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Princesses Chosen; Jamboree Plans Continue on Schedule

The Vernonia Friendship Jamboree Committee reports that plans are proceeding according to schedule and it looks as if this year's annual event may well be one of the best to be enjoyed by residents of Vernonia.

To date several events have been planned including the return of the logging show which has proved so popular in past years. Also on tap at this time is a golf tournament, the annual horse show, swim events, concessions, and of course, what would Jamboree be without a parade. Hopefully, this year

more merchants and individuals will put their thinking caps on and come up with floats that will thrill the audience. With a theme like "Those Were The Days" there shouldn't be too much difficulty in finding an idea to celebrate this 18th year of fun for all.

Four girls have presently been chosen as princess of the 1974 Friendship Jamboree. They are Sharon Smejkal, Dana Andrus, Renee Williams and Chris Sauters. This year something new will be added to the coronation and the events preceding it. Last year's queen, Jackie Eide will reign until the new queen of the Jamboree is crowned.

As in past years there will also be a Horseshoe Tournament with Gerald Russell handling details of that event.

Hypertension Clinic Slated

On Friday, June 14 there will be free Hypertension (Blood Pressure Check) clinics held throughout Columbia County to make the public aware of the prevalence and danger of high blood pressure in young adults as well as grownups and to stress the importance of regular blood pressure checks to detect and to control it.

High blood pressure is a leading contributor of disease and death in Oregon. It can result in stroke, congestive heart failure, and kidney failure and is a major risk factor in coronary artery disease.

An estimated 200,000 Oregonians—or about one adult in six—have some degree of hypertension and seven out of every ten are between the ages of 20 and 64. Of these 100,000 do not even know they have high blood pressure.

Residents of Columbia County are urged to visit their local hypertension clinics between the hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Locations are as follows:

St. Helens, Thriftway and Safeway

Scappoose, Chinook Plaza Thriftway

Rainier, Rainier Foods

Clatskanie, Evergreen Shopping Center Safeway

Vernonia, Sentry Market

The blood pressure check is painless, takes less than ten minutes and is available to anyone 15-years-old or older.

*Volunteer cooperating sponsors include the Columbia County Medical Society, Columbia County Comprehensive Health Planning, Oregon Heart Association and CIBA Pharmaceutical Company.

Elsewhere in this issue of the paper is a coupon for your convenience. Simply fill it out and turn it in at the clinic in your area.

Levy To Be Resubmitted On June 18

The IED equalization levy went down to defeat in last May's election, under an avalanche of strong "no" votes from Rainier, Clatskanie and St. Helens.

Since both Rainier and Clatskanie receive less than residents pay into the levy, the vote in their areas was understandable but the St. Helens area seemed to have defeated its own purpose since, for the second year, the area would have been a receiving district instead of a paying one.

Although defeated, in the annual school election, the members of the Columbia County Intermediate Education District board decided to give voters another opportunity to vote on the proposed levy of \$2,872,876.38 outside the six percent limitation—an increase of \$1,023,129.86 over the current year—after receiving requests from some of the school districts involved.

Under Oregon law, the same levy will be presented to the voters on June 18. The IED levy is based on a formula and cannot be reduced for purposes of a second ballot.

Both Scappoose and Vernonia, areas with low industrial valuation would benefit from the levy with Scappoose projected to save approximately \$4.38 per thousand valuation while in Vernonia taxpayers will save \$3.22 per thousand if the IED levy receives a "yes" vote. The savings in St. Helens amounts to approximately \$1.11 per thousand if passed.

The IED election will be held June 18 throughout Columbia county with polling places listed elsewhere in this edition.

CRAG Seeks Public Input on PCC Campus

CRAG is seeking public testimony on the proposed Portland Community College Rock Creek campus at a hearing scheduled for June 17 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be in the Sunset High School auditorium, 13840 N.W. Cornell Road.

At issue is whether or not location of the college at 185th and Springfield Road in northeast Washington County is consistent with adopted CRAG policy.

