

## Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian  
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At the conclusion of another Summer Reading program, I once again feel both relief and regret. The planning and extra work involved is balanced against the satisfaction of seeing youngsters and parents have fun with reading-related activities and comes up on the short end of the scale. The attendance at this summer's presentations averaged 50 at each of the 8 sessions. This was due to a large extent to the ingenious activities for the older youngsters that were planned and executed by Kate Conley and to the direct involvement of the parents who helped weekly with their younger children at the library. Other merchants, organizations, and individuals who helped make the program a success include Sentry Market, Farmwoman's Nursery, Vernonia Rural Fire Department, Friends of the Library, City of Vernonia, Fred Meyer, WalMart, St. Helens Book Shop, Edith Nelson, Orissa Burghard, Trish Maldonado, Jennifer Scribner, and Dylan Burch. This list does not include the dedicated parents who all deserve rewards for their help. Maybe next year rewards should be given to the parents as well as the youngsters. Prizes for reading goals may be claimed through mid-September, with many good things yet available from which to choose.

While the focus of activities at the library during the summer months has been on children, a presentation that should be of interest to many of the adults in the community has been scheduled for September 23, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. This will be an Oregon Chautauqua program, by retired Air Force intelligence officer Rich Francona, entitled "Japanese Attacks on Oregon in World War II." A piece of Oregon history will be brought to life with this lecture and discussion of a well-planned

and executed Japanese military operation that ultimately failed. Since Mr. Francona resides in Port Orford, he will be spending the night in Vernonia, with a night's lodging being donated by the Staggenborgs, owners of the Vernonia Inn. Mark your calendars for this presentation, which is being made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

The book sale that was held during Jamboree weekend was a successful money-raising event with proceeds to benefit the library. This was a project of The Friends of the Library who would like to thank everyone who helped with this event. I would personally like to thank Joann Glass and her family for all of the extra effort they put forth prior, during and after the sale.

Recent acquisitions include *Under the Banner of Heaven* by Jon Krakauer, *Every Fixed Star* by Jane Kirkpatrick, *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel, *The Kennedy Curse* by Edward Klein, *Johnny Angel* by Danielle Steel, *Kate Remembered* by Scott Berg, *Cyanide Wells* by Marcia Muller, *To the Nines* by Janet Evanovich, *Clear and Convincing Proof* by Kate Wilhelm, *Naked Empire* by Terry Goodkind, *Presumption of Death* by Perri O'Shaughnessy, *Street Dreams* by Faye Kellerman, *Ghost Riders* by Sharyn McCrumb, *Lucia, Lucia* by Adriana Trigiani, and *Exit Wounds* by J. A. Jance. Somewhere on this list, there should be something for just about everyone. If so, wonderful! If not, come in and browse till you find something that fits your reading, listening, or viewing desire. (I highly recommend *Exit Wounds*. I think it is one of the best of Jance's Joanna Brady mysteries.)

**Vernonia Public Library:** 701 Weed Ave.  
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## Open House for Chris Scheuerman and Scott van Dyken

Dr. Christopher Scheuerman, D.M.D., and Dr. Scott van Dyken, D.M.D., will host an open house on Friday, September 5, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Wauna Federal Credit Union Building, 622 Bridge Street, Vernonia.

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with Dr. van Dyken and his family. Tours of the dental office will be provided and refreshments will be served.

