

Between the Bookends

By Charlene Bechen
Banks Library Volunteer

Two of the best bargains of the season are available from the Friends of the Banks Library. They are the *Northwest Getaway* and *Entertainment '96* coupon books. *Entertainment '96* books sell for \$40.00 each and are full of coupons for discounts on airfare, cruises, car rentals, etc. and at more than 1000 hotels nationwide plus 50 percent off and two-for-one offers for local movies, sporting events, services and meals.

New this year are the *Northwest Getaway* books. *Northwest Getaway* coupons provide discounts for restaurants and lodging, both locally and for regional resorts. The *Northwest Getaway* books are only \$10.00. Contact Karen at 324-9452 or Denise at 324-1382 to reserve your copies. (They make great gifts, too!)

Updated versions of the new Banks Library construction and site plans are on display at the library. They have been approved by the city council. Stay tuned for more details.

A hearty "Thank You!" is extended to all those patrons who agreed to sponsor a magazine for the coming year through our "Adopt a Magazine" program. Most of the titles on our wish list have been adopted. There is still room on our shelves for some more publications, though. If you or your organization would like to "adopt" one of these "orphan" publications for a year, please call the library, 324-1382.

The library is also hoping to obtain a new vacuum cleaner. The Friends of the Library volunteers provide the janitorial services for the library and fear the old vacuum will not last

much longer.

Most of the 1996 Young Reader's Choice nominees are now available at the Banks Library. Northwest students, in grades four through twelve, may vote for their favorite book next March, providing they have read at least two of the nominated books. The Junior division titles (for grades four through eight) are *Alien Secrets* by Annette C. Klause, *The Boys Start the War/The Girls Get Even*, by Phyllis R. Naylor, *Crazy Lady!* by Jane L. Conly, *Harper & Moon* by Ramon R. Ross, *Hero of Lesser Causes* by Julie Johnston, *Sparrow Hawk Red* by Ben Mikaelson, *White Lilacs* by Carolyn Meyer and *Winter Camp* by Kirkpatrick Hill.

The Senior division books (for grades nine through 12) include *A Bone From a Dry Sea* by Peter Dickinson, *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, *Make Lemonade* by Virginia E. Wolff, *Shizuko's Daughter* by Kyoko Mori, and *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* by Chris Crutcher.

Don't forget to drop off your recyclable materials on Saturday, December 9, at the SWATCO service yard. SWATCO is located on Sellers Road just south of the Sunset Highway. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from Recycle Saturday are used by the Friends of the Banks Library to augment the library's funding. Your "donations" help the environment and the community at the same time.

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

at the church.

The WIC program has over 100 low-income Vernonia clients, including mothers who attend classes to be certified to receive assistance. The donation of space allows Columbia County Public Health to channel funds to the people who need it most, and the local clinic allows clients to receive services near their home.

Janet VanDevender
WIC Coordinator
St. Helens

Vernonia Preschool has openings for kids

To the Editor:

Vernonia Preschool is seeking applications for three, four and five-year-olds. This community-based, cooperative preschool provides positive preschool experiences for children who don't qualify for Head Start.

In December, activities will feature a look at Christmas in other areas, including Germany, Scandinavia and Mexico. The children will also learn about Hanukkah.

One of the school's fund raisers, a rummage sale, will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10, at the school, 627 Adams. We urge everyone who can attend to please do so.

If you would like more information, please call us Tuesday or Thursday at 429-9501. If we miss your call, please leave a message.

Sincerely,
Gail Chism
Lauri Longoria
Vernonia Preschool

Annual food drive for Vernonia Cares

To the Editor:

The holiday season is upon us as well as the second annual, city wide, canned food drive. I would like to encourage all citizens to share in the spirit of giving when volunteers come to your door on December 9th.

Not only canned foods will be collected, but empty cans and bottles can be donated, as well as toiletries. We are so fortunate to have a local

food bank, Vernonia Cares, that distributes only here in the Vernonia area.

You may have family or friends who are recipients—so please, open your pantry cupboards and give generously when you hear that knock on your door December 9th.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Jamie Stacklie
Vernonia

WEATHER REPORT NOVEMBER 1995

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9	56	38	.47
10	47	34	.13
11	54	34	1.84
12	55	44	.16
13	51	45	.57
14	64	47	.01
15	64	47	.02
16	56	41	.13
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18	61	39	.44
19	59	40	.08
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21	55	31	--
22	52	38	.11
23	57	38	.19
24	56	51	.88
25	51	44	.78
26	51	35	.22
27	48	39	.39
28	55	44	2.30
29	56	51	1.12
30	55	44	1.12

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Precipitation in November totalled 11.84 inches.



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WIC program moves Vernonia clinic site

To the Editor:

The Women, Infants and Children program for Columbia County has recently moved the monthly Vernonia clinics to the old Masonic Temple at 847 Jefferson Avenue, in the same building as Head Start, and will be seeing clients on the second Tuesday of each month.

The WIC staff wants to thank the Vernonia Grange and Mildred Elton, who let us use the grange hall for the past six years, to bring services to pregnant women, infants and children up to the age of 5. We also want to thank Rev. Mike Jackson of the Assembly of God Church who offered us the church basement, and helped us find another location after the fire

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