

## Columbia County Fair & Rodeo will run from July 21 through 25

Pre-Fair ticket sales for the 2004 Columbia County Fair & Rodeo have begun. Save \$3.00 by purchasing Carnival Ride Tickets by Monday, July 19, from participating locations. The pre-sold carnival ride tickets must be taken to the Carnival ticket office during the Fair to receive an all-day-ride wristband. Each carnival ticket is good for one day of carnival fun for one person. This ticket does not include admission into the Fair. The Carnival will open at noon each day July 21-25.

Season Passes for children, students, adults and seniors are also available. A season pass will save one day of admission for the entire week of the Fair. A season pass is perfect for those who want to enjoy

each day's special events – the My Fair Lady Pageant and Stock Car Races on Wednesday, the Exceptional Rodeo, Baby Contest and Junior Rodeo on Thursday, NPRA Rodeo on Friday and Saturday, Logging Show on Saturday, and the Truck/Tractor Pull on Sunday.

All Pre-Fair Tickets can be purchased through Monday, July 14, (cash only) at West Oregon Electric in Vernonia, South County Spotlight in Scappoose, Chamber of Commerce in St. Helens, Columbia County Fairgrounds office in St. Helens, plus locations in Rainier and Clatskanie.

Fair Exhibitor Books are now available at locations throughout the county.

Now is the time for Junior Rodeo applications. Some entries are limited. Events will include Barrel Racing, Steer Daubin', Steer Riding, Breakaway Roping and Mutton Bustin'. Each Entry is \$20 (cash only).

Entry forms for the annual Talent Competition at the Fair & Rodeo can be picked up at all pre-fair ticket sales locations. Entries are due on or before June 30 by 5:00 p.m., at the Fair Office.

For further information call the Columbia County Fairgrounds office at 503-397-4231.

## Wills is named Postmaster of Vernonia

James Wills has been appointed as Vernonia's new Postmaster as of Saturday, June 12.

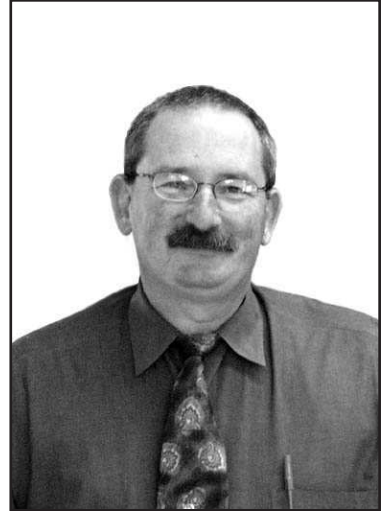
"I am very excited to be given the opportunity to serve as the new Postmaster of Vernonia," Wills said. "I'm really looking forward to getting involved in the local community and representing the Postal Service."

Wills, 53, began his Postal Service career 18 years ago as a part time carrier in Tigard. After converting to full time, he served at the St. John's Post Office, and for five years delivered the Columbia Villa route.

Promoted in 1993 to Supervisor of Customer Service at the University Station in Portland, Wills has also held supervisory positions in Astoria and Seaside.

"I've had a great first impression from the Postal employees in Vernonia, and I'm looking forward to working with them to provide great service to our Postal customers," said Wills.

Wills is married with grown children and two grandchildren. He's also an outdoorsman who enjoys fishing, hunting and cycling.



New Postmaster of Vernonia Station, James Wills.

### Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian  
Vernonia Public Library



Registration forms for this summer's library reading program are available at the library. This year's theme, *Discover New Trails @ Your Library*, will be incorporated in a variety of fun-filled activities on Wednesdays for youngsters in Vernonia. Children

ages 6 and under will meet at the library at 10 a.m. with Camrin Eyrrick. School-aged youngsters will meet at 10 a.m. in Anderson Park with Linda Johnston **unless noted in the following schedule.**

- June 23 Oregon Museum School Days  
Preschool 10 a.m.  
**School-age 11:15 a.m.**
- June 30 Preschool—Animals on the Trail with Lewis & Clark  
School age—Trails into Space
- July 7 Preschool—Gold rush  
School age—On the Trail with Lewis & Clark
- July 14 Oregon Museum—On the Oregon Trail  
Preschool 10 a.m.  
**School age 11:15 a.m.**
- July 21 Preschool—Horse and Pony Trails  
School age—On the Trail West  
**Lewis & Clark and Lena 7 p.m.**  
**Special Program for everyone**
- July 28 Preschool—Cowboy Adventures  
School age—Scavenger Hunt and Games
- August 4 Build Jamboree Float—Both age groups at library at 10 a.m.

This is a program that encourages reading and learning while having fun. All are welcome to enjoy these free activities.

Another suggestion for a fun and free summer activity is to experience the Children's Museum with the family pass that may be checked out from the library, courtesy of The Friends of the Library.

As the Friends of the Library prepare for their annual book sale, they have announced that do-

nated books may be dropped off from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 26, or Saturday, July 31, at Glen Purvee's building, 950 Bridge Street. The book sale will be held during Jamboree weekend. The next meeting of The Friends of the Library will be Tuesday, July 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

My recommendations for adult summer reading light/romance are novels by Barbara Delinsky, Debbie Macomber, and Kristin Hannah. For mystery with a little humor and sometimes quirky characters, I would recommend Sue Grafton, Janet Evanovich and Lisa Scottoline and for outdoor adventure/mystery authors, C.J. Box and Steve Hamilton. Each of these authors has several previous books to their credit and also each has a recently released or soon to be released novel. The newest titles for each author in the order they were mentioned are *The Summer I Dared*, *The Shop on Blossom Street*, *The Things We Do for Love*, *R is for Ricochet*, *Ten Big Ones*, *Killer Smile*, *Trophy Hunt*, and *Ice Run*. Watch for these and other new publications to give some spice to your summer reading.

The book being read by the discussion group is *Resistance*, by Anita Shreve. Copies of this book are available for anyone wishing to read it for discussion on Tuesday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m.

For young adult readers, new acquisitions include a series called, *Mysteries in our National Parks* which includes mysteries set in Carlsbad Caverns National Park and Denali National Park Preserve.

Paula Hanson is responsible for the eye-catching theme displays that are now appearing in the library. At present, a very appropriate patriotic display featuring Uncle Sam, Abe Lincoln, Davy Crockett, plenty of flags, and red, white and blue hats is being featured. The thematic books near the display case are library property and patrons are encouraged to check them out

**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.  
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