

Between the Bookends

By Cindy Stanley, Library Assistant
Banks Public Library

The *Cultural Pass to Adventure* program is back for a second great year, thanks to the generosity of the following sponsors: Banks Pharmacy, Banks Chamber of Commerce, Big Horn Logging, Brown Derby Restaurant, City of Banks Tree Board, Gookin Plumbing, the Linus Hermens family, and the North Plains Chamber of Commerce. The program allows library patrons to reserve free admittance passes to cultural institutions. Passes are again available for the Children's Museum, the Portland Art Museum, the Japanese Garden, the World Forestry Center, the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and the Washington County Museum. This year we've added two new partners, the Portland Chinese Garden and the Oregon Historical Society. Registration forms and program guidelines are available at the library. Sign up now for a great family activity!

The Banks Public Library has just received its first issue of *Taste of Home* magazine, a new subscription added to our existing collection of magazines. *Taste of Home*, America's #1 cooking magazine, isn't edited by a big publishing house but by thousands of country cooks across the country. Because the magazine is refreshingly free of advertising, it's literally packed with mouth-watering recipes and complete menu ideas. The abundance of pictures of the recipes makes for a visual experience worth its own merit.

Children in grades five and up are invited to

join Club Newbery. Centered around the famous Newbery Award for best children's book of the year, this club is designed for kids who love to read — those who, for example, might possibly stay up beyond bedtime just to read! Club members will get to read the latest books, participate in book discussion groups, and vote for the next Newbery Award winner and more! Anyone interested is encouraged to ask for more information at the library.

September 8th is Recycle Saturday, sponsored by the Friends of the Banks Library. This monthly event takes place at the SWATCO Service Yard on Sellers Road, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Friendly library volunteers are there to assist you. Items accepted included newspapers, cardboard, magazines, aluminum and tin, glass and plastic containers with necks (sorry no tubs, lids or caps).

An extremely popular new title in our collection is the biography *John Adams* written by David McCullough. This is a powerful portrait of the brilliant Yankee patriot who is known as one of the founding fathers of this nation.

Library patrons with Internet access at home or work can browse library resources or reserve materials electronically by going to the internet address listed below.

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.wccs.lib.or.us.

Letters to the Editor

Where were you for the public hearing? **Please slow down and drive carefully!!**

To the Editor:

Where were you?

The Park committee, the Council and a handful of citizens came to the public hearing for our Parks Master Plan and fees. After input from all who attended, changes were made and fees were set. A sign was prematurely put up at the Lake and all of a sudden, here comes all the input that we would liked to have had when the hearing was held.

Yes, the hearing was advertised, so that's no excuse. So, where were you?

Now that the sign got your attention, I hope to see you at our next council meeting. Temporarily, the signs have been taken down until more discussion by council.

So, if your only excuses for not showing up at the meeting were "I didn't know," or "It doesn't matter what I say because no one listens anyway," then I guess this letter did not really appear in the paper because the dog ate it before it got to Noni.

Mario Leonetti, Mayor
City of Vernonia

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter as a friendly reminder to the people who drive on State Avenue out toward Keasey Route and Stoney Point Road.

Some people drive by my house traveling at a high rate of speed. I'm concerned for several reasons. The intersection of State Avenue and Stony Point Road is dangerous. Just a couple of weeks ago, there was another accident there. I'm concerned about the pedestrians and bicyclists who walk and ride up and down the hill. There are no sidewalks and, in some places, very little room along the side of this narrow road.

My final concern is for the animals. People who live on State Avenue have dogs and cats. We also enjoy seeing the deer cross the road to get water and eat the apples in our yard. The deer cross State Avenue in many places. I'm really concerned that they will be hit by a speeding car or truck.

Please drive carefully.

Ilene Grady
Vernonia

Letters to the Editor

First book sale was very successful

To the Editor:

Friends of the Vernonia Public Library appreciates the support of our community during our first book sale. We would like to thank everyone who donated or purchased books! The items donated for our raffle were from Chris Burkett, Anne Bloom's Bookstore, Barnes and Noble, Powell's, Mr. Clock and El Donna Williams! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our book sale a success. A special thanks to Joanne Glass. We will start collecting books for next year's sale sometime next spring.

We are always looking for new members. Come help us decide on needed items for the library. Among the ideas we have been considering are new books, a rug for the children's area or funding for an after-school program for children. What do you think?

The library's summer reading program was fun for all. Many children participated in stories, crafts and games. We

thank Nancy for all her efforts and Errold Burch for this year's parade float.

Friends of the
Vernonia Public Library

Cruise in was again a great activity

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, families and friends, for the success of the 10th Annual Jamboree Cruise In, August 4, in Vernonia.

This year, we had 287 entries in 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 the 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.

Thank you for supporting our event. NVSB Car Club

members would like to continue having this event, free to all of our community members.

Thanks, again, for your support.

Glenda DeLemos,
President
Nehalem Valley Speed &
Beauty Car Club

Money is wasted on bad road repairs

To the Editor:

Why in the world did Vernonia (or whomever is responsible) waste money making our roads worse than they were? I drive these roads 5 - 7 days a week and believe me, they are worse, not better. Not to mention, they look horrible. Why not fix one road right instead of doing three roads like this? What a waste of time and money. This is only my opinion, but I've talked to many others who feel the same way.

Traci Williams
Vernonia

When it is a question of money, everybody is of the same religion.

—Voltaire

Ike Says...

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Climbing slowly back into our boats, we started down the stream, which made a sweeping turn to the left. We exited the corner and my face went white. Before us was nothing but white water as far as the eye could see. I could feel my spine stiffen as my mind kept saying "stay loose, have swivel hips, keep the high brace ready, lean forward, don't panic!!!!" We rushed over a small drop, head on into a diagonal wave and then into wave after wave. Some of the waves were a good five feet from their tops to the hole behind them. My kayak would punch into a wave with a wall of water slapping my chest and the spray going over my head, then launch upward as the wave pushed me up. Then I would stare at the hole behind the wave as the kayak slid down the back side. I found that the pillow of frothy water on the downstream side of the holes was soft, since it contained so much air. Troy was in the lead and, soon, he headed into the only side eddy in this whole stretch of chaos.

We were both breathing hard and we could feel the adrenaline coursing through our bodies as we pried our fingers loose from our paddles so we could get some blood flowing back into them. It took us a while to calm down, then we started planning our next moves through the white water below us. There was a large tree in the river just below us, so we had to rush back into the fast moving current and angle hard for the opposite bank to get around the sunken end. I led off and angled as hard as I could without catching an edge and flipping over. I just cleared the log and dropped into the large hole behind it, hoping that it wasn't retentive. We, again, crashed through big waves for a couple hundred yards, until we found an eddy on river left. It was time for lunch and a beer. We took our time eating and savoring that cold beer. We walked downstream and looked over our next obstacle, an island with some wood hazards poking out into the stream.

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