

Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian
Vernonia Public Library

The 1994 Summer Reading Program will soon be over. The final event and grand finale for the special events will be Wednesday, August 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Anderson Park. This will be Indian legends told around a campfire by Rietta Behnke. As this summer's program draws to an end, there are two regrets that have been expressed—first, that the end is fast approaching and second, that more of the youth and adults of Vernonia were not able to take part in learning about the arts and cultures of the world through these presentations.

The Australian stories, songs and slides that the Bjorems shared were entertaining and were complemented with a real kangaroo skin. Nyan Badzik was resplendent in her Russian inspired clothing as she showed slides and told of her adventures while visiting some of the countries that comprised the Russia of the past. The Tae Kwon-Do students of Doug Tesdal wore their traditional dress as the background of this Korean art of self-discipline was explained and demonstrated. "Schola," too, was dressed in the clothing representa-

tive of her native county, Nigeria. Those in attendance at this presentation were treated to African legends, songs, dance and games, and were encouraged to actively participate in all of these activities. These have been outstanding activities presented by outstanding people.

A pleasant, but unexpected donation will be given to each of the libraries in Columbia County by the Diary of Anne Frank Fund. Because the Anne Frank exhibit that was held in St. Helens last March was so successful and because the donations were so generous, the committee sponsoring the exhibit will be donating \$150.00 to each of the five public libraries for the purchase of books dealing with the subject matter of Anne Frank and the Holocaust, hatred and conflict resolution, diversity, uniqueness and multi-cultural issues. Watch for these books. They will soon be available and will be identified by the bookplates indicating the source which provided their purchase.

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.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you to the Administrators and the school board for allowing us to pursue this project.

We would like to thank Sentry Market for their wonderful support; this fund raiser wouldn't have been possible without them. It is wonderful to see a business that not only supports a community but also supports and invests in their schools.

We would also like to thank *The INDEPENDENT* for being so supportive by running our stories and for their continued concern for our schools.

To our community: You saw a need and you responded to it. You always restore my faith in mankind by coming together to help our children and our schools.

Our fund raiser was a huge success this year. Our goal was to collect \$170,000 in Sentry Market receipts but, with all your support, we collected a total of \$257,871.06 in Sentry receipts. Sentry was kind enough to donate a total of \$1,700 for the math program plus an IBM computer to go in our computer room at Washington Grade School for the use of all the children.

Remember SENTRY RECEIPTS = HOSTS MATH so keep saving.

Sincerely,
Barbara Ervin

Any health care bill must include Congress

To the Editor:

As Congress finalizes health care reform legislation, there have been concerns raised that members of Congress will be exempt from it. As someone who has worked to eliminate Congress' special exceptions, I've co-sponsored two bills to make sure that any health care reform laws passed by Congress apply to all members of Congress. That's real reform.

Sincerely,
Rep. Elizabeth Furse
U. S. Congress
First District, Oregon

In total agreement

To the Editor:

In regards to Dennis Nelson's letter (The INDEPENDENT, July 13, 1994). I want to say one thing: Right On!

Wallace Vaughn
Vernonia



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Great support for HOSTS program

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the

parents and students of the Vernonia School District for their support in fund raising activities this past school year for the HOSTS Math pro-

gram. We would like to also thank the Staff of Vernonia School District for supporting the students by counting receipts and turning them in.

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