

Letters

Pioneer Museum is off to a great start

To the Editor:

We had a very nice open house at the museum. We would like to thank the Golden Oldies for playing during the afternoon for everyone's enjoyment. Thank you to all that stopped by to visit the museum and for the donations. We would like to thank the county for the \$500 to help us get started on preservation of our photos at the museum. Watch for our new sign, Vernonia Pioneer Museum, to be placed soon, donated by Michael Snow. Dan Brown placed our historical plaque on the building. Thanks,

Dan. Thank you, Ralph Keasey, for removing the dead tree at the museum. Everyone working together makes this a special place to live.

**Enid Parrow, President
Vernonia Pioneer Museum**

Vernonia takes care of cemeteries, too

To the Editor:

Vernonia citizens can be proud of their city parks, the fishing lake and hiking trails. Something they may not have thought about is their two cemeteries – they can be proud of them, also.

If you attended the Memorial Day services at the Vernonia

Memorial Cemetery you would have seen carefully groomed grounds, a beautiful avenue of flags, a newly placed granite monument and ceremonies that were second to none.

If you were at the Pioneer Cemetery you would have seen cared-for grounds, a new chain link fence and gate and an attractive new sign. The new fence replaced fencing that had been there 100 years.

Most of these works and improvements were done with donations and volunteer help.

The Cemetery Beautification Committee is having a raffle of two 16-inch collector dolls. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00, and will be on sale

July 18 and 19 and July 25 and 26 at U.S. Bank and Sentry Market. All monies will be used to make more cemetery improvements where needed. Winning tickets will be drawn and announced at the Jamboree Logging show. You need not be present to win.

We hope you will support the raffle. Thank you.

**Ellen Meyer
Vernonia**

Taxes are not used for right purposes

To the Editor:

The legislature keeps trying to come up with a new tax that people will accept, especially a sales tax. But, they will never take a tax off that they impose upon us, or cut off a program that is not cost effective just tax until the taxpayer's back is broken.

Our founding fathers revolted because the king imposed a fraction of what our government is imposing upon us in this day and age. They have implemented programs that are only meant to generate votes for themselves.

One of the most ornery programs is the monies that our state gives to planned parenthood for the killing of our unborn children, and recruiting of our teenagers abortion industry for abortions that the parents don't even know about, also the protecting of phediphiles (sic) who impregnate minor girls and take them for abortions, and the abortion industry never reports the sexual activities as the law in every state mandates that they do, which has been documented by Life Dynamics Inc.

Our state would save multi millions of dollars if they did not fund this abomination.

**Keith Carpenter
Scappoose**

Wonderful turnout for 4th of July events

To the Editor:

The 4th of July – what a great turnout we had for the parade. All those little ones decked out in red, white and blue. Every year we have great cooperation and help from the Police Department, Metro West, Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District and their volunteers. The fire district volunteers are the ones who set up and set off the fireworks for us and they do a great job. Thank you to True Value Hardware

and West Oregon Electric for the use of their trencher for trenching for the fireworks.

Now, a special thank you to all the volunteers who made our fireworks display so special. John O'Leary, Tim Bamberg, Greg Schaumburg, Matt Davis, Tom Ramsey, Wayne Vaughn, Darrel Wolfe, Norm Brown, Jessica Davis, Brandi Landry, Ben Davis, Kody Watts, Jess Borders and Darryl Norton. Fire Chief Paul Epler has always been a great help whenever asked to make our fireworks display go smoothly.

Each year it seems to be the best display yet. Thanks to everyone who donated to the fund, mailed in donations, donating after the fireworks or putting money in the jars downtown.

The spaghetti dinner was very good – thanks to Lew's. Thank you to the school district for the use of the school grounds, and thank you Cub Scout Troop 201 for cleaning the school grounds of the trash left behind. Last, I would like to thank the three young ladies who helped me line up the parade and get it on its way, Jeannie, Shelly and Darlene.

**Enid Parrow for
Vernonia Pride**

Invitation from WRC

To the Editor:

On Thursday, July 24, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Columbia County Women's Resource Center is sponsoring an Open House of the shelter, The Starting Place. We would like to invite the community to stop by and visit us to say "Hello", have something to eat and to tour the facility.

The Staff and Board of Directors at the Columbia County Women's Resource Center would like the community to know that we appreciate all your concern and support of the Columbia County Women's Resource Center and our shelter. Thank you very much for being such concerned and involved community members. The success of the Columbia County Women's Resource Center depends on your continued support and encouragement.

We look forward to seeing you. If you are unclear as to our location, please call 503-397-7110 for directions.

**Vickie J. Hagan, Exec. Dir.
Women's Resource Center**

Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian
Vernonia Public Library



and animals. Yet to come are the topics of

It's hard to believe that July is half over already. That means that the library's Summer Reading programs are at the halfway point also. Youngsters have been "Reading! Discovering! Exploring!" science, history, music,

their reading goals. Some very nice prizes are yet to be claimed, including certificates for yoyos which may be redeemed in Sentry's video department. Sentry, as a member of United Grocers, is one of the sponsors of this summer's program.

Whitney Otto (author of *How to Make an American Quilt*) and Pat Gold (authority on Chinookan Nations and other Native American peoples and traditions) recently presented very entertaining programs at the library. Both are delightful ladies and it was a pleasure to have them here in Vernonia.

The last official book drop for donations to The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be Saturday, July 26 from 10-12. The book sale will be held on Saturday, August 2nd (Jamboree Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Many, many books have been collected, so plan on finding a great selection from which to choose. All books will be \$.25 each, with selected items selling at only \$1.00 a bag. There will also be two books to be raffled. All money from this book sale will be used to benefit the library.

New acquisitions include *Runaway Heart* by Stephen Cannell, *Last to Die* by James Grippando, *Bare Bones* by Kathy Reichs, *Living History* by Hillary Rodham Clinton, *Death Trap* by Sue Henry, and *The Lake House* by James Patterson.

Next book discussion group will meet July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Books being discussed will be *The Giver* by Lois Lowry and *The Language of Sisters* by Amy Yurk. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

The library is a very pleasant place to be on these hot days and evenings. It's nice to just sit and read a book or magazine in air-conditioned comfort. The computers are always available for the public. If you'd like to try using the Internet for the first time or need to use a computer to type a résumé or letter, someone is on hand to help. The library is a cool place.

**Vernonia Public Library: 701 Weed Ave.
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, 10:00
a.m., when school is in session.
Phone: (503) 429-1818**



Pat Gold at Vernonia Public Library

space, nature, community, and water. Kate Conley is leading the fun-filled, educational programs for ages seven and older at Anderson Park, while youngsters age six and under meet at the library for theme-related stories and activities. Reading goals are being met and prizes are being awarded for meeting individual goals. Four children have already met 100 percent of