

Veterans serving as fair parade grand marshals

By Skamania County Fair Board
For The Pioneer

The 250th anniversary of America’s independence brings a special element to the Skamania County Fair Parade on Saturday, Aug. 15. Every American service veteran is being invited to be a grand marshal.

Veterans are asked to contact Shannon See, Veterans Assistance Officer for the county, at 509-427-3977 or 360-954-8559 (cell), or by email, shannon.see@skamaniacounty.gov. The Navy veteran needs to know how many people will be there so she can arrange transport for the

parade. She has also been looking for vintage military vehicles for the parade.

About 8 percent of the county’s 12,700 residents are U.S. military veterans. That number has dropped slightly due to an increase in population but See tries to make contact with more than 1,000 veterans to assist them with Veterans Affairs matters.

The fair organizers are particularly keen to honor Korean War veterans who have often been overlooked due to that conflict being sandwiched between World War II and the Vietnam War. Unlike WW II, Korean War veterans were

not greeted with victory parades when coming home, perhaps due to the fact the 4-year long war ended in a stalemate. Nor were they vilified as some Vietnam War veterans were when they came back home.

Korean War veterans only number about three dozen in this county. Their median age is 91-93 years old.

The Skamania County Fair and Timber Carnival runs Wednesday, Aug. 12, through Saturday, Aug. 15. The opening ceremony is at noon Wednesday and the parade begins at 11 a.m. Saturday.



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U.S. military veterans are honored on federal holidays by the Wind River Business Association in Carson, some of whom will serve as grand marshals for the Skamania County Fair Parade on Saturday, Aug. 15.

News Briefs

19th annual Mac Memorial Poker Run, Aug. 8

The American Legion Riders are hosting the 19th annual Mac Memorial Poker Run beginning at 8 a.m. on August 8 at the American Legion in Carson, Washington. All of the profits will go to veterans charities.

Beginning at 8 a.m. there will be a breakfast. There is no charge for breakfast but donations would be greatly appreciated. At 10 a.m. registration for the poker run opens. At 11 a.m., the first bike heads out on the run. 5 p.m. is when the last bike should be in.

After the poker run, there will be a hogs and rice dinner at 6 p.m. It costs \$15 but is “all you can eat” with kids under 12 years old eating free.

The location is at 841 Wind River Road, Carson. Hotels and camping are available. Contact alriderpost137@gmail.com for more information.

Walk With Us And Stand Against Domestic Violence

Join Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCDVSA) as we walk together in the Skamania County Fair Parade on Saturday, August 15 at 11:00 a.m. to show our community that we stand united against domestic violence.

Every step we take is a visible reminder that no one should face abuse alone. By walking with our agency, you’ll help raise awareness, show support for survivors and demonstrate our community’s commitment to promoting safety, hope and healthy relationships.

Whether you’re a survivor, advocate, volunteer, community partner, friend, or family member, we invite you to walk alongside us. Together, we can help break the silence and show that our community stands with those impacted by domestic violence.

Together, we can raise awareness, inspire hope and take a stand against domestic violence — one step at a time.

Our agency will be doing a Stand Up Against Domestic Violence Float at the Skamania County Fair and we are wanting to invite community members to join us and walk with us in the fair parade to show their support for DV survivors everywhere. 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 15 at the Columbia Gorge Museum, 990 S.W. Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson.

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Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival



Photos by Philip L. Watness/Whatnews.Ink

A group of bluegrass enthusiasts from Lincoln County, Oregon, play tunes in the Timber Carnival pen during the Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival at the Skamania County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 25. About two dozen musicians gather every Tuesday at the North Lincoln Eagles in Lincoln City.



Skilletehead plays on Friday, July 24, at the Columbia Grass Bluegrass Festival. The band includes Benji Nagel on dobro and guitar, Joe Schultem, mandolin and guitar, unidentified, bass, Garrett Miller, banjo and guitar, and Casey Willis, fiddle and mandolin.



Jessilyn Brinkerhoff (“JBell”), left, on fiddle, and Bonnie MacDonald (“BonBon”) perform Saturday, July 25, at the Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival. The Eugene, Oregon band entertained the audience with their tight vocal harmonies and original songwriting, playing bluegrass, and folk.

Columbia Center for the Arts and Theatre CamilleLynne Presents: CABARET

A landmark musical brought to life by Hood River’s all-teen theatre company at the Columbia Center for the Arts and Theatre CamilleLynne present *Cabaret*, the landmark musical with book by Joe Masteroff, music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, running August 7-15 at Columbia Center for the Arts in Hood River, Oregon.

It is Berlin, 1929. The Kit Kat Klub pulses with music, laughter, and the desperate glamour of a city trying to outrun history. American writer Cliff Bradshaw arrives hoping to find inspiration — and finds Sally Bowles instead. Vivacious, reckless, and utterly alive, Sally is the

star of the Kit Kat Klub, performing every night under the watchful eye of the magnetic, unsettling Master of Ceremonies. But outside the club’s sequined walls, the streets of Weimar Germany are changing. The party, it turns out, cannot last forever.

A groundbreaking “concept musical” since its 1966 Broadway debut — where it swept the Tony Awards — *Cabaret* uses the seductive world of the cabaret stage as a mirror held up to one of history’s most chilling political moments. Featuring iconic songs including “Willkommen,” “Cabaret,” and “Maybe This Time,” this production is based on the celebrated 1998 revival — the bold,

provocative version featuring Alan Cumming as the Emcee — widely considered the definitive modern staging of the show.

This production is presented by Theatre CamilleLynne (TCL), Hood River’s resident teen theatre company at Columbia Center for the Arts. Founded by director Tay Camille Lynne, TCL casts performers ages 12 to 20 and produces shows that are almost exclusively teen-performed and teen-run. TCL was built on a simple belief: that teenagers deserve meaningful, challenging performance opportunities in their own community — and that theatre is a place for everyone. “Cabaret is a show every-

one recognizes but very few actually know. It deals with a range of emotions and issues that any actor could find challenging to really delve into. Working with teens I wasn’t sure how hard I could push them to grow and look at things differently, and to present these themes in a true and sometimes brutal way but I have never been happier to be wrong,” said Lynne.

Note for families: This production uses the 1998 revival script. Choreography, blocking and select lines have been thoughtfully adapted by the director to suit a teen ensemble and community audience, while honoring the show’s powerful themes. Show is rated PG-13.

Featured Cast
Master of Ceremonies (MC): Siva Dassel
Sally Bowles: Sophia Keolker
Cliff Bradshaw: Caden Tubbs
Fraulein Schneider: Cadence Ronning
Herr Schultz: Anders Daly
Ernst Ludwig: Cooper Yasui
Fraulein Kost/Fritzie: Finley Smith

Kit Kat Club Ensemble:
Addy Huskey, Kiah Dienberg, Evelyn Kelly, Helga (Isla Bruchs), Texas (Tia Weltaert), Frenchie/Gorilla (Addi Wagner), Lulu (Nora Larvick), Rosie (Jay Grajeda), Victor (Evolet Olivo), Bobby (Dylan Stauff-

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This day in history

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1921	Adolf Hitler becomes the leader of the Nazi Party.
1958	The U.S. Congress passes legislation establishing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
1981	Prince Charles marries Lady Diana.