

Between the Bookends

By Charlene Bechen
Banks Library Volunteer

The Banks Library's summer reading program is now in full swing. Sign-up continues through July 27. There are three parts to the program this year: "Blast-Off With Books" for grades 1 through 6, "Teen Summer Reading" for junior high and high school students, and "Time to Rhyme" for preschoolers. "Time to Rhyme" runs through August 3. The other two programs will continue until August 3rd, but reading records will still be accepted until August 31.

Two "Time to Rhyme" performances geared for the preschoolers will be Thursday, July 20 at 2 p.m. and Thursday, August 3 at 2 p.m. On July 20, Jacque Hermens will tell stories and provide activities relating to the theme "colors". Caldecott award books will be the topic of the stories and activities presented on August 3. The read-to-me kids are welcome at "Blast Off With Books" presentations as well.

On Thursday, July 13, at 2 p.m., old friends B.J. and Scampy will return, performing in their delightful, energetic style. Rumor has it that there may be a surprise appearance of their assistant, Razzle Basil.

Magician Bob Eaton will entertain on Thursday, July 29 at 2 p.m., with a fast-paced comedy act full of fun, surprises and lots of audience participation.

Readers enrolled in the "Blast Off With Books" and Teen programs will receive a book award if they achieve the goal selected at the time of registration.

Friends of the Banks Library will host a booth selling strawberry shortcake at the Tualatin Valley Kennel Club's Best of Breed Dog Show Sunday, July 23, at Banks High School. The show runs from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Friends are looking for volunteers to staff the booth and help with other activities at the show. If you can help, please call Donna McCall at 324-3404, or Mary Lu Savara at 324-7365.

New books this month include John Bradshaw's *Family Secrets: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You*, Gail Sheehy's *New Passages*, and the latest by John Grisham, *Rainmaker*.

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

Letters to the Editor

Court decision sure made him feel better

To the Editor:

I feel better now, don't you! Student athletes must expect less privacy, because they are in the "public eye". Is this why a number of White House Aides, are currently in drug abuse counseling? When our public officials, i.e. Sen Kennedy, fills out his public disclosure forms about income, he states "over \$1 million", does he have a loss of privacy?

Once again, the Supreme Court, has ruled against lawful Americans. What next, will Americans have to "purchase" their rights?

Don Schwarz
Nazareth, PA

Wants her kids to be tested for drugs

To the Editor:

With all of the national attention that Vernonia has been getting lately due to the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on drug testing, I feel compelled to speak out in defense of our school's policy. On June 27th's edition of Good Morning America, legal analyst Arthur Miller stated that with this ruling "we are telling our children that they are second class citizens". I couldn't disagree more. I think we are telling our children that we care enough about them to notice any drug use, and to get them some help, if needed. My children have attended several schools where the principal didn't even know their name, nor did he/she care. I have never met anyone more concerned about our children and their future than Randy Aultman. I feel very fortunate that my children go to a school where the principal truly cares about them and their well being.

If my kids want to participate in school sports when they are older, I would want and expect them to comply with the drug test required, if for no other reason than to set an example for the younger children who may look up to them as role models. And if for some reason they tested positive I would

need the resources and/or information provided by the school to get help before something tragic might happen, which we see around us all too often.

Isn't it our job as parents, teachers, principals, etc. to prepare our children to be productive citizens out there in the real world? Have you taken a look in the classifieds lately? Almost every employment ad has "drug screen (or test) required" stipulated in it. If you want to be a professional athlete, you would have to submit to drug testing. If you refuse to take the drug test because of your constitutional right to privacy, you will not even be considered for the job applied for, nor will you play professional sports. I have never heard of an employer just taking your word for it.

Just because James Acton and his family consider him to be "above suspicion" does not mean that he should be an exception to the rule, nor should the rules be changed for him. If you think that there is no drug problem with our youth, you are only fooling yourself. I would not want my children looking up to someone who is involved in school sports and is a known drug user. Believe me, kids know much more about their peers than we do.

Unfortunately, in the ever degrading society that we live in, tough choices have to be made. I thank God that Randy Aultman has the courage to make those choices, for my kid's sake.

Sincerely,
Mary Maynard
Vernonia

July 4th celebrated in grand tradition

To the Editor:

We are very proud of our community's response to and help for the 4th of July celebration, so we are thanking the community as a group—the many people who made and helped put up decorations before the 4th; those who put out the money jars, then collected them; the help given by last year's fireworks committee, who ordered the fireworks for us and gave us great guidance; the people who worked, cleaned-up and sold food in the Booster Wagon; the many who helped make our Kids' Parade a big success.

We thank each and every one of you who marched in the parade! Uncle Sam was great! Thanks to the police department for helping during the parade; the band for great music while we waited for the fireworks to begin; the people who ran the children's games; the firemen who set up and triggered the fireworks, all of which ran very smoothly; the EMTs who watched over us all.

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trout season (walk-in only). This may include vehicle access during big game seasons, but that may be limited to weekends only. Stimson has security patrols and of-

fers phone information only during business hours.

Longview Fibre Company, phone 429-2605: Longview Fibre has the most liberal access policy of local timber-

land owners. Longview Fibre tries to keep a lot of its lands open most of the year, except during fire danger periods and in active logging areas. Areas that have had a lot of illegal dumping or vandalism have had the gates closed, but a lot of the tree farm is still open. Longview Fibre's policy for their local tree farm is, if the gate is open, and it is not posted otherwise, the road is open for public use. In areas that have closed gates, the land is still open to walk-in except when posted with a closure notice, which usually occurs only during periods of high fire danger. The best rule of thumb with Longview Fibre (and timberland owners) is "if in doubt, call before entering." Longview Fibre provides a phone answering machine which includes information about current closures or reopenings of timberlands. They also have a security patrol.

"Walk-in" means using your two feet, a bicycle or a horse. No motorized vehicles are allowed. Camping and fires are not allowed on any timberlands.

If we all learn to treat these lands with respect, hopefully, further restrictions will not be applied.

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