

## Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian  
Vernonia Public Library

Activities relating to the library's summer reading program, "Ticket to Tomorrow" officially ended with the entry in the Jamboree parade. I really want to thank and compliment all the children on the float who waited so patiently for the parade to begin and who behaved so well during the parade, and Orissa, Kim and Heidi (the float decorators). Candy for parade participants was once again provided by Randy Parrow and Sentry Market, and the trailer for the float by Dick Titus, with Jeff once again as the driver, assembler and last minute repair person. Once again it was a fun and successful summer of activities with a total of 75 different children participating in at least one session. An average of 30 attended each of the 5 Wednesday afternoon programs. Of course the encouragement of reading is the main purpose of "summer reading" and most of these children did check out materials regularly. The tickets to the State Fair should be arriving any day and will be awarded to children who attended at least three of the summer sessions and who recorded at least 10 books they read over the summer. Bring those lists to the library to be eligible and thanks to all the parents and youngsters who participated in this summer's library fun.

Cataloging is in process with 3,034 materials bar coded to date, using a total of 110 volunteer hours. Savings, if materials had been electronically converted equals \$1,456.32, or \$682.50, if minimum wage had been paid to those volunteers. Most of the adult fiction may now be checked out electronically. Much of the adult non-fiction, a large portion of the juvenile material, a very large amount of the young adult section and none of the reference materials have been done. It is possible and fun to use Athena to search the library's holdings. Try it on your next visit to the library and also try the Visual Search.

New books include *Riptide* by Catherine Coulter, *Nora Nora* by Anne Rivers Siddens, *Place Last Seen* by Charlotte Mcguinn Freeman, *Middle of Nowhere* by Ridley Pearson, *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher, *Dust to Dust* by Tami Hoag, *The Vineyard* by Barbara Delinski, *A Perfect Evil* by Alex Kava, and *Raveling* by Peter Moor Smith.

The last three are my monthly recommendations. Barbara Delinski's novels are for the romanticist, for the reader interested in relationships. She is a master of detailing and developing relationships, in this instance the Seebring family members who come to realize how much can be learned from the older generation. Sev-

enty-six year old Natalie Seebring, owner of a Rhode Island vineyard is remarrying after being widowed for only six months. Her children are upset by her decision, so she decides to write a book about her life so they can understand what she has been unable to tell them directly. She hires Olivia Jones to write the book and she and her daughter Tess move to the vineyard for the summer. Tension builds as the wedding approaches and Natalie's long buried past is slowly revealed. Keep a hankie near when reading this novel of family tragedy, unlikely romance and old wrongs finally made right.

*A Perfect Evil* is Alex Kava's first novel. It's a fast-paced exciting thriller with readers wanting to stay up all night to discover the identity of the killer. It begins with the confession of a killer, Ronald Jeffreys, that he only killed one boy, not the three for which he was convicted. Three months after his execution, another boy is found, sending a shocking message...the killing has only begun. Platte City, Nebraska Sheriff Nick Morelli is joined by FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell in the investigation. From page one until the very end, the story moves swiftly under Kava's expert use of multiple points of view. This will keep you turning pages as quickly as possible to discover the real killer.

*Raveling* is also a first novel, by author Peter Moore Smith. This is a suspense novel pitting two men against each other in a struggle between brothers that's as old as the Bible. In this version, you're not quite sure who is Cain and who is Abel, until the author is ready to let you figure it out. With the disappearance of Eric and Pilot Fairlie's young sister Fiona twenty years ago, the Fairlie family begins to unravel. Their father left, their mother sees ghosts, and Pilot is diagnosed as a schizophrenic. Eric, a prominent neurosurgeon, seemingly rescues his mother and Pilot. But...who is guilty in Fiona's disappearance and who is really sane? The story starts slowly as though the reader has stepped into a story already in progress, but the deeper into the book one gets, the deeper the mystery becomes. Told from the point of view of Pilot, a medicated schizophrenic, this will really keep you guessing.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and keep reading. If you haven't been in the new library yet, come on in. You're in for a real treat.

Vernonia Library 701 Weed Avenue  
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Tues., Thur. 2 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Preschool Story Time, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.  
Phone: (503) 429-1818

## Letters to the Editor:

### Fosters will re-open foster care home

Dear friends and neighbors:

We wish to inform you that after taking several months away from our business and after much thought and deliberation, we have elected to re-open our Adult Foster Home and continue on with a community resource which many of you have, and continue to ask about. Improving personal health combined with our love for our friends and a loving community supportive of our contribution to their lives, have convinced us that we are truly where we belong.

While we still intend to market our large property, we are at the same time looking for an alternative site here in Vernonia to build a new residence capable of housing a business like ours. In the interim, it is business as usual and we have already accepted Vernonia friends back into our home.

We sincerely thank you for your friendship, your love and support and your heartfelt concerns for our health and our future. It is great to be back! God bless you, one and all.

