

Between the Bookends

By Sheila Adams, volunteer,
and Denise Holmes, Librarian
Banks Public Library

Now that school has started, Miss Cathy is back to delight pre-schoolers with fun stories and activities. You can bring the kids to every Wednesday morning at 10:15. Miss Cathy has some great programs planned for October. On the first Wednesday, her theme is "Splish Splash I was Taking a Bath". Each Wednesday after that gets creepier and creepier, with FROGS then SPIDERS then MONSTERS, OH MY! Don't miss the fun!

Love old-time country music? If you do, mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room. Truman Price will be fiddling up a storm! He plays Appalachian style fiddle, as well as country swing and everything in between. He comes to Banks courtesy of a grant from the Regional Arts and Culture Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. Don't miss this chance for some old-time country fun.

Did you know that you and your family can check out a free pass to some of our area's most interesting cultural institutions? Thanks to the generosity of local sponsors, the library is able to offer family passes good for a one-day visit to The Children's Museum, The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, The Japanese Garden,

The Portland Art Museum, The Washington County Museum and the World Forestry Center. You must have a Washington County Library card to participate. Come by the library to sign up for the program and reserve a pass.

The feel of Fall is in the air. Crisp mornings turn into warm afternoons. Since school has started the calm has settled in. Time for a little romance. *The Heir* is the story of Duncan MacTavis, a Scottish Highlander, who learns he is the sole heir of an English Marquis. He is required to assume the title, estates and a betrothal has been arranged without his consent. Johanna Lindsey is one of the world's most popular authors of historical romance. Every one of her novels has been a best seller and *The Heir* is no exception. Here's another title made for cozy reading. *Marrying the Mistress*, by Joanna Trollope, tells the effects on three generations of the Stockdale family. Simon tells his son Jack he is leaving a forty year marriage creating different reactions from family members.

Banks Public Library: 111 Market Street.
Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.;
Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Preschool Story Time, Weds., 10:15 a.m.
Phone: (503) 324-1382
Internet: www.WILnet.wccls.lib.or.us.

Letters to the Editor:

be placed on the sign that is next to Bud's & Blooms and Dan Brown's new building downtown.

Vernonia Pride is also working on a project called the Golden Rose Award. This is like a yard-of-the-month club, if you will. We have a very nice sign/plaque that is already made and ready to go into someone's yard once their yard is chosen. There is also a wall plaque that will go up in town (location not determined yet) as well, displaying your name, when chosen. We are working on a committee and criteria for this. If you are interested in this, please call as well.

"Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, 'This is my community and it's my responsibility to make it better.'" — Governor Tom McCall.

**Donna Gehrke, member
Vernonia Pride**

Be sure to register and vote for Hyde

To the Editor:

This is a reminder to all to vote for Tony Hyde for another term as County Commissioner. At last we have someone from Vernonia and the Nehalem Valley to represent us. I don't believe we've ever had a commissioner from this area.

Tony has worked hard for the County and for us, so let us support him and vote for him on November 7th. Make sure your voter registration is up to date.

**Violet (Cookie) Polos
Vernonia**

Pulliam is the most qualified candidate

To the Editor:

I am writing to support Paul Pulliam as the most qualified candidate for Columbia County Commissioner Position 1. Paul is running for this position as an Independent to give voters a positive choice.

Through the election process, county voters are hiring the managers who will lead our county government through our future financial, social and growth issues. The commissioners work as paid, full-time managers of our county's future. As I look at the job description and the credentials of the three candidates seeking Position 1, Paul is the only qualified applicant. He is the only candidate making promises he has the credentials to keep.

Paul not only has a degree in economics, he is the only candidate with a college education. He has 20 years of ex-

perience as a manager for a large financial institution and more than 10 years as a small-business owner. He has the qualifications needed to lead the county through the certain financial challenges it will face.

This also is a job that requires government and community experience, and Paul has eight years of experience as a St. Helens City Councilor, and a St. Helens Planning Commissioner. He is president of the 23-county Workforce Alliance that shapes training programs to match the needs of businesses. He was the first president of the Columbia County Economic Development Council, elected in 1988. He currently serves on two regional boards that determine the funding and priorities for new and existing economic development.

Paul understands business and economics, but he also understands the priorities and values of Columbia County. Paul has proven experience as a leader and a manager. He brings experience in finance, economic development, job creation and management with a dedication to the job.

Paul is the City Councilor who in less than one year has brought the St. Helens City Library to its goals of having an automated card catalog and electronic access to its resources. One of his opponents has spend two years being unable to complete that task.

