

Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian
Vernonia Public Library

Two more afternoon sessions and the Jamboree parade and 1995 Summer Reading Program will be finished. Wednesday, July 26, will be the last session with youngster participation and Monday, July 31, will be the grand finale presentation by Walter Minkel of *Coyote Places the Stars in the Sky*. These programs will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the library and will each last about one hour.

These Summer Reading Programs could not take place without community support. Last week Sentry Market provided "porridge" for the hot Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Each year School District 47J, with particular help from Marguerite Nice and Randy Aultman, contributes the necessary materials such as construction paper and paints. Every parent who attends is called into service to read, supervise, or help in some way. All of the puppet supplies were collected and readied for easy assembly this year by Caren McGaugh. Money to pay for the puppeteer came from donations, McDonalds donated gift certificates for frozen yogurt. Vernonia's young summer readers would not have the fun of participating in these special programs without help from these interested, generous people.

Be sure and watch for the Library's entry in the Jamboree Parade!

Keep in mind, too, that two books written by the Jamboree Parade Grand Marshal, Robin Cody, are currently available in the library. The first, a novel published in 1992 is entitled *Ric-*

ochet River.

Voyage of a Summer Sun, published in 1995, relates Cody's discoveries about the Columbia River as he canoes from its source in the Canadian Rockies to its mouth at Astoria. During the eighty-two day journey, Cody takes his canoe around huge, powerful dams, through dangerous rapids, across gigantic reservoirs, and down the mighty Columbia to reach the open sea. Along his journey he "listens" to the people he meets and learns that few are pleased with the changes that have been made to the Columbia River for the sake of hydraulic and nuclear power. Even with the realization that the environment is really in crisis, he can't help but be amazed at the power system that is created by the fourteen huge dams. This is a book to enjoy and to raise questions about the consequences of altering such a power as the Columbia. Cody's understanding of and concern for the Columbia River, its inhabitants and those of the surrounding area are wonderfully illustrated in this book. Reading this is an experience that all who live in and love the Pacific Northwest should share.

Robin Cody will be in the vicinity of the Jamboree Headquarters on Saturday, August 6, to sell and autograph copies of these two books.

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

quire repair to be usable.

- Slippers—no cloth or fuzzy types.

- Games and puzzles must be complete.

- Baby furniture, car seats, strollers and rideable toys must be unbroken and usable. If you won't use it for your child because it is unsafe, please don't ask anyone else to put their child at risk.

When you bring damaged, dirty, broken or unusable material, the senior center is forced to pay for your garbage disposal and, instead of helping the seniors or the needy in the community, you hurt the seniors and the ones they serve.

We need you, you need us—let's work together!

**Scotty Weimer, Chair
Flea Market Committee
Vernonia Senior Citizens**

Thanks for support says Sheriff's Posse

To the Editor:

When soliciting local businesses for donations for our 1995 Search and Rescue Benefit Poker Ride, Posse members were pleased with the support we received from local businesses and we hope you will give us this forum to thank them.

The Columbia Co. Sheriff's Posse would like to thank (Ptld) Farmers Insurance, Longview Fiber, J.K. Corral, Means Nursery, Ichabod's Restaurant, P & G Thriftway, West Lane Tack, Lung Fung's Restaurant, The Warren Country Inn, McDonald's, Best Western, Double C Tack, Papa Aldo's, Vonnie's Dog House, (St. Helens & Clats.) Safeway, Sunshine Pizza, Burgerville, St. Helen's Book Store, The Stamp Collection, Judy's Flowers, J&K Sporting Goods, Dr. Mannen Eye Clinic, The Hair Clinique, Stan's Refrigeration, (Clatskanie) Napa Auto Parts, Hazen Hardware, Universal Video, Sporty's, Humps Restaurant, Chinook Feed, Fultano Pizza, Tide Creek Nursery/Tack, Falcon Crest Feed, Alston Corner Feed/Manna Pro, Deer Island Store, Vernonia Hardware, Leonard Simpson, Lenny Thompson.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Posse is a non-profit, volunteer Search and Rescue, Mounted Posse, and

Law Enforcement Support Organization.

Thanks,
**Terri VanMatre
Secretary**

Fair Board wants to set errors straight

To the Editor:

The Columbia County Fair Board apologizes to the citizens of the county for the many mistakes, omissions and errors in the 1995 Fair Book.

The annual book is solely the product of an independent contractor and the board was not afforded the opportunity to proof read or make changes in the editorial copy.

Contrary to some statements made, the fair did not receive any monies from the publication of the book, something we intend to rectify in future publications.

Some of the most glaring errors we wish to apprise the public of include:

The Rodeo will be on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29th, starting at 7 p.m.

The Farm Scramble will be on Thursday, July 27.

The Logging Show will begin at noon on Saturday.

The Fashion review will be on stage 2 at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Playland Carnival begins operations at noon each day.

CCRA Stock Car Races are Wednesday evening, the 26th, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Fred Bear will be on the grounds Saturday, 2 to 8 p.m.

Please come out and enjoy the fair, July 26 - 29, at the Columbia County Fair Grounds.

**Kathy Williamson
For the Columbia
County Fair Board**

Old tractors to be shown here

Mark your calendar for September 16 and 17, when the Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association, Branch 15, will be have their annual Fall Harvest Festival at Hawkins Park in Vernonia. The event is an informal get-together of branch members and friends to show equipment, tell stories, meet new people and have a good time before winter sets in.

Antique gas engines, farm tractors and logging equipment will be on display. There will also be handcrafted items for sale and a potluck dinner on the 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Participation by local residents is not only invited, it is encouraged.

Branch 15 will be joined by members of the John Deere Two Cylinder Club, the Caterpillar Club and Branch 23 of the Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association.

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Usable discards, not garbage, please

To the Editor:

The Senior Citizens Center serves as a go-between for people who wish to recycle usable items and people who need them, but have few funds to acquire them.

Here are some important do's and don'ts concerning the seniors recycling effort.

- The seniors can use only clean, wearable clothing and working usable items.

- Donated appliances must be complete, including electric cords and, if possible, directions for their use.

- Furniture should be unbroken, reasonably clean and untattered.

- Dishes must be usable, not cracked, chipped or broken since they are used for food.

- Pots and pans must be in usable condition—no chipped porcelain.

- Shoes in pairs, pinned or tied together and in wearable condition. They should not re-

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