

Between the Bookends

By Charlene Bechen
Banks Library Volunteer

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the September meeting of the Friends of the Banks Library will be postponed until September 16 at 10 a.m. in the library. Fundraising ideas for the new library and community center will be the primary topic of discussion. The Community Development Block Grant we received for construction requires the community to provide certain "in kind" services and raise \$5,000. The Friends also have a "wish list" of furnishings and equipment for the new facility. Please call Denise at 324-1382 for more details.

Demolition of the old Banks City Hall is beginning. This is the first step toward construction of our new facility.

The Friends of the Library's second annual Fall Book and Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. As you clean up your garden, be sure to save the extra plants for the sale. Donations of used books will also be very welcome. The Friends also plan to sell good things to eat, so stop by

for a piece of pie and a good book. Call Donna at 324-3404 or Denise at 324-1382 if you have donations of books or plants.

On Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the library, the Friends of the Library will sponsor a discussion entitled "Banks...A Town With A History". Portland State University professor Ann Fulton, who has done research on Banks, will present a lecture and slide show. The audience is also encouraged to share their bits of Banks history after Dr. Fulton's presentation.

The library's "Adopt-a-Magazine" program has been quite successful. We now have sponsors for *Horse and Rider* and *Organic Gardening. Better Homes and Gardens* is still an "orphan", however. If you or your organization would like to adopt this, or another, magazine for the cost of one year's subscription, please call Denise at 324-1382.

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

Rural Fire Protection District I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all who helped your neighbor and our firefighters on August 23rd.

Sincerely,
Steve Weller
V.R.F.P.D. Chief

Organizing for PTA started in Vernonia

To the Editor:

We are pleased to announce that a meeting will be held Thursday, September 21, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. at Washington Grade School, for the purpose of organizing a Community Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).

Representatives from the Oregon PTA will be present to explain the objectives, basic policies and procedures of the organization, allowing time for questions and discussion.

Through PTA you can help strengthen the quality of life and education in the community. PTA is a valuable link between home and school, providing both with important information benefiting your child/children. In this association, you join with parents, teachers, administrators, school board members and other citizens to enhance educational and cultural opportunities for every child.

If you join PTA, you can make a positive difference in your child's future and the future of all children. You can obtain information and materials on a wide variety of parent/family concerns and interests. You can learn about important issues affecting children in your community. You can network with other parents and community members.

We invite you to attend and take part in this special occasion.

Sincerely,
Lisa Edgar, Chair
Steering Committee
Vernonia

Packwood problem politically motivated

To the Editor:

To say that Bob Packwood's tongue troubles is not political motivated is being a bit naive. If you remember, for some strange reason, Packwood's troubles began with the defeat of Oregon's fair haired liberal for his senate seat.

This business of helpless womankind has reached a ridiculous state of affairs anyway. I learned this lesson when a schoolboy of thirteen or fourteen when upon a dare I touched a schoolmate where I should not have. She slapped my jaws so hard my ears rang all day. Not only did it hurt but I was held up to ridicule until my schoolmates forgot the matter and some of them had memories like an Elephant too. Believe me I say this with authority, this same method will work on any senator or office manager. You ladies should try it sometimes.

Should Packwood be disciplined by fellow senators? Not while he is being judged by those who have done worse. He may have a tongue that works like a yo-yo, able to reach across a room to penetrate a woman's throat with mouth closed and teeth clinched. But has he ever left one in the bay to drown? "Let he without sin cast the first stone."

Thank You,
Juneious F. Harty
Scappoose

Senior Center plans flea market upgrade

Dear Patrons and Givers:

Just an update from your Senior Center.

Thank you for your response to our last letter.

We are working at revamping our Flea Market so clothing will be more accessible, such as a men's department (we know men don't like to browse), a tee-shirt department, a popular spot; ladies' wear and kids' racks; also a coat and jacket spot, bedding, draperies and kitchen brick-a-brack. Hopefully all electric items work. We still cannot handle large furniture, office equipment, large kitchen items (microwaves, etc.). Shoes and clothes are fine with us.

We plan on keeping prices at present levels so shoppers can afford them.

Thank you to the writer of the letter we received in mid-August. It makes us aware that we are doing good, donating our time to help those who need a boost along life's way.

We are here to help and appreciate your patronage.

Thank you very much,
Scotty & Crew
Vernonia Senior Center

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Letters to the Editor

Flag could still be returned to V. Pride

To the Editor:

We did not get our American flag back, but we hope whoever has it is giving it the love, honor and respect it deserves. If you have our flag it is never too late to return it.

Vernonia Pride is planning a garage sale on Sept. 30th. Location and time will be announced later, with signs in the downtown area and information in the next edition of *The INDEPENDENT*.

If you have any items to donate for the sale they may be left at Parrow's, 842 Second Ave. Please donate only items that are suitable for sale. We have not yet selected a project for which this

money will be used, but suggestions are welcome. We would like to thank you in advance for the support and help you give us.

Enid Parrow, Member
Vernonia Pride

Volunteers make a positive impact

To the Editor:

August 23, 1995, at about 8:10 p.m. the Vernonia Rural Fire District was called to a structure fire at 600 Jefferson Avenue. Upon our arrival, a building was already fully involved in fire, with many exposures threatened. I could not help but notice the concentrated effort of neighbors and others who worked to

protect what they could. You who were there, deserve a large thank you for your efforts. It is people such as you who help make a tragic situation a little easier to deal with. You all should be commended on your efforts to help others in a time of crisis.

It is with this in mind that I am asking all interested citizens to try volunteering for your community. This volunteer work could be with any local organization that renders service to the community and citizens of Vernonia. Just a few suggestions—Izaak Walton League, Lions, Vernonia Pride, Vernonia Rural Fire District, Jamboree Committee, Senior Citizens Center—to name only a few organizations. The efforts of people like those who gave of their time on August 23rd, is what makes Vernonia a community of quality. Our title as one of the 10 safest places to live in Oregon did not happen by chance. It takes a great deal of effort by all who live here.

On behalf of the Vernonia



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Preschool Class—
ages 3-4, 2:30 p.m.

Beginning Ballet—
ages 5-6, 3:15 p.m.

Ballet Class—
ages 7 & up, 4:15 p.m.

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