

## Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian  
Vernonia Public Library

The last presentations of the library's summer reading program included a display and description of Ruth Brown's collection of unusual insects. Heidi Brown made the arrangements and gave a presentation that was really interesting. Have you ever seen a peanut bug or a rhinoceros bug? Then Lauri Longoria and Holly Vaughn took us camping with a variety of campfire songs accompanied by the guitar.

This summer's program ended with two more special happenings – the trip to OMNIMAX and the Jamboree Parade. Fifty of us rode the bus and met an additional nine who drove to OMSI, July 25th, to view the presentation of "The Living Sea." Consensus of the group was that it was a great afternoon adventure. JoAnn Beamish skillfully drove the bus through Portland traffic right to the entrance door. Very few of those attending had visited the OMNIMAX theater and it was quite an experience to sit back and feel as though the ocean was coming right at us; to feel as though we were actually on a boat or a surfboard going up and down with the waves, or circling to make a landing on an airplane. The feeling of being "right there" is so realistic. After we had a snack, all fifty of us again boarded the bus for the return to Vernonia. (If you haven't been responsible for a group of children, you can't appreciate what a relief it is to return them all safely to their parents.)

The banners and other decorations for the Jamboree float were done under the capable supervision of Lauri Longoria and Lisa Hardwick with the help of Julie Johnson, Heidi Burch and their children. School District 47J once again gave us butcher paper, paints, etc., with which to decorate; Dick Titus loaned his trailer for use as the float, Vernonia Sentry donated candy for the youngsters to throw, and the City Public Works Department let us use their service truck to pull the float and provided a place to work on it.

These summer activities would not take place without the support, planning and participation of the parents, children, faculty of the school, and local businesses. They are truly a community effort.

This summer we also received \$500 from the Human Service Coalition which manages Columbia County's Integrated Service Project Dollars. This money was used for the library's summer reading program. The bus to OMSI, admission fees for youngsters who would not have been able to attend without this help, and the purchase of some new books for Young Adults were made possible by these Dollars.

Now available in the library are copies of Dr. Ann Fulton's new book on the history of Vernonia, entitled *Vernonia – A Pocket in the Woods*. This comprehensive and interesting history of the community sells for \$15.95. Dr. Fulton will be present for a book-signing in the library on Wednesday, August 27, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served during this time and we hope there will be a nice show of support for Dr. Fulton and her new book.

Other new acquisitions in the library include *Missing Piece* by Joy Fielding, *The Maze* by Catherine Coulter, *Fatal Terrain* by Dale Brown, *Serpent's Tooth* by Faye Kellerman, and *Unnatural Exposure* by Patricia Cornwell.

Remember, starting in September, those library patrons living outside the city limits of Vernonia will be asked to pay \$15.00 a year for a family library card. This amount is comparable to what Vernonia residents pay for library service through their property taxes. We hope this does not deter anyone from using the library.

**Vernonia Library** is located at 919 Bridge Street. **Library Hours:** Monday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 1-5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Preschool Story Time:** Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. Call 429-1818 for information.

## Letters to the Editor

ment rights under the U.S. constitution are being violated by allowing members of said political parties the right to vote their choice of candidates in the primary election.

I have always been taught that I had certain rights but that my rights ended at the tip of the other man's nose. In other words when my "Rights" injures another I am going beyond my constitutional rights.

The question the court must decide is just whose rights are being violated, the voters of the State of California or that of a political party. Should the dog wag its own tail or should the tail be allowed to wag the dog? Is our constitution to read, "Of the people, for the people and by the people", or that of a political party?

Thank you,  
**Juneious F. Harty**  
**Scappoose**

### Jamboree was good for Vernonia Cares

To the Editor:

Vernonia Cares Food Bank had a successful Jamboree, with the help of many.

Our first Jamboree fundraising booth made \$210 and received 75 pounds of donated food. Vernonia Cares parade entry took first place in the marching category. Iris Bonfiglio, treasurer for Vernonia Cares, was instrumental in creating the "Milk Carton" and decorated wagon.

Thanks to all volunteers who helped with the parade and fundraising booth, and to those who donated.