Last month the Environmental Quality Commission voted 3-2 to approve a 499-space parking facility for the projects first phase of development unless the CRAG Board determined that the site was incompatible with CRAG policy.

Clatskanie Slates Show

The Clatskanie Business and Professional Women are launching their search for any talented groups or individuals in the local or surrounding areas who would like to enter the talent show they are having in connection with the Clatskanie Scramble Court Coronation on Saturday, June 29, at the Clatskanie Grade School Gym, 7:30 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in three divisions. Division 1. Adult or out of high school; Division 2. High School; Division 3. Elementary or younger.

The Coronation of the 1974 Scramble Queen will be during the intermission. This will be the beginning of the festivities of the Clatskanie 4th of July celebration.

Any kind of talent will be accepted. It is hoped old as well as young talent can be recruited from near and far.

Entry forms must be received by Monday, June 24.

Rainier Daze Cancelled Out

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rainier Daze, Inc., a decision was reached that Rainier will not hold a Rainier Daze Celebration in 1974.

Due to the late date, lack of interest, the Columbia County Fair being held on the weekend we have had since 1960, and the fact that the Rainier Marine construction will not be finished by that time, it was decided to let a year go by without a celebration," the directors say.

On August 10, the Rainier Community Schools are planning a Children's Day with a parade, movie, etc. On the same day, Rainier will plan for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the City Dock where a \$50,700.00 construction job is taking place.

Any group or organization may at this time plan on taking part in any way they would like, on their own, not in conjunction with Rainier of Daze.

see you at the polls
JUNE 18

Recall Committee Slates Future Meetings This Month

Recall Committee Meeting concerning the recall of the Columbia County Commissioners was held in the auditorium of the Trojan Nuclear Information Center, Tuesday evening, June 4 with all areas of the county represented.

A future meeting was scheduled for June 11, 8 p.m. at the Clatskanie Grange No. 321, near the old Quincy School. Mrs. Mary Kangas, will be speaking on the Columbia Regional Association of Governments, Zoning, and Planning. The public is invited to attend and obtain information on this Regional state agency, commonly referred to as CRAG.

Meetings are also scheduled June 17 at the Chapman Grange, 6 and 1/4 mile from Scappoose on the Scappoose-Vernonia Highway, and June 18 at Vernonia in the high school auditorium. Both meetings are scheduled at 8 p.m.

The Recall Committee states that recall proceedings started after a long and controversial sequence of events. The passage of Senate Bill 769 during the 1973 Oregon legislature completely eliminated Columbia County membership in the Organization of Governments voted unanimously to present Resolution No. 999 to the emergency legislature held in February asking for full membership in CRAG for the county and seven cities. Later four cities of the county, Rainier, Clatskanie, Vernonia and Prescott reviewed the CRAG government and decided there had recently been too much rush and pressure evidenced by CRAG through its broad form of powers, as well as the fact there had been no forewarning of a vote to be called for at the January CCOG meeting. Citizen pressure and the withdrawal of the four cities stirred Senator Holstrom to pull Resolution No. 999 from the emergency meeting of the legislature.

Columbia County Commissioners A.J. Ahlborn, Fred Foshaug and Jack Minkoff, along with the mayors of Columbia City, St. Helens and Scappoose then proceeded to place the county and the three cities back into an associate membership with CRAG. News releases of March 8 stated CRAG had accepted Columbia County, Oregon and Clark County, Washington as members.

May 8, a large crowd of

citizens attended the budget meeting for Columbia County to ask that CRAG membership dues be eliminated from the new budget. Budget members refused, taking the advice of District Attorney Lucas to move the money designated for CRAG dues over into the Contingency Fund. It was due to this action plus the fact no action had been taken to bring CRAG membership to a vote of the people that recall procedures have been introduced, according to the recall committee.

Elections Held By Woodlands Assoc.

The annual meeting of the Columbia Small Woodlands Association held last week following a dinner meeting at the Fern Hill Grange saw members voting for a change in bylaws making elections of officers come from the membership at large instead of from the board. Following the change, Roger Nichols, Rainier, was elected president; Everett Skeans, Fern Hill, vice-president; Robert VanNatta, Rainier, secretary; and Elmer Lloyd, Deer Island, treasurer.

