Leonetti on June 4, he told the council, Vaughn and Dunaway, that Bair disagreed with their interpretation of the agreement.

According to Leonetti, Bair said the agreement was that the property would be fenced to prevent trespassing, and that in a letter dated June 9, 1986, from the city to Bair, the fence would be installed by June 30, 1986. Also mentioned by Leonetti was that the drainage ditch dug at the park last summer by the city’s public works department, was dug on Bair’s property, not on city property, and the job hasn’t been completed.

After considerable discussion, the council happily rescinded the action barring baseball at the park, and instructed the city crew to install the fence within forty days.

Another article related to Spencer Park was on page 8 of the June 25, 1987 issue;

Volunteers continue to work on Spencer Park’s little league ball diamonds, according to Carol Davis. Most recently, work has been completed on one of the backstops, including 100 feet of fencing down each of the baselines.

In addition to the work being done, many sponsors have lent a hand. Arco Gas and Oil do-

nated the pipe to build two backstops and a practice football goal post. Fred Meyer donated 20 sheets of plywood to make signs acknowledging sponsors. Cedar Mill Lumber and Hardware contributed R.R. ties and plywood. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Morrison, a Juggs Pitching machine and Ellson Cedar

Products donated lumber.

Other sponsors are Gwin Logging, Holce Logging, Viking Automatic Sprinkler Co., Vernonia Drug, Olympic Forest Products and Western Auto.

All teams are doing well, Davis said, and fan support has been fantastic.

Signs of elder abuse presented

From page 7

- Unexplained signs of injury, such as bruises or scars;
- Untreated physical problems, such as bed sores;
- Sudden changes in finances and accounts, altered

wills and trusts, and loss of property.

More information on elder abuse may be found on the Department of Human Services website at <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/>.

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