Anyone interested in helping with fundraising or volunteering at Cares, call 429-1414, Tuesdays or Thursdays between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

**Becky Elder**  
**Director**

### Lions efforts help many in community

To the Editor:

The Vernonia Lions Club would like to thank all those who made 1996 and '97 a memorable time for our club. Special thanks go to Sentry Market, Country Kitchen, Loggers Cafe, Hair Parlour, Vernonia Federal Credit Union and Vernonia Mini Mart for their contributions. The Lions would also like to thank all those who purchased our BBQ sandwiches at the Vernonia Jamboree, and those who purchased our roses. If it had not been for all of you, the Lions could not have been so successful.

September 2nd, our president Lion Fred Skidmore's term will expire. Before he leaves office we, the Lions, would like to thank Lion Fred for all his faithful service. With the help of his officers and his directors, the following has been accomplished.

A new microscope for the Vernonia Health Center, 40 Christmas baskets to our citizens, contributions to the Sight and Hearing Foundation, Diabetes Awareness, Doernbecher Hospital, and two scholarships of \$500 each to Vernonia High School graduates.

We also gave \$900 in local donations. Our Vernonia Lion's Club raised over \$6,000, and made a total of \$6,115 in donations.

Under the leadership of Lion Fred Skidmore and his officers, we had a very good year.

Our new president will be Lion Randy Aultman. We are sure his term of office will be just as successful.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Lion Larry Doppke, P.R.**  
**Vernonia**

### Court Watch seeks volunteers

To the Editor:

Do we have a problem in Oregon with our judicial system? Do attorneys and judges investigate complaints against themselves adequately? The Oregon Judicial Fitness Commission sends a form letter in response to a complaint against a judge saying investigations are confidential and 99 percent cleared.

What profession is 99 percent right?

If you've experienced problems with justice in Oregon, perhaps you'd like to join us. We think the Oregon Bar is the source of the problems in our judicial system. The Bar has a monopoly including control of the Professional Liability Fund from which damages can be paid. In short, they not only make the rules, but pass judgement on their mistakes.

To correct this situation we believe a Judicial Council of elected lay people, two from each Legislative District, replace the present system and investigate complaints against judges and attorneys and decide who is right or wrong and what damages should be paid. All findings would be made public.

Testifying before the Legislative Judicial Committee accomplishes absolutely nothing, sad to say. Giving Oregonians the opportunity to decide for themselves how to make justice more just in Oregon seems the only way to go, which, of course, means a Ballot Measure.

If you'd like a copy of our Newsletter, please let me know.

Sincerely,  
**Helen Solem**  
**Reform Party-Oregon**  
**Court Watch**  
**P.O. Box 58**  
**Vernonia, OR 97064**



## Letters to the Editor

### Thanks for help in D.C. '98 trip funding

To the Editor:

The D.C. '98 students and parents would like to thank everyone who has supported us in our efforts to raise money for our trip to Washington D.C. next spring. Thanks to you we are well on our way.

Special thanks to all who sponsored our raffle by donating prizes; Ray and Shelley Cota, Mary Cota, Dennis Electric, Jennifer Soderback, Ralph and Marlene Shaw, Western Auto, Lee's U-Catch, Jamie Peura, Bergerson Brothers, Fred Bergerson Logging, and the generous stranger at

Crazy Charlie's.

The raffle was held on Monday, August 4th, and the lucky winners have been contacted.

**Lynn Shaw**  
**for D.C. '98**  
**Fundraising Committee**

### Glad to see benches being used by many

To the Editor:

We are very pleased to see so many people using the benches we placed downtown. A special thank you to Randy Holce and Sentry for their donations to help pay for the benches.

**Enid Parrow**  
**Vernonia Pride**

### Who should vote in primary elections?

To the Editor:

California's new primary law is under attack. This law was voted into law in last year's election which allows a voter to vote for the candidate of his choice, regardless of party registration, in a primary election. This law was to go into effect in June 1998.

But now voters of the state are being sued by the Democratic party. Also the Democratic party has been joined in its suit by both the Republican and and Freedom parties.

These three political parties all claim that their first amend-

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