

"Punk, Rotten and Nasty" author will speak at Banks Public Library

The history of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Co. has been thoroughly documented in a book by local author Paul Michael Clock, who will speak at the Banks Public Library on Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Clock's book, *Punk Rotten & Nasty*, tells the story of the construction of the railroad line now known as the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad, including interesting details about towns that sprang up as the rail

line advanced. Pacific Railway & Navigation (PR&N) was dubbed "Punk Rotten & Nasty" by the men who worked on it because of its many blind curves and high risk in an area often foggy and wet. Clock's presentation will include slides of some photos that were not included in the book.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase in paperback as well as a commemorative signed and numbered hardbound edition.

Jane Kirkpatrick will speak, sign books at Vernonia Public Library

Jane Kirkpatrick, the award-winning author of ten books, including *A Sweetness to the Soul*, and winner of the Wrangler for the Outstanding Western Novel of 1995, will be at the Vernonia Public Library on Sunday, September 22 from 1-2:30 p.m. Kirkpatrick will be signing copies of each of her books, including her newest novel, *A Name of Her Own*. This work of historical fiction is

based on the life of Marie Dori-on, the first mother to cross the Rocky Mountains and remain in the Northwest.

The public is invited to meet Kirkpatrick, enjoy refreshments and discussion with the author and, if you wish, to purchase autographed copies of any of her books. This event is sponsored by the Library Board and The Friends of the Library.

Self-appointed censors try to ban books

Twenty-one intellectual freedom challenges to library materials were reported by Oregon libraries between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002. Seven of the challenged items were designated as children's or young adult materials, and fourteen were materials for adults. Fifteen of the challenges were to books, two were to videotapes, one was to an audio book and three were to magazines. In all twenty-one of the challenges, library staff or a school board decided that the challenged materials should be retained. Three of those items were reclassified.

This information about library challenges is contained in the *Fifteenth Annual Report of*

the Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse, produced by the Oregon Center for the Book at the State Library. The Clearinghouse produces a report annually to document the state of intellectual freedom in Oregon libraries. It is available on the Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse page of the Oregon State Library website: www.osl.state.or.us/home/libdev/oifch.html

The *Fifteenth Annual Report of the Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse* summarizes the reports about library challenges that were submitted by Oregon public libraries or school library media centers in 2001-02. The release of the *Fifteenth Annual Report of the In-*

tellectual Freedom Clearinghouse is timed to coincide with national Banned Books Week, September 21-28, 2002. Banned Books Week is sponsored by the American Library Association, The American Booksellers Association, the Association of American Publishers, the American Society of Journalists and Authors and the National Association of College Stores.

Commemorations sponsored by libraries, bookstores, educational organizations and organizations upholding civil liberties, celebrate the related principles of freedom of speech and the right to read.

Beginning, intermediate Spanish classes at Vernonia Public Library

Spanish language classes for adults will be offered at the Vernonia Public Library this fall. The Portland Community College classes will be taught by Carol Sawyer.

Beginning Spanish is scheduled for 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays, from September 26 through December 12. Cost for the 10 week course is \$77, with senior citizens at half price.

Intermediate Spanish will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Mondays, September 23 through December 9. Cost is \$88, with senior citizens at half price.

Students may pre-register by calling 503-977-4933, or register at the first class. For more information, call 503-397-

1311 or 503-429-4748.

Books for the classes will be available from the instructor, or may be ordered from the publisher for a \$3.00 saving per book. To order from the web site, go to www.doverpublications.com. Orders may also be faxed to 516-294-9758.

For the beginner's class, order *Spanish Picture Word Book*, by Cirker and Steadman, Dover 0-486-27779-8, \$2.95.

Also recommended is *First Spanish Reader*, edited by Angel Flores, Dover 25810-6, \$7.95.

For both classes, *1001 Most Useful Spanish Words*, by Seymour Resnick, Dover 29113-8, \$1.50.

GED classes set at two locations in Vernonia

Portland Community College will again hold GED classes in Vernonia. Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 -11:30 a.m. at Vernonia Head Start, and from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays at Vernonia High School. Those interested may register at class.

There is a \$20.00 fee, per term, with waivers available for people on various forms of assistance. Call PCC at 503-978-5753 for information. Successful GED completion may result in a free college term (\$500 value, some restrictions apply).

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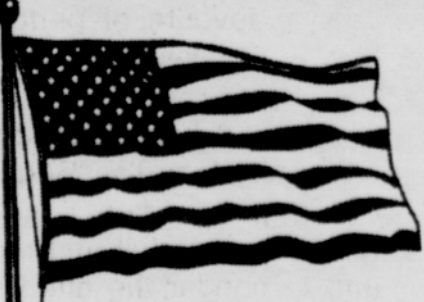
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