

Pinnak, Botchie wedding held



Jolene Botchie and Ben Pinnak were married July 26, 2012, on a promenade overlooking the Willamette River in Lake Oswego.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Marie Botchie of Rainier.

The groom is the son of Waluka and Ron Schweizer of Tillamook.

The ceremony was performed by Larinda Roth, the bride's sister and Bon Pinnah, the groom's brother.

Senior Center News

After a very busy August, staff and volunteers at the senior center are happy to resume the regular schedule. Here is a recap of day-to-day activities for those who aren't familiar with the schedule.

Lunch (This is a full meal, not a light repast.) is served Monday through Friday at noon. Most of the diners are senior citizens, but all ages are welcome. A \$4.00 donation is suggested for those 60 and older, and \$5.00 for those under 60. If you prefer lunch to go, for only \$5.00 you can call ahead and place your order.

Regular lunch activities include free Bingo starting at 11:45 a.m. on Mondays, ice cream on the last Wednesday of each month courtesy of Wauna Federal Credit Union, and birthday celebration on the last Friday of each month. A special activity, the Five Area Lunch, is held on the last Monday of each month, when members of the five senior centers in Columbia County enjoy food and friendship together at one of the centers. The September lunch will be in Clatskanie, and Vernonia will host the October gathering.

Needle workers of all kinds gather any time from 10:30 a.m. to closing on Tuesdays. If you are working on a quilt, crocheting an afghan, knitting a sweater, or other needlework project, bring your project and enjoy the company of others as you work.

There are some serious card sharks around here, so join us for poker (chips only) after lunch on Thursdays, and other games on Fridays after lunch.

Free blood pressure checks are available on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m.

to noon. Foot Care is scheduled on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at \$15 per person. Call Marilyn Albro, R.N., for an appointment, at 503-429-0406.

Connie King, the center's great cook, makes breakfast for all ages on Fridays from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m., and it's just \$3.50 per person. She also makes maple bars daily for \$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.

The Senior Center Thrift Shop is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It's always half price during the first week of each month, and sometimes even more often. If you need something like a wheelchair, walker, cane, etc., call Pauline Coffman. If you have such equipment and don't know what to do with it, bring it to the center and it will be used by someone who needs it.

Last, but certainly not least, the center's Board of Directors meets on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. They have a lot on their plates, but don't hesitate to bring questions or suggestions for their consideration. This is a community-minded organization and your ideas will be heard and considered.

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

ShoeString Players to hold auditions

ShoeString Community Players is looking for people interested in performing for the first production of "St. Helens Haunted Tours". These performances will be in conjunction with St. Helens "The Spirit of Halloween Town".

"St. Helens Haunted Tours" is a live ghostly tour thru Olde Towne St. Helens. Tour length of each performance is 20 minutes. See the local haunts, and re-live the secret, interesting, spooky, and creepy history of St. Helens. This is a very unique and special event that will be memorable for years to come...you may even see a real spirit or two along the way.

Auditions will be held at Bertucci's, 2017 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens on Thursday and Friday, September 6 and 7, at 7:00 p.m. for males and females aged 16 to 106.

The shows will be the last two weekends of October, October 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, and

27, when starting at 7:00 p.m. there will be six tours per evening starting on the half hour.

Many speaking roles are still available and everyone will be in character makeup and dressed in period costumes. The rehearsal schedule will be posted after the production staff learns everyone's availability.

Plan on rehearsals beginning after September 8 and continuing until performance. Participants must be available in the evenings the week before the performance, and performance nights.

Rehearsals will start with two to three per week until the week before opening week, when they will be every night until performance. There will be no performances on Halloween.

The production is also looking for production staff interested in special effects, make-up,

and lighting. Please stop by to speak with the director.

For more information contact specialprojects@sscpmu.org or leave messages at 503-366-4406.

Thornton earns degree at WOU

Western Oregon University has announced the following graduate from Vernonia;

- Samuel Thornton, B.S. in Psychology (cum laude).

Grants available to non-profits

Oregon Humanities is pleased to announce the guidelines for 2013 Public Program Grants.

Public Program Grants of between \$1,000 and \$10,000 will go to support humanities-based public programs that are offered by Oregon nonprofits for 2013. The programs must begin after April 1, 2013. Letters of Interest must be post-marked no later than October 31, 2012.

In 2012, Oregon Humanities Public Program Grants funded programs that brought together returning veterans and civilians to better understand life after

war, engaged rural Oregonians in discussions about the history of local social movements, explored the connections between classic Greek mythology and gang violence in today's society, and sent Oregon Book Award finalists and winners to read at libraries and community centers across the state.

To download the guidelines and find out more about how to apply, visit oregonhumanities.org.

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