

2009 Senior Court

Queen Orva Gubser
King Wayne "Suede" Lien
Princess Rosie Morgan
Prince Bill Kotch

2010 Senior Court

Queen Jeanne Putman
King Norm McGrew
Princess Louie Finnicum
Prince Freeman Finnicum

2011 Senior Court

Queen Ofelia Galaviz
King Francis Dummer
Princess Dorothy Passey
Prince Howard Putman
*Honorary Queen Margie Morgan

2012 Senior Court

Queen "Jo" Windish
King Hal Tanaka
Princess Dawne Nichol
Prince Clyde Ruegg

2013 Senior Court

Queen Betty Damewood
King George Beal
Princess Mary Lou Coburn
Prince Bob Coburn

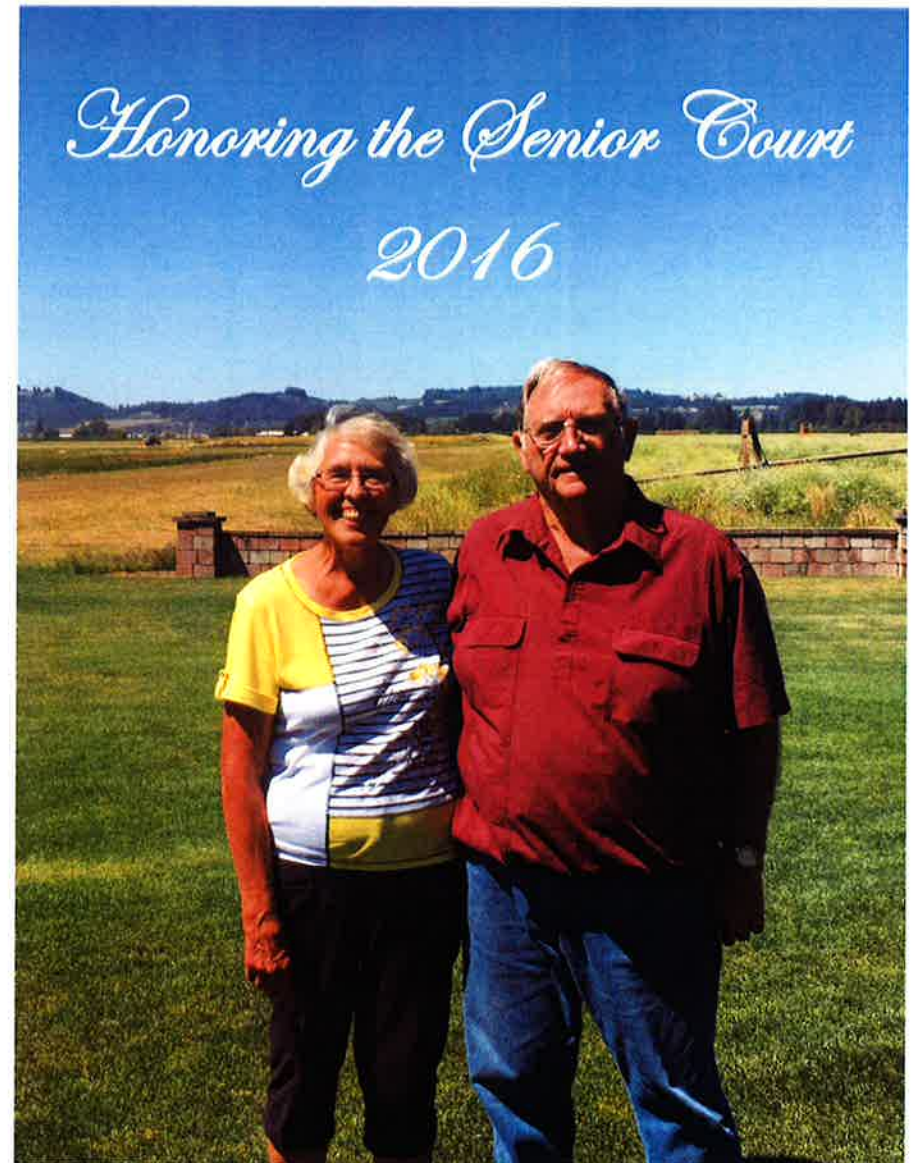
2014 Senior Court

Queen Pearl Lyon
King Ray Clevenger

2015 Senior Court

Queen Catherine Poe
King John Francis
Princess Ann Albright
Prince Frederick Hisaw

Do you know a senior Dayton resident who has served our community in a remarkable way? Nominees should be over 70 and have provided service related to volunteer work, public service, military service, or contributions to the business, education, or religious communities in Dayton or beyond. If you know a qualifying individual who should be honored, please write a letter of nomination and drop it off at City Hall.



Queen Sharon Shelburne & King Robert Shelburne

Dayton Old Timers Weekend

July 29-31

Dayton, Oregon



Queen Sharon Shelburne & King Robert Shelburne



Queen Sharon and King Robert (Bob), parents of Candy Shelburne and Terri Paysinger, were both born and raised in the Dayton area. Attending local schools, including Grand Island, Webfoot, Unionvale, and eventually Dayton High School, the two were classmates. Although Bob had been working since the age of 10, beginning at Alderman Farms, he made time for school activities including football, wrestling, and FFA. He also enjoyed his Home

Economics class, a requirement for all Dayton men. Sharon, who likewise had spent her youth supporting our local agricultural heritage by picking berries, beans, and other produce made time to play volleyball, attend FFA and Christian-student club meetings, and delve into her favored language arts and business classes. In 1953 the busy couple graduated from high school and married, deciding to stay local and remain connected to the Dayton community they so enjoyed. Robert worked for Darigold and Sharon for the Oregon Employment Department. In 1952, the Shelburnes purchased their Dayton farm and began their first business together. They have grown several crops on their land and enjoyed their farm life. Just two years later the pair opened Bluewater Drilling, a business now owned and operated by one of their daughters. The two have been a part of the Oregon Driller Association and supported several local programs including Dayton athletics, arts, and the ABCDE foundation which supports our schools and provides scholarship funds to Dayton graduates. Their legacy of service and commitment to the education community remains visible with one daughter serving on the school board and the other teaching at the grade school. They have also seen several grandchildren graduate from Dayton schools before moving on to successful careers. When asked about their greatest accomplishments, they both simultaneously replied “our kids,” going on to explain the pride they feel in seeing their daughters grow into really good people, willing to contribute and serve others. They are also proud of their 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. When asked of their greatest passions in life, the pair again responded together “family.” Prioritizing the needs of their family, community, employees, and friends has obviously been the story of their lives. Though the couple has provided donations and volunteer time to several community and school programs in addition to local jobs, economic development, and a connection between town and country activities, they could not guess why they had been nominated for the Dayton Senior Court and only responded “I have no idea” when asked to guess. King Bob and Queen Sharon enjoy connection to people and learning about ways to continue contributing to the community they love and have lived in their entire lives. Their gracious nature is evident, even in short conversations, and I encourage you to join me in thanking Bob and Sharon for their service to Dayton. Congratulations Queen Sharon and King Robert!