

Between the Bookends

By Charlene Bechen
Banks Library Volunteer

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, February 17. This is the date for Wool Day, an annual event sponsored by the Friends of the Library that is a favorite of children and adults alike. Local artisans skilled in many areas of fiber arts will come together from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to display their crafts. Many of the demonstrations, including carding, weaving and much more, will be hands-on. Yarn and various fiber creations will be on sale as well, with part of the proceeds going to the Friends.

Another favorite Friends' project will commence soon. The fourth fund-raiser quilt will be started this month. Quilting bees will take place throughout the winter and spring. The completed quilt will be raffled off at the Banks Barbeque in August. Anyone with modest sewing ability and an interest in quilting is welcome to help. Call Denise at the library for more details.

With warming weather, it is time to think about spring cleaning. There is no better place to start than Recycle Saturday at the SWATCO Service yard. SWATCO is located at 15945 NW Sellers Road, about one block

south of the Sunset Highway. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. See you there on February 10!

Come to the Banks High School cafeteria on Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. to listen to an evening of Banks history. Lead by Ann Fulton, PhD, a professor of history at Portland State University, the program will present a review of Banks' past from the 1920s to the present. Some "old timers" will also be on hand to share their memories of the town.

Dr. Fulton's book, *Banks—A Darn Good Little Town*, is on sale at the library. Report-bound, autographed editions sell for \$12.95. Part of the sale price is being donated to the Friends of the Library for a history display at the new library.

Three best-selling authors contribute to our new book section this month. Amy Tan's newest is titled *100 Secret Senses*. Larry Collins, who penned *Fall From Grace*, returns with *Black Eagles*, and Danielle Steel's latest is *Five Days in Paris*.

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

Vernonia Preschool appreciates help

To the Editor:

Thank you to all the people who helped support Vernonia Preschool's turkey raffle in December, and to Sentry Market for donating the turkey.

De! McGinnis was our winner.

We appreciate your continued support.

Vernonia Preschool

Yvonne Oblack
Christine Potter
Vernonia

We urge everyone who is tired of paying the highest electric rates in Oregon to please attend the February 20th meeting at 7 p.m.

New quilt started for library funds

The Friends of the Banks Library will again be making a quilt to raffle as a fundraiser for support of library activities.

Volunteers need not be expert quilters; just a general interest and experience in sewing is desirable. This will be the fourth quilt that the library group has completed.

In addition to the financial benefit for the library, quilting has proven to be an educational experience for all folks involved. In the past, several quilting demonstrations have been presented each year for the community, and during the Washington County Fair. Those interested may contact the Banks Community Library 324-1382.

Letters to the Editor

Who will be next target of criticism?

To the Editor:

For some time now, I have listened to the Cindernook saga and to criticism of another business for their unconventional ideas. And now *The INDEPENDENT* is under fire for "rotten reporting" as stated by *The Patriotic Pen*. What is happening? A select group of people are pushing their beliefs on the town! Who will be their next target?

I know this is freedom land, so they can print whatever narrow-minded rubbish they choose — I can also make choices. I will frequent whatever business I wish, regardless of their ideas. And that includes the Cindernook, which has every right to be here.

I will continue reading *The INDEPENDENT* — I like their reporting. I will also continue starting my morning fire with *The Patriotic Pen* (a more appropriate title would be *The Poison Pen*). I'm sure issue

No. 2 will burn just as nicely.

Lynn Carver
Mist

Attend WOEC rate hearing!

To the Editor:

How can West Oregon Electric increase the rates if they do not know what the damage \$\$ are? And will the rate go back down once the rate increase pays for the damage costs? And where



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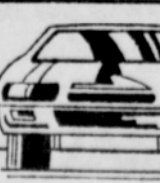
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