

Between the Bookends

By Charlene Bechen
Banks Library Volunteer

The summer reading program "Catch the Wave-Read!" continues through August 4th. Magician Bob Eaton will entertain at noon on Thursday, July 14. Other programs include the Oregon Fantasy Theatre on July 21, performing *The Fish That Swallowed the Sun*, storyteller Nina Lemkuhl on July 28 relating *Stories by the Sea* and, on August 4, Cheshire Fox productions will present a puppet show entitled *The City Mouse and the Country Mouse*. Completed reading records may be turned in beginning July 15; those received by July 28 will be given a book award at the August 4 program. Reading records will, however, still be accepted through August and books will be awarded for completed goals. All the programs are at noon; they are free and open to all ages.

Have you heard ECHO yet? This new automated phone system will save the 11 libraries in the Washington County Cooperative Library Services system an estimated \$40,000.00 per year in printing and mailing expenses. ECHO stands for Electronic Calling for Holds and Overdues. It uses a pre-recorded voice message to inform patrons by phone when reserved books are available and when books are overdue. The equipment for this new system cost \$14,000; the cost is approximately \$60,000 per year to print and mail notices. ECHO will call on the first day that reserved materials are available and tell the patron at which library they are being held. ECHO will remind patrons of overdue books on the fifth

day after they are due. Neither message will reveal titles to respect the confidentiality of the patron. ECHO can recognize answering machines and can leave messages. No calls will be made on Sundays, most holidays, before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m. If ECHO cannot reach a patron, then a printed notice will be sent.

Banks Library is looking for an artistic volunteer who would make lettered signs and displays. A few hours a month is all that would be needed. If you are interested, please call Denise at 324-1382.

Also on the volunteer front, Friends of the Library are in need of more people to help staff the Saturday Recycling at the SWATCO service yard on the second Saturday of each month. During the summer, with so many on vacation it is hard to find enough help. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Even one hour a month would make a big difference. This is a great way to meet your neighbors, help the community and feel good about keeping the Earth healthy, too. Please call Donna McCall at 324-3404 for more information.

Finally, volunteers are still needed to help complete the "Shady Evergreen" quilt. Quilting bees are being held in Banks, and the "Friends" will have a booth at the Washington County Fair for the final stitches. If interested, call Jami Masson at 681-9453 or Donna McCall at 324-3404.

Library Hours: Wed. and Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri., 1-5 p.m.
Address: Oak Village Shopping Center, 669 S. Main Street. Phone: 324-1382

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by his garage and eating caneberries that he raised, but he probably didn't mind. I asked dad recently how he and Ray had become hunting partners, since Ray is somewhat older. Dad said it wasn't so much a matter of how, since Ray was a neighbor and fellow logger, but why. You see, he explained, "Ray is the perfect hunting partner; he never complains, always carries his end and, besides, his wife, Fern, makes the best apple pies and always sent one along on hunting trips."

Ray and I have not hunted together for many years now, due to work, hunting restrictions and his health. But I will always remember this gentle-mannered mountain man who could pack half a buck out of the deepest canyon, even in his late sixties. The next time I hunt the Pinnacles, Tin Can Ridge or Sitting Rock, I am sure I will see Ray's red felt crusher peering over the rimrock, looking down at me.

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By Nancy Burch
Vernonia City Librarian

Don't miss out!

Four of the special Summer Reading sessions will be taking place in July and early August. These will be:

Saturday, July 16, 12:30 p.m.—Anderson Park—Demonstration of the Korean art of self discipline, Tae Kwon-Do, by Doug Tesdal and students

Wednesday, July 20, 10:30 a.m.—Preschool Building—Music, dance and discussion of West African culture by Dr. Scholastic Ibari Njoku

Wednesday, July 27, (time to be announced)—Anderson Park—Demonstration and participation in Ethnic Folk Dance by Carol Newman

Wednesday, August 3, 7:30 p.m.—Anderson Park—Native American stories told around the campfire by Reitta Behnke

Attend with your children and help them develop an awareness of some of the varied cultures of the world and show these individuals that you are supportive of their efforts in helping make this possible.

Also keep in mind that regular Wednesday morning story-times are being held each week and that the Summer Readers will be making their fourth appearance in the Jamboree Parade.

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