

Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch
Vernonia City Librarian

This summer's reading program at the library will be a "Celebration of Life". Animals (pets), music, Native Americans, and under-sea life will be some of the things being celebrated. The sessions will be held on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Hawkins Park. Dates for the programs are June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, and will end with participation in the Jamboree Parade on August 2. These programs are geared for children, ages 4-12, but should be fun and interesting for all ages. Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible youngster who is at least 12 years of age.

Youngsters are being encouraged to read through this program and books will be available for them to check out at each session. If your youngster has not previously used the Public Library, please bring him/her in and fill out an application card so all children can fully participate in the program. Certificates for having read at least 10 books during the summer will be awarded from the State Superintendent of Education, in addition to certificates of participation from the local library.

The first session will be a celebration of animals...with a wallaby, exotic birds, a llama, a pet duck, a rabbit, and maybe some baby quail. Bring your child and learn about these animals, check out a book about animals and just have fun (celebrate) this summer through your local library.

Because some of the library's videos are being kept much longer than the week allotted for their circulation, the \$1.00 a day fine for overdue videos is going to be strongly enforced. We will be reminding patrons of this and hope it encourages the prompt return of videos.

Two new fees are going to be requested of library patrons beginning in September. Currently, anyone who lives outside the City limits does not pay any taxes toward the support of the City Library. These library patrons will be

asked to pay a family fee of \$15.00 per year for use of library materials. This is very close to the amount that citizens of Vernonia contribute to the library through their property taxes and it seems only fair that everyone who uses the library pay something toward its operation.

The other fee that has been approved by City Council is a \$2.00 per hour fee for using the Internet service provided in the library. During this first year, the State Library has paid for Internet use, but with this year ending and the library having no additional money for telephone costs, nor upkeep on the computer, it has been agreed that this would be one way of helping with these costs. This fee will also be implemented in September.

Past issues of *The Eagle* and *The Independent* are on microfilm through a project done through the University of Oregon. Another bundle of newspapers is ready for delivery to Eugene for microfilming, but several issues are missing from our files. These issues are No. 12, December, 1990; No. 8, August and No. 11, November, 1992; No. 7, June and No. 15, October, 1993; No. 2, January, 1994; No. 1, January and No. 4, February, 1995; and No. 15, Early August, 1996. If you have any of these issues, please contact the library. The copies will be returned to you.

New arrivals in the library include several new books for children that are thematic to the summer reading sessions, as well as a nice variety for adults. These include LaVyrle Spencer's *Small Town Girl*, Jeffery Deaver's *The Bone Collection*, Barbara Delinsky's *A Woman's Place*, Anne McCaffrey's *Freedom's Choice*, John Lescroart's *Guilt*, Belva Plain's *Secrecy*, Sandra Brown's *Fat Tuesday*, and Ann Rivers Siddons' *Up Island*.

Happy reading this summer.

Vernonia Library is located at 919 Bridge Street. **Library Hours:** Monday and Friday 1-5 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Preschool Story Time:** Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. Call 429-1818 for information.

Ike Says

By Dale Webb, member
Izaak Walton League, Nehalem Valley Chapter

Last year I had the privilege of mentoring two high school seniors with their senior projects, one of the requirements they must complete in order to graduate. I had a good time with both students and valuable information was gained from each project.

Rodney Price's project was on spotlighting deer. No, not shooting deer at night illegally, but doing a deer census at night with a spotlight, recording how many, and where, deer were seen. Rodney's project dovetailed perfectly with the Izaak Walton League's previous spotlight surveys earlier in this decade. The importance of deer spotlight surveys is that they provide information that is necessary for decisions on whether the antlerless deer moratorium is working. Data collected in the early 1990s will now be compared with data from this year and the next two years to see if there has been a change.

Preliminary results have shown a marked increase in deer. Three routes were surveyed and two of them had 50-percent and 80-percent increases, respectively. The third route had a decrease of, at most, 62-percent, which can be partly explained by the fact that trees in most of the route have grown so it's not easily surveyable and that a large amount of it was very recently logged and had not started producing forage that would have drawn deer into the area. I expect this route to increase in population rapidly in the next two years.

Being Rodney's mentor meant being with him through the entire spotlighting process because we used my pickup and I knew the survey routes. Rodney was good at spotting deer and was amazed to see the same deer in the

same locations on different nights. The deer were quite predictable as to where we would see them.

All you hunters will have to pick Rodney's brain for the locations, because I'm sure not going to tell!

My second student, Tom Enneberg, conducted a project that correlated rain fall with stream height measurements. This senior project has provided very valuable information as to the reaction of both the Nehalem River and Rock Creek to rainfall. Tom's project was fairly straight forward; he took daily stream height measurements, then gathered rainfall data from the Vernonia Water Plant rain gauge. He then entered this data into a computer and built a table, eventually producing a giant graph of both waterways for the time period that he monitored them. Preliminary results showed that, with an inch of rain, we could anticipate about two feet of rise in both systems. We also found out that the two rivers react similarly to rainfall, but that the Nehalem River is slower to recede.