Paul would be a County Commissioner we could trust to give us a straight answer and to make tough decisions. He has the knowledge, the leadership and the experience to embrace the issues that face Columbia County. He is the only candidate for Position 1 with management experience.

I urge you to join me Nov. 7, in hiring the applicant for county Commissioner Position 1 who is the most qualified - Paul Pulliam.

**Barbara Peschiera
Yankton**

School supply drive was a great success

To the Editor:

We would like to thank everyone that donated school supplies for our school supplies drive.

We received lots of supplies for children that could not afford them.

We would also like to thank our special person that made a cash donation for our children.

Thank you again for all of your support.

**Shelly Lende
Shelley Cota
Kari Dass
Vernonia**

Letters to the Editor

Vernonia is truly a great community

To Vernonia,

I am writing as a former member of your community. I was born and raised in Vernonia and lived there until November of '98. I am writing to let you know what a great town you have. I now live in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, and miss that little town more than you would believe. The friendliness of a small town is lost in the hustle and bustle of a large city.

In Vernonia, you are assured of a polite smile or a helping hand when the chips are against you. When I think back about my life there I remember good times. The mad rush to go fishing at Vernonia Lake which always came soon after a stocking by the fish and wildlife department. Hunting in the hills around the town knowing dad would always say "there will be a hunter on every stump". Right he was, as we tromped into the woods, there would be a dotting of hunters orange all over. The yearly Jamboree that brings the town together, all working for the same goal (to actually pull it off for another year)! Driving down Bridge Street and actually knowing 90% of the people you will see.

These are the things that make this town a home, but most of all it is the family that I

left behind there. A family I miss dearly and pray for daily. To all the Dickey, Wellers, Vincents, Mortvedts and also my dear Grandma Busch, may God be with you all.

**Steve and Carla Dickey
Lethbridge,
Alberta, Canada**

What's going on with Vernonia Pride?

To the Editor:

What's going on in Vernonia Pride? We are having a garage sale in conjunction with the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery to raise money for each organization. The cemetery is raising money for a memorial and Vernonia Pride for one of our many projects. We are accepting donations for the garage sale, which will be held at the "old Hanson building/old bowling alley, etc., etc." across from Vernonia Realty and next to Lew's. If you wish to donate materials, please call Synda at 503-429-4600 or 503-429-2240 to arrange a drop off time. The garage sale will be held the first two weekends in November. Please come down and check out the great items.

When I say "we" on behalf of Vernonia Pride, I mean everyone who lives in Vernonia and takes pride in their community. Vernonia Pride truly represents all people who live in Vernonia. We do such things as organize

the fireworks, 4th of July parade, "Make Vernonia Shine" day, free dump day and making Vernonia more livable with beautification projects and endorsing community spirit. We could not do these things without donations and help from the many people, organizations and businesses. Thank you all!!!!

If you would ever like to be more involved in Vernonia, the opportunity is just a phone call away. We could always use more help in many ways, from sending out letters, passing out ice cream to kids, decorating floats, planting flowers, making signs, etc. There is truly power in numbers and we are currently looking for a new secretary. If you are interested or have any questions, please call 503-429-5201.

Vernonia also has an ongoing program that Vernonia Pride helps out with — the "Adopt-a-Block" program. This arose from one of the SOLV Best of Oregon programs. Anyone interested of any age can participate. We encourage/challenge families, individuals, church groups, scouts, etc. to join. What you do is pick up litter, as needed, in an area chosen by you or your group on an "as needed" basis. The litter bags are supplied to you. This is just another ongoing way we can keep Vernonia beautiful. If interested, call 503-429-5201. Your name/group's name will

a meal and satisfy many fishermen's feelings that this waste is wrong.

I do have a solution to this problem. We should propose a trout stamp to fish for trout in each district. With the allure of making a buck, ODF&W would change its mind in a flash.

Izaak Walton League Nehalem Valley
Chapter meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
For meeting location, call (503) 429-7193.

Ike Says...

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over 50 percent of the Nehalem watershed.

I used to fish extensively for Cutthroat trout in the seventies and eighties in small streams and beaver ponds. Today, that access is not available. Most people, including myself, are not willing to hike miles to catch Cutthroat trout when we can catch plenty in the mainstream.

Lastly, it has to be recognized that a lot of trout are being caught and killed in the catch and release fishery already, and by providing a two fish limit, a lot of these doomed fish will provide

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