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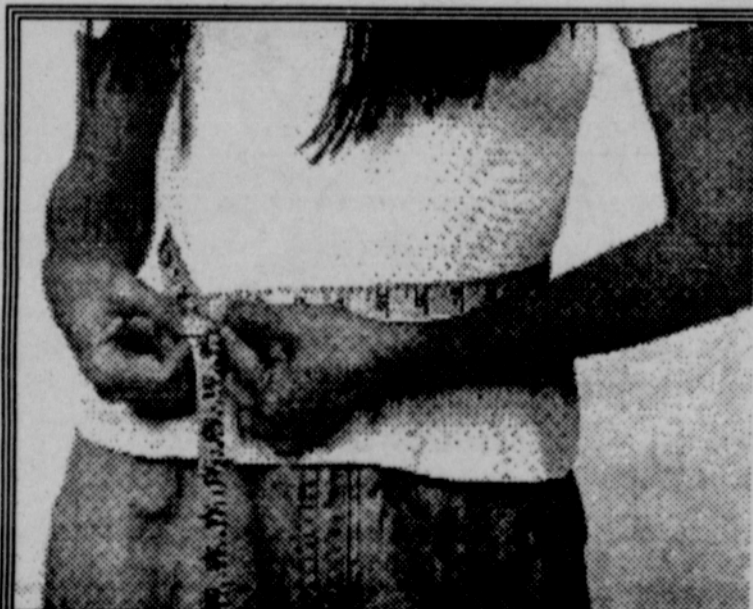
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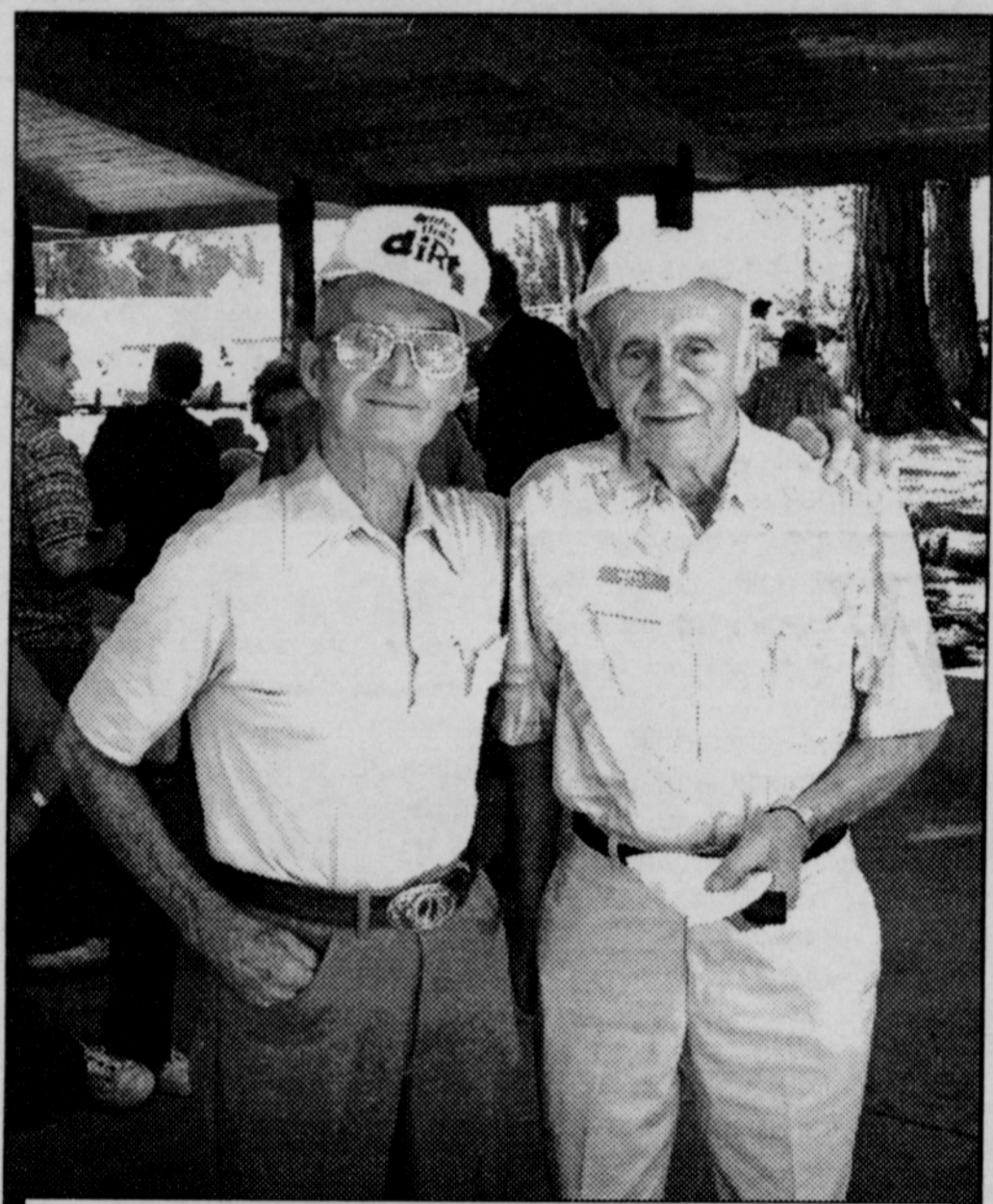
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## Large crowd attends annual Vernonia old-timers reunion



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**Duke Goertler and George Lee, at right, were the only two former employees of Oregon-American Mill.**

More than 200 people attended the annual Old Grads and Vernonia Society get-together, better known as the Old Timers' Picnic, August 17. Among notable attendees at the Anderson Park picnic were the following:

Oldest Man - Cecil Johnson, 96-1/2.

Oldest Lady - Julia Davis Coleman, 93.

Came furthest - Jan Pearson Coxey, Woodbridge, Virginia, Class of 1968.

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