

Around Town

The Magic Kingdom comes to Englund's



Young Jenna West of Clayton enjoyed the tea party with Minnie Mouse (Kathy Paulson), Snow White (Meagan Kennedy), Ariel from "Little Mermaid" (Jessica Leist) and Alice in Wonderland (Mira Foster).

It was a magical time at Englund's Tea Room and Restaurant as Alice in Wonderland, Ariel the Little Mermaid and Snow White hosted a magical Disney Tea party for more than 240 people.

Children of all ages sipped tea and nibbled on Mouse shaped finger sandwiches and castle shaped cookies as Disney music like "It's A Small World" filled the air.

Minnie Mouse and Mrs. Potts from Beauty and the Beast also stopped by for photos with the children.

Linda Blickensderfer makes Dean's list at SOU

Linda Lee Blickensderfer, 18, attending Southern Oregon University in Ashland, made the Deans List for fall term 2007.

Linda is the daughter of Douglas Blickensderfer of Concord and Deborah Blickensderfer of Clayton. She graduated Clayton Valley High School in 2007. After obtaining her four-year degree in pre-medicine/chemistry Linda plans to attend medical school to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor.



LINDA LEE BLICKENSDERFER

Willem Ridder's 'Countdown to Freedom' views WWII from a young boy's perspective



After signing a copy of his book "Countdown to Freedom", Clayton author, Willem Ridder happily reads aloud from the book.

Ridder was a young Dutch boy during the War and much of the book reflects this perspective. This, along many documented references from a wide variety of sources, makes Ridder's book an easy read, very interesting in its presentation.

Ridder's book is available through Clayton Books, as well as online at Amazon.com.

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The festivities culminated in the hat judging with first place going to a kangaroo sombrero designed and crafted by Caitlin Arango, 9, of Clayton. Second place went to Emily Wright, also of Clayton. Mia Leonardy of Pittsburg captured third place.

Clayton Counts Down began with a conversation several years ago between city council members Julie Pierce and Gregg Manning. They liked the idea of First Night event in Martinez, but it was too expensive. First Night is a licensed event requiring specific activities and fees and beyond the budget for Clayton.

"We wanted something for families," said Pierce, "and we had this beautiful new gym, so we figured we'd use it. The idea just grew."



Dan Richardson, Craig Johnson and Dave Shuey cooked up the hot dogs and hamburgers at Clayton Counts Down.

The event takes a roster of volunteers some 40 strong and a budget of about \$3,500. Clayton Counts Down is free to families, but donations are encouraged. The "tip jar" at this year's event netted about \$360 which will go towards next year's event.

Appearing for a book signing at Clayton Books, mid-December, 2007, Clayton author, Willem Ridder was happy to sign books for customers and chat about his childhood experiences during the Second World War

"I am very happy to have the chance to talk with people," Ridder said. "While we may believe that we are far from the dangers of WWII, it is my hope that my book will help people to understand what happened from a different point of view."

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