

Donny Coghill Gets His Bike

By Scott Laird

Donny Coghill, known to many as the Vernonia High School Loggers' biggest fan, recently received a wonderful gift made possible by members of the Vernonia community and by his friends Michael Skillin and Jenny DeWebber.

On August 8th, Donnie received a Sun recumbent bicycle courtesy of a raffle organized by Skillin and DeWebber that raised the over \$900 necessary to purchase the bicycle. "I just wanted to do something nice for Donnie," said Skillin.

Skillin and Donnie attended school together in Vernonia since grade school and have remained friends ever since. Donnie suffers from cerebral palsy, and his mother, with whom he lives, recently suffered a stroke. She will no longer be able to drive him to Vernonia High School athletic events where Donnie is known as the Loggers' "Super Fan."

"We wanted to help him be more independent and still have some freedom and get around town," said Skillin on why he worked so hard to get Donnie a bicycle. "I would like to see Donnie be able to stay in touch with his friends and the people he knows."

The raffle prizes that were used to raise the money included the Grand Prize: two cords of wood that Michael and Donnie cut together, with help from Mike Pihl Logging, won by Vernonia Police Chief Mathew Workman. Other prizes were donated by local businesses. Jenny DeWebber wanted to thank all the businesses that helped

with the project, local churches, everyone who bought tickets, and especially the businesses that donated prizes including True Value Hardware, Triple S Saw Shop, Cafe 47, Sentry Market, Lee's U-Catch, Black Bear Coffee Shop, and V & V Leathers. She also wanted to thank Michael Snow from Art Attack who decorated the bike with Logger decals and signs, and Olsen's Bikes in Forest Grove where the bike was purchased and who donated a helmet and lock for Donnie. DeWebber also wanted to recognize James McMann, Randy Shaw, the Vernonia Lions Club, and Weller and Sons for their large contributions to the project.

The project raised more money than was needed to fully equip Donnie's Bike, and DeWeb-

ber said the extra funds were used to buy accessories for the recumbent bike owned by Dakota Henson age 13, a Vernonia resident who also suffers from Cerebral Palsy.



Donnie shows off his bike (above). Decals on the new bike (left) show who's the biggest Loggers fan.



Art in the Woods Day Camp

By Tobie Finzel

Shakespeare at the Grange? Schubert chamber music, an Israeli folk dance, a Bulgarian song? Artistic creations on display by children as young as six? All these and more were the fruits of Art in the Woods, an art, music and drama camp for Vernonia youth. The weeklong day camp, sponsored by Vernonia Hands-on Art, was conceived and led by Carol Pelster of Vernonia, and Rachel Hardy of Scappoose.

Local artists Pam Monnin and Jennifer Draeger taught classes in papermaking, collage and other arts and crafts. Several of the older Pelster and Hardy children participated as counselors and taught music, drama, folk dance, and singing. Thirty-two young people participated in the camp held at the Cabin in the Woods (a.k.a. the Scout Cabin) from Monday through Thursday the week before Jamboree. On Friday, the camp moved to the Grange where campers completed their numerous art projects for display and rehearsed for their Friday night performance for families and friends.

The evening performance began with the Advanced Choir that performed songs in several traditions: a Welsh hymn, a Bulgarian folk song, an American shape note hymn, and a Sixteenth Century canon. The older participants also performed three separate scenes from Shakespearean plays and a movement from Schubert. The younger campers all received recorders at camp and delighted the audience with three lively tunes they learned. They also performed five songs including American, Scottish and Italian tunes. The evening concluded with folk dancing: Swedish, Israeli and an old-fashioned Virginia reel with full audience participation on the last two numbers.

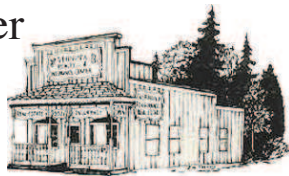
One item from each camper's artistic works was put on display as part of the Hands-on Art Floating Gallery show and sale that was held in the Grange over Jamboree weekend. People visiting the show were impressed at the quality of the works made by the campers. Based on the success of this first year's efforts, planning and fundraising are already in progress for Art in the Woods 2009.



Faith Monnin
Age: 6
Hands on Art Camp
Group: Pinecones

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