Don and Donna Foster  
Rising River Ranch  
Vernonia

### Car club says thanks, urges participation

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Nehalem Valley Speed & Beauty Car Club members, I would like to extend a gracious thank you to all of our sponsors, family and friends for the success of the eighth Annual Jamboree Cruise In, Aug. 5, in Vernonia.

This year we had 261 entrants to our show. This show could not be possible without all of your generous support and participation.

I hope that you were able to attend the show this year and had a chance to listen to the Bouncing Baby Boomer Band and the Legendary Boomettes. While listening to the band, I hope you were able to enjoy one of the Vernonia Booster Club's great burgers. A special thank you to the Boosters for providing food and beverages for our event, and School District 47J for use of the grounds to hold the show.

If you have an interest in cars, you might want to join our club or if you would just like to volunteer to help out the day of the show that would be great.

Glenda DeLemos, President  
Nehalem Valley Speed & Beauty Car Club  
Vernonia

### School supply drive seeks contributors

To the Editor:

As parents in our community, we know how expensive school clothes, supplies and other things that our kids need at the start of school can be. We would like to help make the load a little lighter for those parents who have a hard time.

We are making a plea to the parents who can afford to help by purchasing extra school supplies. These supplies will be donated to kids attending the Vernonia and Mist schools. We will have a collection box located at the Vernonia Fire Station if you would like to help.

If you have any questions, you may contact Shelley Cota at 429-0163, evenings only.

Sincerely,  
Shelley Cota, Shelly Lende and Karrie Dass  
Vernonia

### Another large group enjoys fishing derby

To the Editor:

This year's fish derby was another good one. We had 83 kids participating and we had a lot of fun.

We want to thank Bill Yeo for auctioning off fishing gear, and everyone who helped register and sort and help the kids. 83 kids is a big hand full.

Don Webb  
Nehalem Valley Chapter  
Izaak Walton League

### Inappropriate parade entry discouraging

To the Editor:

We were very discouraged that the City of Vernonia would allow a parade participant such as the group that held a sign that read "Expose Corporate Waste." Their dress and behavior seemed inappropriate for a "family" type parade.

This is meant to be a fun and positive atmosphere for all of us, not a platform for negative protest groups.

If we would've known, we would have stayed home with our family.

Vernonia has come a long way in upgrading this little town. Even though we live in Birkenfeld, we think of Vernonia as part of our family. I, for one, went to school here and my parents still live in Vernonia.

Another issue not associated with the parade: Men were walking around wearing T-shirts that had naked women on them. Why are we, as a community, allowing the degrading of women in this way?

We need to band together and help eliminate these kinds of things - but in a positive way.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Huntington  
Birkenfeld

Ed. note: The City of Vernonia has nothing to do with the Jamboree parade. That is the responsibility of the Jamboree Committee, a separate entity.

### Mootilda Cow has been returned home

To the Editor:

Cows really do come home. Mootilda the plywood cow was returned on Sunday of Jamboree weekend. Thank you so much for returning her

Jamie Jones  
Vernonia

## Letters to the Editor

### Firefighters thankful for people's help

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the many people who helped during major fires on Stoney Point Road and in downtown Vernonia.

Joyce Vaughn helped the Vernonia Rural Fire Women's Auxiliary provide a smorgasbord meal for lunch and dinner at the Schaumburg barn fire. The fire crews never ate as well as we did at that fire. Patti Davis provided for snacks at the Silver City Cafe fire.

These wonderful folks help to make a little sunshine on a cloudy day. Thank you.

Paul Epler, Chief  
Vernonia Rural Fire

### Cheerleaders say thanks for your help

To the Editor:

We, the cheerleaders of Vernonia High School, express our gratitude and thanks for all the

contributions that the community of Vernonia has given us. Our thanks also go out to all of the out-of-town businesses that donated to our cause. With your help and support, we raised the money for uniforms and other necessary cheer-leading items. Once again, thank you for supporting the Vernonia High School cheerleaders.

Sincerely,  
VHS Cheerleaders and  
Coach Nancy Dailey

### Cat shelter is goal of Humane Society

To the Editor:

West Oregon Wood Products of Columbia City donated two office trailers to Columbia Humane Society. We were hoping to use the trailers for cat intake, cat isolation, a lunch/break room and storage. Alas, plans do not always work out the way we would like. The Humane Society was unable to accept the trailers.

We at Columbia Humane Society would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to some very special people and organizations:

West Oregon Wood Products for their generous donation and community support; Columbia County Clerk Betty Huser for her guidance to ensure the proper channels were followed; Columbia County Board of Commissioners Jack Peterson, Rita Bernhard and Anthony Hyde, for their understanding and a chance to make plans; the City of St. Helens Planning Administrator Skip Baker for answering numerous questions and trying to make the whole process easier for us; Alpine Transporting, Inc., of Boring, for giving us a bid 1/4 the cost of the other bids we received. Last but not least, Molly Hopman of Portland for donating part of the cost of the axles, wheels and tires.

Thank you all,  
Mary Riggs, Shelter Director  
Columbia Humane Society  
St. Helens