Clyde Ransay and Bruce Wallace, Jr., both of the Fern Hill area, were elected to three-year terms as directors.

Mrs. Kay VanNatta sang two selections for the group, after which Joe Capizzi discussed forest insect problems, showing slides of some of the more serious ones causing damage to trees.

Polling Places

The Columbia County Clerk, Roy A. Nelson has announced that due to a conflicting date those voting on the Columbia County IED Levy in Vernonia Precincts 1, 2, and 3 will vote at the Washington Grade School Band Room.

Washington County residents who are voting on this levy will also vote at the Washington Grade School.

Clean Up Day Successful

Operation Clean Sweep found members of each community in Columbia County participating in real county-wide effort to improve the appearance of their area.

Citizens in the Vernonia, Scappoose, St. Helens, Rainier and Clatskanie areas all had access to a center where recyclable and reusable goods could be received.

Some forty-five persons phoned the centers giving information regarding the location of car bodies, scrap metal and reusable materials for Goodwill Industries. Other calls requesting information were also received by the centers.

Many citizens also delivered quantities of recyclable materials to the various centers. One generous citizen in Rainier delivered an entire pickup load of beer bottles to the center located at the grade school. The Senior Citizens in Clatskanie ended the day with a generous pickup load of newspaper and cardboard to be recycled. The location of tons of scrap metal was phoned into the St. Helens Center at KOHI Radio. The St. Helens Divers Club is currently in the process of collecting the scrap for recycling. Citizens of Scappoose were able to set many of their items on the curb where they were picked up by city crews and the local garbage service.

The goals of this clean-up project were to first of all improve the appearance of not just one community, but all the communities in Columbia County. Secondly, the project hoped to make citizens aware of the increasing problems associated with the lack of adequate numbers of disposal sites in Columbia County.

SORT Reaches Halfway Mark

SORT (Save Oregon's Rainbow Trout) has announced that the goal to obtain 40,000 signatures on the initiative petition to make steelhead a game fish in Oregon was approaching the halfway mark.

Ranny Rancourt, co-chairman of the organization said, "We realize that there are thousands of signatures on petitions throughout the State, but until they are returned to the SORT office, we can't count them, therefore, we must push twice as hard during the last month."

Rancourt said, "The signatures must be turned in to the Secretary of State's office no later than July 3.

He urged all who have petition sheets filled, to mail them or bring them to the office, and after June 25, to mail all that are partially filled.

Leaders of the initiative are planning to saturate the Rose Parade on June 15 and are asking for volunteers to circulate among the spectators to obtain signatures. Also, thousands of people visit the Festival along Harbor Drive, and lines form during the visiting hours at the ships tied up at the sea wall. This is another excellent opportunity to contact crowds of people.

Those willing to help should call the SORT office at 232-4148 or come in to the office located over the Citizens Branch of the U.S. National Bank at 622 S.E. Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

YWCA Offers Summer Tours Of Festivals

Festivals in Oregon are features of summer tours presented by the Portland YWCA. July 4-7 the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Tour will offer the opportunity to see four plays with a choice of hotel or southern Oregon college Dormitory lodging. Dorothy Neelan and Jane Smith Cook will escort.

August 16-18 the Peter Britt Music and Arts Festival will include tickets for an evening orchestral concert featuring pianist Tana Bowden and the Sunday morning concert of Bach music featuring the Peter Britt Chorus. Both concerts are in the Britt Gardens of historic Jacksonville. The tour group will also attend the Shakespearean Festival play "Tewelfth Night" in neighboring Ashland. Escorts are Bea and Perry Jones.

The Labor Day Rogue River trip participants will attend the matinee of "Two Gentlemen of Verona" in the Angus Bowmer theatre in Ashland, and will tour the Oregon Caves enroute to the Redwood Country and have two nights at the secluded Tu Tu Lodge on the Rogue river. There will be a choice of the White Water Boat trip to Paradise or the Mail Boat ride to Agness.

