

Letters to the Editor

2002 Fishing Derby was great success

To the Editor:

This year's fishing derby was the largest so far. We had one hundred four young people that participated; lots of good prizes and fun for all of us.

We would like to thank the sponsors who provided the prizes or funds: *The Independent*, Chuck Cradit of Bridge St. Bait and Tackle, and Vernonia Hardware. Without them, we would not have much of a fish derby.

Also, thanks to those who helped with the derby, Chuck Cradit, Don Doan, Maggie and Scott Payton, Dennis Nelson, DeDe Webb, Donna Webb, Greg Schaumburg, Bill Yoe and the young lady who helped hand out the ice cream.

**Don Webb, Fish Derby Chair
Izaak Walton League
Nehalem Valley Chapter
Vernonia**

"Friends" book sale again successful

To the Editor:

Thank you to everyone who made our annual book sale a success.

We appreciate those who made donations for our raffle, including Powell's Books, Craft Warehouse, Learning Ladder, Learning Palace, St. Helens Book Shop, Vernonia Sentry, Buds & Blooms and Oh Fudge. A special thank you to Glen

Purvie for the use of his building.

Last year's funds were used to purchase new books for the library, fund children's program and purchase a pass to the Children's Museum for families to check out.

We will start collecting books for the 2003 sale in the spring.

Friends of the Vernonia Public Library welcome you to join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. If you have any suggestions, please join us.

**Jennifer Butcher for
Friends of the Vernonia
Public Library**

Update on Vernonia Pride projects

To the Editor:

Since Vernonia Pride is still short about \$500 for this year's fireworks, we will be having a pumpkin pie sale for Thanksgiving. Please watch the paper for dates and time. We will accept orders in advance, but will be limited as to how many we can make, so please call 429-5201 early to place your pie order.

Vernonia Pride is also starting a new project. We will be putting plaques on buildings downtown to create an "Historic Walking Tour." We are now in the process of gathering information about buildings.

The Vernonia Museum is always looking for new volunteers to sit. It really is a fun time and you can have a blast look-

ing through the museum while you are there. I bet you will learn something about the community you live in, too. If you would like to volunteer, please call Enid Parrow at 429-8134.

There is one month left for this summer's Yard of the Month. If you have any nominations they can be left at City Hall in the box marked "Yard of the Month."

**Donna Webb for
Vernonia Pride**

Good memories of the late Bob King

To the Editor:

When my wife and I moved to Vernonia, I spent many mornings on the practice green at Vernonia Golf course. I didn't know anyone here and hoped someone would invite me to join in a round of golf. No one did.

Then, one morning, Bob King, his wife Vesta, and Joe Magoff showed up for their usual round of golf. Bob and Joe approached me and asked if I would like to join them. I was delighted. Bob was a competitive golfer who followed the rules, which suited me to a tee. I found them a joy to play with, and we soon developed a friendship. After that, I played with them regularly.

I believe that Bob King, his wife Vesta, Joe Magoff and his wife, Trudy, have greatly enriched this community with their

thoughtfulness and willingness to open their hearts to newcomers. I will never forget the friendship and kindness they offered me at a time when I felt so displaced.

**Marvin Long
Vernonia**

Helping others while having fun at home

To the Editor:

Some did "Dare to Care."

I would like to take a moment and thank all those responsible for the success of the Dare to Care 5K Run, August 17. As a runner, it was very exciting to wake up and drive 1 mile to participate in a fun run. I know the numbers were not great, but how exciting that so many local residents went home with First, Second and Third place ribbons for their effort. I hope this run will become an annual event and grow in numbers to help our own local food bank. Thanks, again, for everyone's hard work.

**A Successful Runner
Bib #1**

**Carla Strand
Vernonia**

It's time for Toy & Joy to seek donations

To the Editor:

Each year, the Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department Association is involved with the local Toy & Joy program. The program has been a great success due to the contributions of citizens, merchants, churches and other businesses. Without this generous support, the program could not continue.

Without the Toy & Joy program, some families may go without Christmas, but with the efforts of our contributors, this will not be the case. You can make a difference.

There is nothing more rewarding than helping to give a child or family a joyous Christmas. Being able to be a part of the process in indescribable. Fire Department members and other helpers come back from delivering to families with signs of emotion that touch the heart.

This letter is intended to ask for your help in assisting us with our program. No gift is too small.

For more information, call Darrell Wolfe or Shelly Cota at
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Between the Bookends

By Ann Krutsinger, Library Assistant
Banks Public Library

Back by popular demand: Miss Cathy and Wednesday morning Preschool Story Time at the Banks Public Library! Don't let the preschoolers miss the wonderful world of books and the library! Story time is held at 10:15 a.m. every Wednesday morning except during school holidays starting September 4th. For more information, please contact the library.

Children in grades five and up are invited to join Club Newbery. Centered on the famous Newbery Award for best children's book of the year, this club is designed for youngsters, from fifth grade and up, 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. Sign-ups are starting now. Group size is limited to 15. Kick off night will be October 10th 7-8:00 p.m.

Have you tried checking out a Cultural Pass to Adventure? The Banks Public Library has passes for The Children's Museum, Chinese Classical Garden, End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, The Japanese Garden, Oregon Historical Society, the Portland Art Museum, World Forestry Center and the Washington County Museum. Anyone with a valid Washington County Library card can check out a one-day pass to any of these places of interest. Reservations can be made by calling the library. Reserve a pass for a family weekend of fun—for free! Some restrictions may apply.

Recycle Saturday, sponsored by the Friends of the Banks Library, is held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month.

**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: Wednesdays, 10:15
a.m., when school is in session.
Phone: (503) 324-1382
Internet: www.WILnet.wccs.lib.or.us.**

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