

Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian
Vernonia Public Library

Vernonia's Summer Reading Program is history once again for 1995, except for awarding the certificates to those youngsters who read at least ten books during the summer. Bring lists to the library before the end of August to receive certificates and McDonald's vouchers for frozen yogurt.

The summer of puppetry ended with the presentation by Walter Minkel of *Coyote Placing the Stars in the Sky*. The library was filled wall-to-wall at the appointed time with children ready to enjoy the play. Everyone waited patiently for Mr. Minkel who was delayed about an hour by construction on the Sunset Highway. It was well-worth the wait as Iktome the Spider, Grandfather Tortoise, Bear, and Possum vied with Coyote to try to get the honor of putting the stars in the sky. Young and old alike interacted with Minkel's puppets as the bee kept buzzing around and hiding, the bear got his nose stuck in the honey-pot, and the possum kept eating those red-hot peppers. What talent and practice it takes to make puppets really "come alive" and what an enjoyable afternoon it was for everyone.

Those who worked on and rode on the

Friends of the Library float in the Jamboree parade also reported having fun, fun, fun. The Longoria, Hardwick, and Tatman families, and Caren McGaugh were responsible for seeing that the summer readers had a float to be proud of in the parade. They created "Vernonia" from cardboard, construction paper and paint. A logger, police officer, nurse, cheerleader, waitress, fireman, storekeeper, and mechanic were represented as "working together" with the recreational aspects of Vernonia. Sentry provided the candy for the children to throw from the float, Sandra McLean Nursery provided trees to perk-up the entry, and School District 47J provided paper, paints, etc.

Once again, I want to stress the importance of the community effort that is involved in all of the library projects. Whether it is summer reading, holiday open house, or sprucing-up the library, volunteers are the force that brings projects to successful completion. Thank you all!

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

center, Guy Hardwick and McDonalds for the loan of the orange cooler, Judy Budge at Sunnyside, Enid Parrow and the local ladies who donated the scrumptious cookies, Bill Hawkins for the loan of his old-time logging photos, Dolly Keenon for set-up, and all members who manned a shift during the weekend.

For those of you who didn't get a chance to see the 1995 (2nd Limited Edition) Christmas ornaments, check your local chamber members.

The Jamboree Committee deserves a big pat on the back for a job well done. The town has never been so clean on a Monday morning after Jamboree!

Mary Tolonen
Vernonia Area
Chamber of Commerce

Volunteers make Art Show a success

To the Editor:

For all the work done before, during and after the Jamboree a "Thank you" to Beverly Berkholtz, Arletta Frace and Barbara Sturdevant, also Pat Chapel. We want to say "Thanks" to the helpers who were recruited and gave of their time: Louise Hamnett, Mercedes Proehl, Allison Dinger, Faith Reynolds, Laurel Jensen, Edna Hailey, Vicky Crowston, Betty Vasey and Leola Ruff.

A special "Thank you" to Beverly Osborne, a professional, who donated a watercolor painting called "Last Chance", Linda Patterson for a unique hand-made album, and by Beverly Berkholz for a watercolor of the "Old Mill Pond". These donations were prizes for the raffle. Thanks, also, for the flowers furnished by Beverly Berkholz and the containers by Barbara Sturdevant. A note of appreciation to anyone who helped and may have been inadvertently omitted.

Our very special "Thanks" to the husbands for all your help...ideas, muscles, patience and also the families at home for your support.

The Vernonia Society of Arts & Crafts sends thanks to all who contributed and to the new contributors who have added variety, may we see you again next year. Each and every one of you adds so much to our show.

Sincerely,
Irene Christensen
Arts & Crafts Society

Missing flag, reward for vandalism info

To the Editor:

On Saturday evening of Jamboree I forgot to take down the American flag by Vernonia Sentry. At this time, I would like to thank the person who took down the flag and remind them the next time we will put out the flags is on Labor Day. We would

appreciate it very much if you, whoever you are, would place our flag back in the place from which you removed it for everyone again to enjoy.

This past week we understand that a pick-up was placed on the sidewalk in front of Crazy Charlie's. At that time a barrel of flowers sitting on the sidewalk was picked up and placed in the back of the pick-up, causing the bottom of the barrel to fall out. We would appreciate the person(s) responsible for this action to replace it with a new barrel and reimbursement of \$50.00 for the cost of the flowers. The person or persons responsible may send any Vernonia Pride Member the money to cover replacements caused by this act of vandalism.

