

Between the Bookends

By Charlene Bechen
Banks Library Volunteer

Completed reading records for the "Win With Reading" summer reading program may be turned in at the library any time before September 1. All readers (including those in the "Read to Me" program) who achieved their reading goals will receive a book award.

August 10 is the next Recycle Saturday at the SWATCO Service Yard (15945 NW Sellers Road). Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many of your neighbors help to staff this worthy activity. There is, however, still a need for more volunteers. If you could commit to a couple hours once a month, or even every other month, it would make a big difference in the success of this program. Please call Donna at 324-3404 for more information.

Thanks to passage of the open hours grant portion of the Washington County Library levy last spring, the Banks Library is now able to extend its hours of operation. The previous 22 hours a week has now increased to 30 hours per week. To provide the extra service, we now have a new employee. Please come by and welcome Jane to our staff. New hours are Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The library is looking for volunteers. Help is needed in many areas, from sorting and shelving books to janitorial work. Typing and computer skills would be helpful, but anyone with

an interest in books and time to spare would be most welcome. Please call Denise at 324-1382 for details.

Tuesday, August 13 is the scheduled day for the WIL computer software upgrade. All computers in the Washington County Library system will be down that day. Patrons can still check out books, but searching and reserving functions will not be possible through the computer. Please remember to bring your library card to make it easier for the staff to assist you. Among other enhancements, the new upgrade will enable addition of E-Mail addresses in patrons' records.

Be sure to look for the Friends of the Library fund-raising quilt at the Banks Barbecue on August 17 and 18. The drawing for the quilt will be held Sunday afternoon at the barbecue. Tickets are on sale at the library \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Previous quilts have each raised nearly \$1,000 for the Friends.

The bidding period for the new library has now closed. Watch for announcements regarding the contract award and details of the ground breaking ceremony.

The Banks Library is located at 669 S. Main Street in the Oak Village Shopping Center. Library hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 324-1382 for further information or to renew or reserve books.

Letters to the Editor

Very special young helpers were here

To the Editor:

A special group of young people from Indiana were in Vernonia recently, spending a very busy week working on homes and the school. They were brought to our community through the efforts of the Church of the Brethren and the Interfaith Disaster Response Team. A tremendous amount of work was accomplished in the short time they were here. We want to thank all of the workers for their efforts.

On behalf of Church of the Brethren and Interfaith Disaster Relief teams, we also want to thank the churches and individuals who provided evening meals for the group of volunteers, who were "camped out" in Washington Grade School.

Serving dishes left at Washington Grade School during this time can now be picked up at the Relief Center at 1010 Bridge (Pihl Logging Building).

Sue and Audeen
Community Relief Center

My Fair Lady was a great success

To the Editor:

The 1996 "My Fair Lady" pageant held July 24, 1996, Senior Day at the Columbia County Fair, was a successful afternoon. Congratulations, Queen Dorothy Place, Princess Helen Gamman, Princess Margaret Todd and Princess Mary Burg. You're a beautiful court.

Columbia County RSVP wishes to express our appreciation to the sponsors of the "My Fair Lady" pageant and luncheon: Pacific One Bank, Columbia River PUD and the Columbia County Fair Board. You made it all possible.

Special thank you from RSVP to the 1995 "My Fair Lady" Queen Ruth Ashdown, Becky Bruce, Kerrie Constance, Mike Derby, Patty

Feris, Leonard Gartman, Alana Larsen, Helen Purkerson, Connie Quick, St. Helens Rural Fire Department, Sandy's Flowers, Joy Shelby, Carol Smith, Lois Smith, Dena Von Derahe, Sherry Welter and Kathy Williamson. What a team!!

Thank you,
Nancy Harwood, Director
Columbia County RSVP

Health Center needs board members

To the Editor:

I have been a member of this community for 18 years, and one of my primary concerns for this town, besides the children, is health care. Let's face it, at one time or another we all need it.

Because we live so far away from everything it is important to have quality care for our citizens. We are very fortunate to have a quality staff in our health center.

They have worked very hard to continue care for you under less than favorable conditions. Laura and her staff worked countless hours during the disaster, some of which was their own time with no pay, Susan is a perfect example of that.

This is a reconstruction time for a lot of us. I ask you to consider the Health Center as a very important part of this town and of our lives. We will soon be back in our old building with a new face lift, much like the homes and other businesses around town. While conducting business, we will also be busy working on plans to relocate in the old Vernonia Drug Store location. In order to do this we will need help.

To continue the quality of care we now enjoy, we are asking for concerned neighbors to become board members. We have positions available and all you need to do is send a letter stating why you would like to be on the board and what you feel you

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clear it with the creator. Hopefully I will be able to tell of many hookups with the wild Deschutes steelhead, which I am told come much more readily to the fly than the hatchery variety.

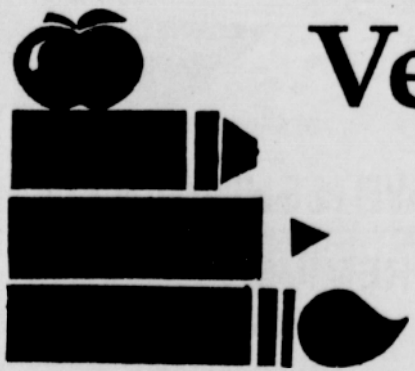
According to my July, 1996, copy of *Riverkeeper*, the Deschutes wild steelhead is threatened by a timber sale in the upper Trout Creek basin where the Prineville Ranger District of the Ochoco National Forest plans to harvest 35 million board feet of logs on over 5,000 acres of public land. According to *Riverkeeper*, "Even though this is called a salvage sale, the majority of the trees to be harvested are live trees. Harvest is also proposed within riparian areas, contrary to existing rules. Some biologists believe the only summer steelhead rearing habitat left lies in the cool waters of the upper Trout Creek basin. If the Forest Service proceeds with this aggressive proposal, the additional silt load and raised stream temperatures may sound the death knell for the Trout Creek steelhead

—the most important Deschutes tributary for native steelhead." *Riverkeeper* goes on to state that, "The sale proposal is vigorously opposed by Oregon Trout, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, the ODFW, and others. To register your opposition to this proposal, write:

Arthur Currier, District Ranger, Prineville Ranger District, P.O. Box 490, Prineville, OR, 97754."

I'm hoping, when I get to go steelhead fishing on the Deschutes, that the fish will be there, although my uncle says the runs have declined to a low where it is hard for him to get interested. I, someday, would like to take my nephew, Travis, over to the Deschutes for steelhead and I'm sure he would like the option to take his son someday too.

Izaak Walton League meetings are the third Wednesday of each month, Vernonia Public Library at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome.



Vernonia Preschool Open House

August 22, 1996 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

1996-97 School year starts Sept. 4, 1996

Ages 3 - 5 (Must be 3-yrs. old by Sept. 1, 1996)

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For further information call Dawn Carr: 429-4900

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