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Riverfront Bridge Dedication

May 29, 2022

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The Riverfront Bridge, a dream of Mayor Jerry Cole, to extend the path along the river from the Rainier City Park into town by placing a bridge over Fox Creek was realized by its construction in 2022. On May 29 a dedication ceremony was held with City Administrator Scott Jorgensen officiating. Guest speakers included Columbia County Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Oregon State Representative Suzanne Weber, and Oregon State Senator Rachel Armitage. Mayor Jerry Cole spoke of the planning and effort that made it a reality followed by a ribbon cutting by him and his wife Kristi. There were several booths at the dedication including the Rainier Oregon Historical Museum booth that displayed photos of what the riverfront looked like in the early 20th century. Other



activities included the flag salute by Boy Scout Troop #332, coloring contest results and a fun run for the tykes, kids and teens. The festivities ended with a trike and bike parade and awards. The weather was threatening, but it turned out to be a nice, partially sunny day.



Photo by Martha Van Natta.



Commemorative coin handed out at dedication, 1 3/4" in dia.

Waterfront Bridge Construction

Photos by Mayor Jerry Cole



Rainier Riverfront Bridge Dedication

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Rainier City Park

2-4 p.m.

Program of Events

2:00 p.m.--Flag Salute lead by Boy Scout Troop #332

2:05 p.m.--Remarks from Columbia County Commissioner

Margaret Magruder

2:10 p.m.--Remarks from Oregon State Representative Suzanne Weber

2:15 p.m.--Coloring Contest Results

2:20 p.m.--Remarks from Oregon State Senator Rachel Armitage

2:25 p.m.--Remarks from Rainier Mayor Jerry Cole

2:30 p.m.--Ribbon Cutting

2:45 p.m.--Tykes Fun Run (ages 5 and under)

3:00 p.m.--Kids Fun Run (ages 6-12)

3:15 p.m.--Teens and Adults Fun Run (ages 13 and over)

3:30 p.m.--Trike and Bike Parade

3:45 p.m.--Bike Parade Awards

Extra Special Thanks to Our Event Partners:

Country Financial, Grocery Outlet and the Rainier Oregon
Historical Museum



Flag salute by Boy Scout Troop #332. Photo by Tonya Higgins.



Rainier Mayor Jerry Cole and City Administrator Scott Jorgensen just before leading a moment of silence in honor of Memorial Day.



City Administrator Scott Jorgensen officiating.



Columbia County Commissioner Margaret Magruder.



Oregon State Representative Suzanne Weber.



Winner of coloring contest receiving his award.



Oregon State Senator Rachel Armitage.



Mayor Jerry Cole describing his dream of having a bridge over Fox Creek, thanking those who helped and plans of extending the riverfront path to the west and east of Rainier.



Mayor Jerry Cole and his wife Kristi Cutting the Ribbon.



The fun run.



City Administrator Scott Jorgensen and daughter.



Our public servants left to right: Columbia County Sheriff Brian Pixley, Rainier Mayor Jerry Cole, Oregon State Senator Rachel Armitage, Columbia County Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Columbia County Commissioner Casey Garrett and Oregon State Representative Suzanne Weber, and their race across the bridge.



Delyla Laughlin and the Children's Activities Booth.





Winner of Most Creative and Original Award in the Trike and Bike Parade. Photo by Tonya Higgins.



Rainier Oregon Historical Museum President Kay Heflin and Treasurer Martha Van Natta.

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The Rainier Oregon Historical Museum. Those identified left to right; Robert West, Norm and Bev Gressett and Kay Heflin on the right.



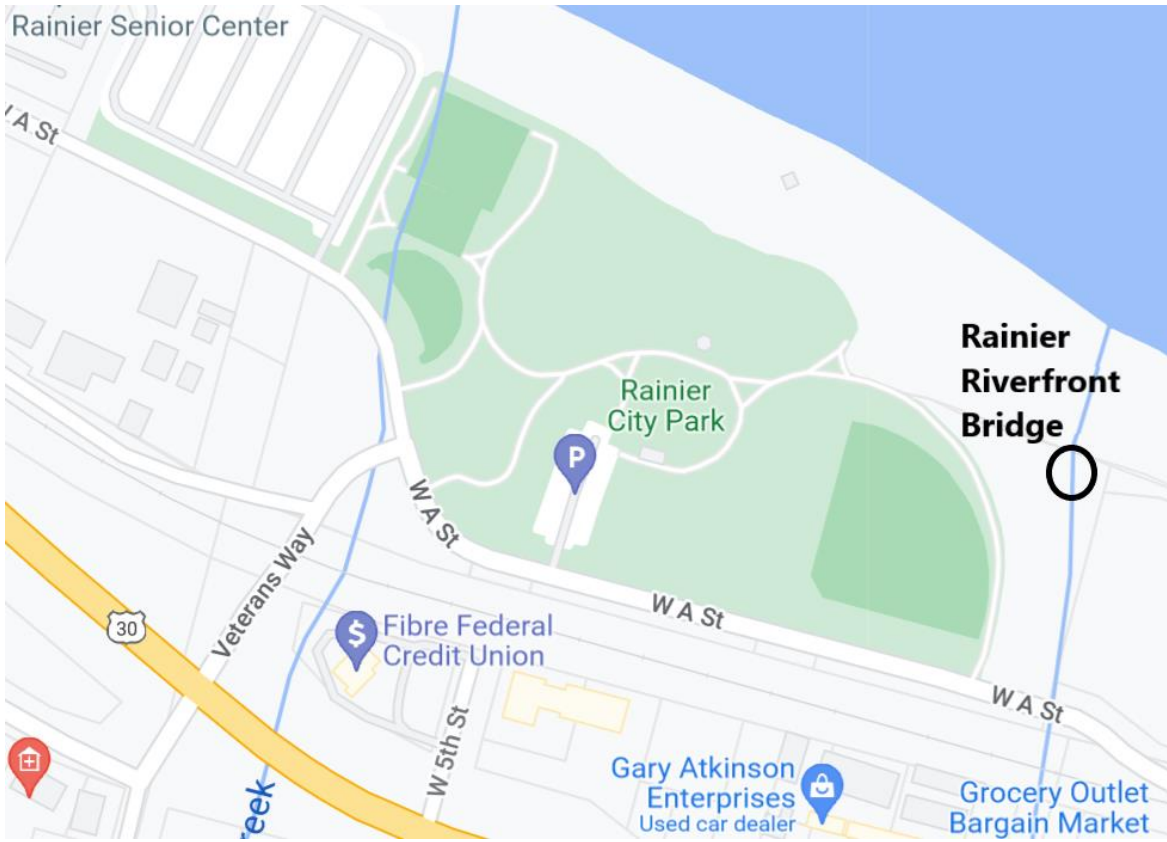
Friends of Fox Creek. Photo by Tonya Higgins.



Country Financial with agent Cheryl Teuscher and Columbia County Commissioner Margaret Magruder checking out the Grocery Outlet. Photos by Tonya Higgins.



Norm and Bev Gressett giving the new path and bridge a try. Having the new Riverfront bridge makes the walk into town from their townhouse near the senior center a much more enjoyable walk. Thank you Mayor Jerry Cole and the City of Rainier.



Approximate location of the Rainier Riverfront Bridge.