



Clara Lamb celebrates her 92nd birthday by being among the first to ride the ziplines of the Skamania Lodge Zipline Tour.

92-year-old Lamb celebrates birthday on new zipline

By The Pioneer

Former Skamania County Clerk Clara Lamb celebrated her 92nd birthday a few weeks late, but the experience matched the effervescent nonagenarian's spirit to a T.

The retired county employee zipped down the lines at the Skamania Lodge Zipline Tour Saturday, May 4, along with friends and associates of the Rock Cove Assisted Living Center in Stevenson.

One zipline employee commented that the next oldest person to have zipped in his presence was 84 years old — a spring chicken compared to Lamb's age.

The spry 92-year-old looked exhilarated and happy following her zipping. After all, this woman celebrated her 90th birthday by taking a hot air balloon ride. Not to mention she also served as

the deputy sheriff following a stint in the Assessor's Office.

"I like to hike and I like to go see things," Lamb said. "I don't have much time to sit down. This was great. I could go again."

About a dozen friends and co-residents of Rock Cove were on hand to cheer her on, though she needed little encouragement as she strapped into the zipline harness and put on a helmet and gloves.

The lifelong resident of Skamania County (she lived in Klickitat County until she was two years old) joked about other adventurous milestones she may consider for future birthdays. Someone suggested she do bungee jumping or skydiving.

"I don't feel crazy," Lamb said about the zipline adventure. "I feel great. I still haven't done skydiving, though."

A videographer from KATU-TV in Portland documented Lamb's zipping, which can be seen on the internet at the station's website.

Rock Cove Director Robin Aman said Lamb provides a positive example that growing older doesn't have to mean growing inactive.

"She takes care of herself. She's active. She has a good heart," Aman said. "Crazy? No. She's always smiling and wanting to help. She loves people. She loves her community."

Aman said she had conferred with Lamb several times prior to doing the zipline Saturday. Lamb assured her that she was up to the adventure.

The Skamania Lodge Zipline Tour opened on Saturday, though employees had provided free zipline rides

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