After the great flood of '96, we know the importance to our community of understanding the hydrologic effects of rain and snow on our rivers. We now have some of that knowledge thanks to Tom Enneberg.

I already have two seniors who will be gathering data this summer for their senior projects. One project will involve catching crayfish and marking them. This project will, hopefully, provide information on how many crayfish are in our streams and how much they move around. This is an exciting project and I'm sure that my student will have lots of mentoring help. The second student will be collecting data on stream flows, stream temperatures and the re-

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Letters

Many Thanks

To the Editor:

We wish to thank the following individuals and organizations for their contributions in making the Memorial Day Ceremony an outstanding success:

Ray and Synda Allen, Caretakers; Oregon Air National Guard, Vernonia City Council, Jeff Davies, Dora Sevig, Pastor Grant Williams, Larry Doppke, Sandra and Rod McLean, Fuiten-Rose, West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Vernonia Public Works.

Vernonia Memorial Cemetery Beautification Committee

Upset about taxes

To the Editor:

There you go again. Slam the voters for passing a ballot you oppose. Call it what you want Measure 47 or Measure 50, the voters want tax relief. Judging from your editorials you can't get enough taxes to pay. Well, I pay more than plenty.

My take home pay is 68.4% of my gross pay. Of this 68.4% I pay over \$100.00/mo for property taxes, \$40.00/mo for fuel taxes, \$100.00/mo for sin taxes. Add these taxes to phone taxes, vehicle registration (which will double soon), driver's license, trade licenses, state mandated schooling costs to keep my trade licenses, the list seems endless.

If I want to go fishing there's the fishing license, the boat license, boat ramp fee. Want to go on a picnic? Day use fee. Want to camp out? Camp fee. Want to stay in a motel? Motel tax. Etc, etc.

To add salt to my tax wounds every year I still have to send a check with my tax returns. After I pay postal fees. You keep pushing for more taxes and I'll keep pushing for tax relief. Welcome to America and Happy Holidays to you too.

**Rick Durbin
Vernonia**

(Sorry, I didn't make my position clear. I don't like paying taxes, either, but especially dislike wasting millions of dollars in taxes, as we did to vote a second time on what was obviously a flawed ballot measure. Ed.)

Welcome sign up at Vernonia Lake site

To the Editor:

Our community now has a beautiful "Welcome to Vernonia" sign. This has been a two-year Vernonia Pride project. The sign would not have been possible without the backing of the community.

All of the cedar was donated by Terry Schaumburg of Cedarwood Timber. The boards were sawed by Randy Ellson at Ellson Cedar Mill. Nehalem Valley Land Development donated the site

among the fir trees on the knoll at the lake. Many thanks to all of you.

Susan Miller, chainsaw artist from Mist, made the sign. Susan, you did a beautiful job -- thank you!

West Oregon Electric was present on June 2 and with their truck and auger drilled the holes and positioned the sign just right. Their donation of time and equipment is greatly appreciated. Thank you Greg Schaumburg, Gary Gulleckson and Mick Taylor of WOEC.

Financial backing was provided by Dass Logging, Gwin & Sons Logging, Sentry Market, Holce Logging, Bighorn Logging, Bud Gibson Trucking, Skidmore & Son Trucking, Grant Trucking, Natal Grange, Weller & Sons Trucking, Bob Curl, Sword Logging, Busch Logging, Mike ihil Logging and Vernonia Pride.

A number of people were there to assist in the sign raising. Thanks to Casey Mitchell, Dale Webb, Jim Hayes, Ryan Seeberger, Elroy Miner, Dale Fisher and Bob Argue.

I want to thank everyone who helped make the sign possible. Years ago, Pete Brunsman had a business in Vernonia. His truck had a sign saying "It's a privilege and a pleasure to live in Vernonia."

It is a privilege for me to give to Vernonia and a pleasure to know I can count on the support of the community.

Gratefully,
**Shirlee Daughtry
Vernonia Pride**

Poker Ride fun in spite of the weather

To the Editor:

Vernonia Ridge Riders would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations for our annual Poker Ride; AG West, Fisher Implements, J & K Korral, Western World, Double C Tack & Western Wear, RV Resort at Cannon Beach, Birdwell Ford, Banks Feed, AG Chem, Mary's Saddle & Tack, Marrilyns, Outwest Outfitters, Frog Valley Ranch, Tualatin Valley Farm Supply, Boothill, George & Deloris Bellingham, Columbia Feed & Supply, Gratteri's 4x4 Center, Wilcox & Flegel, Vernonia Hardware, Mini-Mart, Valley Commercial Bank.

Due to adverse weather conditions we had to cancel the ride. We did however still sell poker hands to the brave riders who did come, and had a great time visiting.

Thank you one and all!!

**Sue East
Vernonia Ridge Riders**

We are role models, learn to be rational

To the Editor:

My leisurely Sunday visit to the grocery store was abruptly

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