An Iberian tour of Portugal and Spain will be offered September 16-30. Open to both men and women of all ages, immediate registration is advised. For information about these and other YWCA tours, visit the YWCA, 1111 S.W. Tenth Avenue, or call 233-6281.

Judging of Posters Slated at Meeting

Anti-noise pollution posters, drawn by children of area log truckers, will be judged at the June 15 meeting of the Clatskop-Columbia-Washington Chapter of the Oregon Log Truckers Association to be held at Onkey's restaurant in Elsie at 7 p.m., according to Ken Boring, Forest Grove, president.

Rifle Shoot Slated

There will be a Rifle Shoot Saturday, June 22 sponsored by the Vernonia Hunters Safety Club. The shoot will take place at Swords, across the river from Anderson Park.

Bill Titus Earns Plaudits For Wood Carving Ability

By Carol Olson
When the Vernonia Recreation Council called a meeting to discuss ideas for summer recreation, several were considered, then discarded. One, however, initiated by Gordon Growston, has proved to be a success.

Thanks to one man's unique talent—and to the generosity of Clint Seibert and Crown Zellerbach, who furnished the logs—both Anderson and Hawkins parks will hold a special surprise for toddlers and pre-schoolers this year. They will be able to enjoy the fun of clamoring over and under wolves, alligators,

bears, whales and other original types of animal creations, hand carved from cedar logs by the magic of Bill Titus of Mist.

"I began carving six years ago. Learned how from the Indians while I was fishing up in Alaska," Bill said, adding, "an old Indian about 90 years old, showed me a lot about the art of carving."

Bill uses a chain saw first to make an outline in the log then he prefers to switch to a chisel and hammer.

"This one is an alligator," he said. "See how low it is? The babies and little ones can fit it

just right. What a funny nose that pig has, too," he said with a grin. The distinctive markings on another log showed it to be a whale.

Married 40 years, the father of 12 children, with two still at home, Bill fondly laid his arm on one of the large totem poles he stood next to. "Yah, I have done about 20 of them," he said proudly, with a slight Norwegian accent, as he referred to the totems. "Why I even have one in New York City in that big stock exchange building. I have sent one to Denver, Colorado and right now, the one over there leaning on the fence, is going to Coos Bay soon," he pointed to the distinctive pole.

Walking over to stand by one of the shorter totems, topped with a black and white whale, Bill's merry blue eyes suddenly became serious as he said, "I would not give my totems away for any amount of money. That one especially is my best one," he added, pointing to the whale. "You see, I carved that after a bad heart attack when I did not think I would live very long. It is the 'Killer Whale'—the one the Indians call the Death Totem.

Bill is originally from Seattle while Lottie, his wife, is from Eugene. "We came here first back in 1949," Lottie said. "Then we moved away but came back again. It didn't much matter where we went; we would always wind up back here, our home town. We love it here," she said. "The scenery is so peaceful and quiet, and everybody seems to love each other here."

Owner of a large fishing schooner, when not out at sea plying his trade of fisherman, Bill is an ordinary landlubber who works as a logger while maintaining his "Hog Ranch," as he calls it. Actually the 124 acres look more like "Old MacDonald's Farm" with the ducks, geese, sheep and other animals that share the land with the Titus family.

For those who would like to see a fantastic world of log imagination, they have only to pay a visit to either Anderson or Hawkins park where there will soon be an array of animals to please the young and delight the older members of the family with their whimsey.



BILL TITUS, logger, fisherman and wood carver extraordinary, likes what he does. The totems in the background are all products of his trusty chain saw and magic fingers.



AN EXAMPLE of the animal fantasy creations that are slated to thrill youngsters this summer, who venture to Anderson and Hawkins Parks in Vernonia.



MEMBERS of the Vernonia High School shop class posed with their teacher, Francis Walters, just prior to the end of the school year. Although the day was dreary and cold, they had braved the elements to install three of the new fantasy animals at Anderson Park. A fourth still awaited installation but due to circumstances beyond their control—they ran out of cement—it was delayed.