

Between the Bookends

By Charlene Bechen
Volunteer, Banks Library

Work on the new Banks Public Library on Market Street is proceeding on schedule. We hope to be able to move into the new facility by the end of January. The Friends of the Library are compiling a list of volunteers who can help with the move to the new facility. Please leave your name and phone number at the library if you are interested in helping.

Save all your used, non-foil, holiday gift wrap for the next Recycle Saturday, January 11. The location is the SWATCO service yard at 15945 NW Sellers Road. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Clean scrap paper (including gift wrap), along with glass bottles, and narrow necked plastic bottles with the HDPE triangle, can all be recycled. Recycle Saturday is one of the Friends of the Library's largest fundraising activities. Volunteers are always needed. If you have any questions about materials that can be recycled, or if you would like to volunteer to help, please call Donna McCall at 324-

3404.

Ann Rule's third volume of crime files, *Fever of the Heart*, joins our new book display this month. Other new books include *The Serotonin Solution* by Judith R. Wurtman, PhD, *Hide and Seek* by James Patterson, and a collection of Oprah Winfrey's favorite recipes, *In the Kitchen with Rosie*, by Rosie Daley.

The library staff wishes to sincerely thank all the patrons for their support during the last year. The Friends of the Library, as well as all the other individuals who visit the library and volunteer their services, continue to make our library a vibrant part of the community. We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

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.

Ike Says

By David M. Jones
Izaak Walton League, Nehalem Valley Chapter

In my last column I listed a number of organizations that are working to improve and enhance our fisheries here in Oregon and mentioned that any or all of these organizations are worth joining and supporting. I have since received a letter and an application from another fish-oriented organization located in the Tillamook area. The Tillamook Anglers have renovated the old Whiskey Creek Hatchery and have been planting fin-clipped spring chinook in Tillamook area streams. I just mailed off a story on spring chinook fishing to *Washington and Oregon Game and Fish* that will appear in the May issue. It had a section in it about Tillamook District Fish Biologist Rich Klumph and me boating a Whiskey Creek Springer a while back. That fin-clipped fish was around twenty pounds and helped make the day for both of us. I even learned a new way to hook a springer. Right Rick?

I received the information on the Tillamook Anglers from a gentleman named Joe, who I recently met on the Wilson River while I was fishing for Fall Chinook. Joe was nice enough to help me land a nice bright fall buck one evening on the Wilson. This situation was more than one angler assisting another, because I was in a boat and Joe was on the shore. After watching me try to knock the fish off the plug with the net a couple of times, Joe was kind enough to get the fish ashore after I got it close enough to him. Thanks again Joe! Anglers like you make a day on the river all the more pleasant.

The Tillamook Anglers have been around since 1988 and are also involved in projects other than the Whiskey Creek facility. Anyone wishing further information can contact them at this address or mail a \$20 tax deductible membership fee to: Tillamook Anglers, 7510 Trask River Road, Tillamook, OR 97141. (503) 842-6519.

Trees and fish are very interrelated. The salmonids of the Pacific Northwest evolved and prospered in forests. Trees along streams serve many functions that help both the

stream and the fish. If a stream is healthy, so are the fish, and one of the factors that help a stream stay healthy and fish-friendly is trees (and bushes) in the riparian zone. Shade during the summer months to help the water stay cool is one reason stream-side vegetation is needed. Warm water kills the native trout, salmon, and steelhead of our coastal streams. The reason for this is that as the water warms, it decreases in dissolved oxygen and when the temperature gets high enough, the fish succumb. In Oregon there are 12,000 miles of limited-water-quality streams. The fishes' ability to use the oxygen that is available may be further compromised by "clubbing" on the gill surfaces, which can be caused by sedimentation of the stream. Filtering the muddy runoff from clear cuts or otherwise bare hills during heavy rains is another function that a riparian zone of brush and trees can perform. The recruitment of large, woody debris into the stream is another benefit that a tree provides when it falls into the stream.

While doing spawning surveys on Rock Creek, I learned of another function for live streamside alders. There are two alders on a straight run of the stream and, during the time I have been doing the surveys, there has never been any spawning activity in this area. The flood of '96 worked the current of the stream around each of these alders and formed a small pool below them with a tailout of gravel. Guess what — in each of these tailouts of gravel there were spawning salmon this fall. Pretty neat, huh?!

Observing the cycles of nature as portrayed in the struggles of these fish to return to their natal stream and propagate their species despite all the obstacles, both natural and man-made, that they must survive, certainly makes me wonder. Makes me wonder, "where are the coho? The fish I grew up on. Where are our silver salmon?"

Izaak Walton League meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome. For meeting location, call 429-0108.

Letters to the Editor

System exists for solving problems

To the Editor:

We are at a time in this life that everyone is looking for the "quick fix" and, when it comes to our children, we want it fixed yesterday. We all need to be advocates for our kids and I am very much there for all of them. With that in mind, may I remind you of the steps to take when there seems to be a problem with our children and our schools. First, talk with your child and get all the facts.

Once you have the facts, if the situation involves the teacher, that is who you talk to next, either with your child [present] or not. If you are unable to resolve the situation, the next person to talk with is the school principal; if not yet satisfied, your next meeting should be with the superintendent.

If, after all of these meetings, you still feel that the situation is not resolved, you need to notify the school district board of directors, preferably by letter. We will then set a time to meet with you. By following this chain of command, you are involving the people who are able to help you first. I hope that this information helps clear up any confusion.

We all need to remember to hug our children daily and love them always. I sincerely hope that each and every one of you has a Very Merry Christmas and the Happiest Ever New Year.

God Bless,
Carla Strand, Chair
Vernonia School District
Board of Directors

Concerned about fewer police officers

To the Editor:

We have elected our City Council members to work for the community. We would hope that they will look out for Vernonia's best interests?

There is some conversation regarding the City Council's

plan to cut the City's police force by two officers. This could be disastrous!

Recently our town has witnessed two attempted murders. That tells us things are changing. If there were to be any law enforcement changes an increase of patrol officers would be justified. In 1996 Vernonia has seen an increase in crime with five very dedicated, hard working officers on duty. What will happen to the crime rate if these cutbacks occur? DUIs, burglaries, juvenile crime, malicious mischief and illegal activities could significantly increase.

Let's not overlook the important issue of putting Vernonia's police officers lives in jeopardy. There would be many occasions that only one officer would be on duty at night. No officer should be allowed to work without back up assistance from a fellow officer. If an officer is injured or killed in the line of duty due to the City's neglect and inability to furnish safe working conditions this could be the potential of a law suit which could financially devastate Vernonia much more than continuing to pay salaries to our much needed officers.

As citizens, sometime we take things for granted. We have a safe town, no gangs, great city to raise children and a terrific DARE program in our school. Let's keep it that way. "Our" City Council members should not be making critical decisions without input from the community. Please attend the next City Council meeting on January 6th at 7:30 at the library.

Wayne & Holly Vaughn
Vernonia

Ed. note: The Vernonia City Council has not yet made any decisions regarding the 1997-98 budget, but before condemning any future decisions, Vernonia residents must become aware of the financial problems created by the passage of Measure 47. For a small amount of information, please see editorial on page 2.



Rilla and Brandy

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If you are considering replacing your old vacuum cleaner or sewing machine this fall, you would be wise to visit Forest Grove Vac & Sew in the New Year.

Owner Rilla Hedger has over 20 years of experience in sales and service at her 19th Avenue store.

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