

# The INDEPENDENT

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## Opinion

### Catch the Spirit for the future, not past

"Catch the Spirit for '91", this year's Friendship Jamboree theme, was discussed at some length before it was adopted. The discussion centered on a seemingly insignificant point - the choice of prepositions. Should the theme be Catch the Spirit of '91, or for '91?

The latter was chosen because it is not really possible for people living in this end of the 20th century to recapture the spirit of the culture generated a hundred years ago. This period cannot be measured in time alone, but by the events which have occurred in that time span.

The world we now live in can never be the way it was - and the values of that prior era have been modified by a technological revolution that staggers the imagination.

Bob Spencer, our local (almost) centenarian, has witnessed most of this incredible acceleration of change.

Most of us have seen the greatest revolution of all in the realms of communication and transportation. This revolutionary technology has shrunk our world and forced us to interact and associate with other peoples of the world.

No, there is no turning back of the clock. We must go forward and face the challenges of this remarkable new world.

Catch the Spirit for '91...then for the new century which will require new ideas, new ways of dealing with problems in our personal lives, and on into the sphere of international concerns.

Catch the Spirit for '91. In Vernonia...yes, even here, in the grass roots of society...change is in the air. Many of the changes are unsettling, even disturbing, but they will not go away. The spirit for '91 demands aggressive, positive approaches.

Indeed, Catch the Spirit for '91!

### Please drive carefully

There have been some near tragedies during Jamboree because so many people must cross Highway 47 to go from one event to another. If you're driving in Vernonia that weekend, please be extra careful. Let's keep it a joyous occasion for everyone.

## Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch,  
Vernonia City Librarian

Midsummer in Vernonia means different things to those of us who live here, depending on our age, health, income or interests. For me it marks the beginning of my third year as librarian in Vernonia and I feel truly grateful to have become acquainted with so many of you, both in the library and elsewhere in the community. It also means that I haven't read as much lately and can only mention some of our newer books and give comments about them by those who have read them.

LaVyrle Spencer's books continue to bring favorable comments. We have several of her earlier ones such as *Vows*, *The Gamble*, *The Hellion* and *Spring Fancy*. After reading Judith McNaught's, *Almost Heaven*, one local reader has seen that our library now has a good collection of paperbacks by McNaught. This is quite a tribute to an author and means that others can now enjoy these books. Thank you, Jan!

Danielle Steele's, *Message From Nam*, comes in and goes right out as do all of her books. *September*, by Rosamund Pilcher, is

receiving good reviews and the condensation that I read was very well done. We also have Joseph Wambaugh's, *The Golden Orange* and *Sullivan's Sting* by Lawrence Sanders.

The library was given a complimentary copy of the video, *Cartoon All-Stars to the Rescue*. This is an adventure video to entertain children as well as to educate them about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs and is available for circulation.

The Department of Motor Vehicles has supplied the library with driver instruction manuals, accident report forms and change of address forms. These are available any time the library is open.

Regardless of interests, age, etc, one thing we could all have in common at this time of year, as another Friendship Jamboree approaches, is a revival of community pride and spirit in each of us as residents of the Vernonia community. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

**Library Hours:** Monday and Friday 1-5 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Preschool Story Time is every Wednesday from 10:30-11 a.m.

### City awards contract to HGE From page 1

HGE's bid was \$125 below the \$10,000 bid of Klein Consulting Engineers.

HGE said they would "negotiate" for any costs over their \$9,875 bid.

Responding to a statement by The INDEPENDENT editor that the city's experience with HGE indicates they delay small projects for larger, more lucrative jobs, a practice that has resulted in higher expenditures by the city, HGE representative John Rankin said "we have a new team now,

not the same who started working in Vernonia."

In other business:

- Jim Tierney was appointed to represent the city in securing property along the railroad right-of-way from the state park trailhead at Weed Avenue to Anderson Park, in order to extend the trail;

- Dorothy Thompson was assured there would be adequate space for a horse trail alongside a projected bike path;

- Sue Cavinee presented

the city with a check from the Jamboree committee for \$450, but asked that in future years, it be included in the city budget as a resource item for police services during Jamboree;

- Mayor Scott Sword appointed a committee of Don Dunaway, Phil Jacobus, Tony Hyde, the planning commission and himself to study the feasibility of a new city hall;

- The mayor also changed council committee appointments, moving Mark Stevens to parks and Mario Leonetti to the fire department.

### Levy request to be resubmitted

The Vernonia School District will submit another levy to the voters in September, the board of directors decided at their June 28 meeting.

No decision was made at that time on the amount of the levy request, as budget revisions are currently underway.

### Luncheon here for Al Mobley

Gubernatorial candidate Al Mobley will visit Vernonia for a luncheon meeting at the home of Orvin and Carol Olson, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on August 9. The Olson's address is 479 Rose Avenue.

The event is being sponsored by Mel and Marguerite Nice of Vernonia.



Art Laubach, chairman of the Columbia County Democratic Central Committee, presented a check for \$500 to Ross Williams, a representative of gubernatorial candidate Barbara Roberts, at a recent meeting in Mist.

People who do not read  
lose as much  
as people who can not.

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