

Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch
Vernonia City Librarian

Arrangements for the six special presentations of the Summer Reading Program have been finalized and the youth of Vernonia have an exciting, enlightening summer in store for them. On June 22, Ted and Julie Bjorem will launch the activities with a program consisting of slides, stories, etc. of Australia. Russia will be the featured country on June 27 at 1:00 p.m. with yet another slide presentation and discussion of Russian culture by Nyan Badzik at the library. On Saturday, July 16, at 12:30 p.m., a group of Doug Tesdal's Tae-KwanDo students will demonstrate the Korean art of self discipline at Anderson Park. The July 20, presentation will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Preschool Building and will feature music, dance, and discussion of West African culture under the direction of Dr. Scholastic Ibari Njoku, librarian at Portland Community College. International folk dance and culture will be on the agenda for July 27 at Anderson Park. Carol Newman, a teacher and performer from the Astoria area uses folk dance to promote better understanding of other cultures through active participation in discussions and in dancing. Concluding the Summer sessions will be the 7:30 p.m. campfire to be held in Anderson Park on August 3, with Vernonia's own Rietta Behnke narrating Native American legends.

Isn't this an impressive list of activities and presenters? Most of these people will be volunteering their time and talents to the youth of Vernonia with the program supported in part by a grant from the Oregon Arts Commission

and the National Endowment for the Arts and by a much appreciated donation from the Vernonia Lions' Club.

Regular Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Story-times will be held throughout the summer and will include stories reflecting the theme of "Exploring Cultures." The range of children's books meeting this criterion is really amazing. Stories, legends, and fairy tales from China, West Africa, Russia, South America, Italy and many other countries are available. There are also numerous books relating the legends, history, and tall tales of the assimilated peoples of North America. These include *Just Plain Fancy*, about an Amish community, *Mrs. Katz and Tush*, about a Jewish lady from Poland, and *Follow the Drinking Gourd*, about African-Americans and the Underground Railroad. The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush is one of many Native American legends and of course there are the fun tales of the old west such as *Pecos Bill* and *Meanwhile Back at the Ranch*.

The goal of this summer's program is to promote an awareness of the varied cultures of the world. Participation in the program will benefit and reward all involved. Take part, learn about cultures other than your own and recognize and appreciate your life for its own uniqueness and diversity.

Just one last thing—John Grisham's, *The Chamber*, is a MUST READ for the summer.

Library Hours: Monday and Friday 1-5 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Preschool Story Time:** every Wednesday from 10:30-11 a.m.

Energy Commission meeting in St. Helens for Trojan rule making

Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council will meet in St. Helens on June 24 at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers at St. Helens City Hall, 265 The Strand.

Immediately following the regular meeting, there will be a Trojan Decommissioning Rulemaking hearing. The hearing is to consider the adoption of the Trojan Decommissioning rules. Interested persons may comment on the proposed rules at the hearing. The comment period will end at the close of the hearing.

During the regular meeting, the Council will be con-

sidering a request from Anadarko Petroleum for review of a determination by the Council's hearing officer denying them status as a party in a case involving PGE's proposed Coyote Springs power plant near Boardman.

Other agenda items include informational briefings on proposed energy facilities currently under review, a uranium mine cleanup on U.S. Forest Service land near Lakeview and a Senate Bill 1016 rulemaking update.

Public comment on any matter within the Council's jurisdiction is welcome during the public meeting.

Weaver recognized for superior performance in supervisory course

Corporal Tony R. Weaver of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division, recently graduated from the 80 hour Basic Supervision Course at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Monmouth. Weaver completed the course with an overall score of 97.66 percent.

The Supervision Course is designed to provide preparation for contemporary leadership and administrative

challenges. The course includes performance appraisals, various liability issues, ethics and workplace issues, supervisory judgement and role in employee issues.

In May, Weaver also successfully completed his probationary period as a supervisor with the Sheriff's Office Corrections Division. He has been a member of the Sheriff's Office since 1984.

Letters to the Editor

Grad section good, like information, too

To the Editor:

I only had the pleasure of reading your paper while eating dinner at Camp 18. In the

little time I had, I learned a lot about your community and noticed the importance put on local events in the two high schools. I wasn't surprised when the only political cartoon was on clear cut logging.

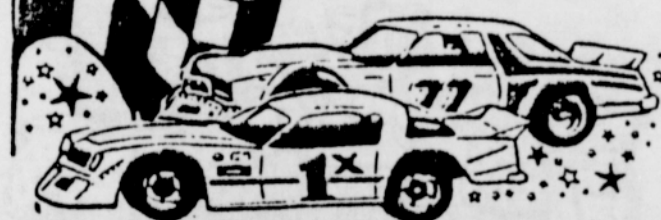
I go to Clackamas High School and our local newspaper, the *Clackamas Review*, didn't do anything for our graduating seniors. I like how you recognized each student.

Thank you for publishing an informative paper so passing vacationers, as myself, can learn about your community.

Sincerely,
Robert D. Striffler
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