In an earlier article in *The INDEPENDENT* it was noted that there is a reward of \$100.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved in acts of vandalism. We need your help in keeping our town and the projects we have worked on, cared for, so that everyone in town and visitors to our town may enjoy them. Thank-you for any help you may give us.

Enid Parrow, member
Vernonia Pride

A motorcycle, deer and great people

To the Editor:

A very big thank you. Sunday, Aug. 13th, my buddy was involved in a motorcycle accident when a deer jumped in front of his bike, about a half mile west of Big Eddy Park.

We want to thank all of the wonderful passers-by and all the members of the local Fire & Rescue teams. Everyone was very nice and helpful and all of your efforts were greatly appreciated.

And good news, Keith will be making a full recovery; miraculously, his injuries were minor and he was released from the hospital that same evening. Again, we can't thank you all enough.

Keith Wade
Clint Vandehey
Beaverton

A different view of religion and church

To the Editor:

A couple of weeks ago, I was on Ambergris Caye in Belize attending the Sea-Air Show put on by various Latin American countries.

I ordered Pupusas and sat across a rough wooden table from a kind of tough-looking, stocky little man who was saying Grace over his Pupusas. After finishing his Grace, we had a conversation something like this:

He asked me, "You religious Mon?" I said, "Not very.

Please see page 11

Letters to the Editor

Successful revival of Jamboree Court

To the Editor:

The Jamboree Court Committee would like to thank everyone involved in making the revival of the Jamboree Court a success.

We had wonderful sponsors who gave of their time, materials and/or money to help us with all the work that goes into a project like this.

Sandra McLean's Florist shop donated the beautiful Queen's bouquet, princesses' roses and boutonnières for the men. She also let us use plants and trees from her nursery for coronation night decorations.

Dolly Keenon decorated the hatchet (provided by Keenon Land Services) which was used for the King's scepter, plus gave us so many great ideas and suggestions for decorating.

A BIG thank you to Gwin and Son Logging for sponsoring our truck wash by providing the location, materials, information and so much time and support. Additional

thanks to Buckner Land Salvage for allowing us to wash their trucks at their location. The truck wash was our biggest fundraiser.

Other sponsors were Vernonia Sentry, Ellson Cedar Products, Larry Steele, Mike Pihl Logging, Tom and Yvonne Law, the Sidetrack Restaurant, the Hair Parlour and Nancy and Don Dailey. So many others offered to help wherever they could or paid extra toward the fundraisers.

Special thank yous to Dan Foss, our Master of Ceremonies; the Dixieland Band (Bob Ragsdale, Bob Isted, James Brookins, Randy Holce, Bonnie Schorzeman and Anthony Seager), Chris Naspini and Madeline Gendron for their wonderful music; all the former court members and Jamboree dignitaries who accepted our invitation to attend the Coronation; and the judges (Lary and Judy Garrison, DeLoris Hanson, James Hanson, and Cecilia Matson) who made the big decision.

Last, but not least, a big thank you to all those who

purchased ribbons, raffle tickets and Pink Flamingo insurance. The flamingoes are gone now, but watch out, they may return next summer.

We appreciate all your efforts and contributions to making the Jamboree Court's comeback a success.

Thank you all!

Jamboree Court
Committee
Sunny Huntzman
Debbie Enneberg
Yvonne Law
Jean Shumway
Leslie Weller

P.S. Congratulations to the winner of the Barkdust Raffle, Teri Price. The pick-up load of barkdust was donated by James River Mill.

Hospitality Center thanks helpers

To the Editor:

Jamboree is over for another year. Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank Mike Pihl Logging for the use of their office building as our hospitality

COMPUTERS

NEW • USED • CUSTOM BUILT
PARTS & UPGRADES

CHECK OUT THESE PRICES!



486 DX2-66
minipower
w/CD ROM..... **\$995**

386 DX-40
minipower
Only..... **\$550**

See our display model at Gloria's Spar Tree Restaurant, 62645 Nehalem Hwy. N.

THE COMPUTER WORKS

(503) 429-6018 • (360) 256-7419