Centennial calendar filling with events

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April, the schools will present programs of historical interest, using dance, drama, etc.

In May, The Ridge Riders Saddle Club will have their annual barbecue and horse show on Memorial Day. A spring art festival is also scheduled for May, but the event is tentative as no plans have yet been developed.

June, it is hoped, will see a celebration for the official opening of the Banks-Vernonia Linear State Park, though no date has been set yet.

A big Independence Day observance is set for July 4th, with family activities, a barbeque and, perhaps, a children's parade. The day will culminate in a magnificent fireworks display. Mario Leonetti heads the committee that is raising $5,000 for the fireworks.

The theme for August's Friendship Jamboree will feature the centennial in the parade and the window decorations. The Vernonia and Old Grads Society will hold their annual reunion in August, too.

September will feature a century of quilt making at the St. Mary's Quilt Fair, as the quilters display their centennial contribution.

October is still lacking an activity, but there have been suggestions for a community-wide children's Halloween party, or the development of an Oktoberfest.

In November, the Vernonia Ministerial Association and the churches of Vernonia are planning an old-fashioned Thanksgiving program, including a community dinner, probably on the Sunday before or after Thanksgiving.

For December, the committee feels that Christmas will be Christmas, but a special effort will be made to enhance the decorating of store fronts and residences to reflect the centennial observance.

In, among and between these events are many other possible activities. One group is developing a Vernonia Pageant to be presented three times during the year; there are opportunities for youth groups to present programs; the library is developing special displays and programs; the museum will hold an open house; the Vernonia Lions will sponsor a beard growing contest; a '90s costume contest is being considered.

Sporting events could include bicycle racing, horse activities, softball, horseshoe or tennis tournaments, even croquet.

The possibilities are endless. Ideas and help are needed to make it a success. The Committee welcomes your input and help.

The next meeting is tomorrow, November 29, at 7 p.m. in the city library.

Wilson, Landers win logo contest

Robb Wilson of Vernonia was the winner of the Vernonia Arts & Crafts Society/INDEPENDENT contest for a centennial logo. A $50 prize went to Wilson.

Making the selection was most difficult, committee member Dirk Andersen said, but Wilson's design most nearly met the criteria set by the committee.

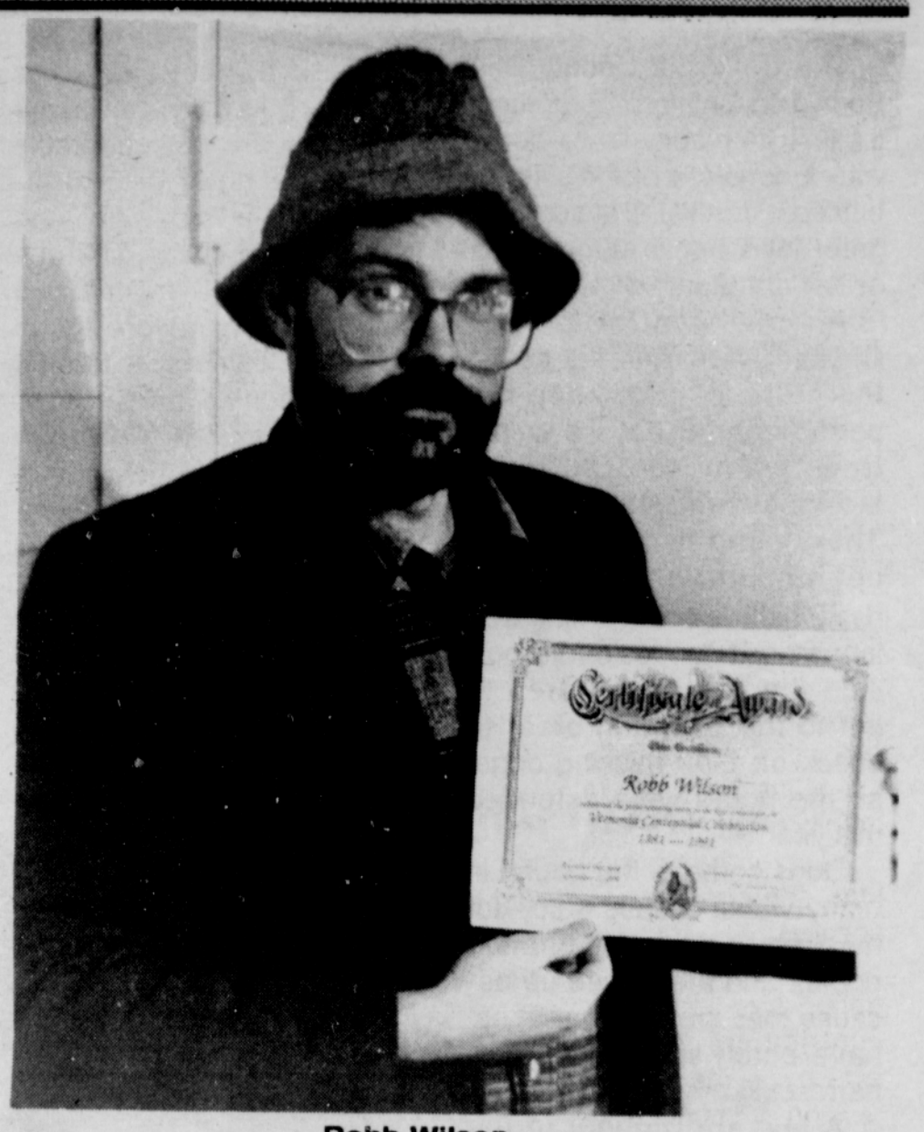
Honorable mentions went to Kristi Usher of Rainier and Dolly Keenon of Vernonia for their fine work.

Fourth grader Jason Landers was awarded $20 for his entry on the youth level. His design was one of twelve submitted by students in Lynn Dougherty's class at Washington Grade School.

No Jamboree meeting 'til 1991

January 14th is the date set for the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree committee's first planning session for the 1991 celebration. The theme, naturally, will be Vernonia's Centennial, but the exact wording hasn't been selected.

Where the meeting will be held isn't known at this writing, since West Oregon Electric has closed their board room to public use and the committee needs to find another meeting site. See the December 26 INDEPENDENT for further details or call 429-9410 for information.



Robb Wilson

Jason Landers and WGS Principal Gary Wilson.

Visit the Old-fashioned Christmas Tea, Dec. 1 & 2, 1-4 pm
Columbia County Museum

Santa Claus to visit in Vernonia

Santa Claus has announced that, with the cooperation of the Vernonia Fire Department and his other helpers, he will be arriving at The Cookshack at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 8th.

He will be listening to children's Christmas wishes until 8 p.m., then he has to leave for other appointments.

Santa added that he will be bringing candy canes, and his other helpers will be serving hot cholocate to those who want it.

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