

Letters

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and learned that it had been postponed until the following week. So, I cancelled my childcare and waited until the following week.

Now October has rolled around and, once again, I made plans to attend the school board meeting. And just as last month, I called the day of the meeting to confirm. This

time I learned that, once again, they had changed the date, only this time they held the meeting two days prior, therefore I missed it all together! And while I was on the phone I also learned that the November meeting has moved to yet a different date and time.

To my knowledge the only way I would have known about the change in the October

meeting was to read the reader board attached to the high school. First of all, when I am driving by any of the schools I am busy concentrating on driving and watching the many kids running down the sidewalk and darting into the street, so reading the reader board is not something I typically do.

School board meetings are intended for the inquiring pub-

lic, and though there is not usually a large population in attendance, there are people like myself who look forward to the time and make the plans necessary to be there.

I am asking that you [the school board] stay with a schedule so our community can make plans according to it. And if the meeting date or time does have to change, then find a more productive way of getting the information out to the general public.

It is important to me to be there and when the schedule changes so often I feel as though the opportunity for me to stay informed and involved is being taken away.

**Amy Cieloha
Vernonia**

Apple pie and art, a great combination!

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful "Apple Pie Bakers," who so generously entered and donated pies for the Contest and oral auction during the Salmon Festival this year. As usual, it was a roaring success! The winner was Nancy Dailey. Thanks to the judges, too, Carolyn Keasey and Robyn Bassett. They had a daunting task choosing among the entries.

Also...I want to thank all the artists who so kindly displayed the art work for the Hands On Art Contest. I, myself, found merit for future Salmon Fest advertising in every entry. The People's Choice Winner was J. Angus McLean.

So keep your artistic pencils sharp! Next year, I may be calling on you all again.

My sincerest thanks,
**Sally Harrison
Vernonia**

Return Tony Hyde to County Commission

To the Editor:

I have known Tony Hyde, County Commissioner, for 25 years. I know how much he cares about Vernonia and Columbia County and wants to see this area succeed.

Being on the "other side of the hill" Vernonia has been forgotten when monies are distributed. His networking has

brought Vernonia their fair share of government funding. On City Council, I have seen the results of his efforts to help Vernonia.

I personally support Tony and ask the community to allow him to continue his good work. Please vote for Tony Hyde for County Commissioner.

**Shirlee Daughtry
City Councilor
Vernonia**

Extremism of Measure 34 is bad for Oregon

To the Editor

Measure 34 is not a pro-ecoterrorism bill. But it is closer to the spirit of self-righteously torching SUV's than the reasonable timber management plan that it seeks to overturn. It is an unbalanced extreme measure. I urge you to vote NO on 34.

The reasonable plan for managing state-owned "Tillamook Burn" forests, a plan which is already in place, was arrived at after a seven year planning process. The planning process included all knowledgeable stake holders.

Environmental interests were at the negotiating table. They won the ceding of 20% of the management area for the purpose of stream side improvement and support of salmon runs. And they signed off on the plan.

Now comes an extreme fringe of environmentalists who want 50% more than was gotten at the negotiating table. That's bad enough, but going this greedy way will cost the counties of the "Tillamook Burn" area a total of \$35 million in timber harvest revenues. These are revenues for schools and county government, revenues which these financially strapped counties desperately need and to which the counties have a moral right.

The counties also have a legal right. So if Measure 34 passes, one result will be a legal challenge to regain lost timber revenues from the State. If the counties win, the State will pay the counties, that is to say we will all pay.

Another result: Schools are guaranteed a certain level of funding by the State. State timber revenue reduces the amount paid by the State. Since Measure 34 reduces state timber revenue, the State will have to take funding from somewhere else.

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Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian
Vernonia Public Library



Autumn Treasures

*Leaves are swirling,
twirling, spiraling down,
Leisurely, silently, to the
ground.*

*Trees are dressed in
shades so bold,
With amber, scarlet, orange
and gold.*

*Bushy-tailed friends are as busy as can be.
Geese honk overhead as they fly in a 'V'.
To an orchard a tractor leads the way,
While children and parents relax in hay.*

*Tall cornstalks dry in whispering winds.
Hot cider is enjoyed with family and friends.
Nuts are gathered from the nourished earth.
Signs of the season show autumn's worth.*

By Stacy Smith, Anderson, Indiana

This poem was taken from the October/November issue of *Birds & Blooms*. Among the many interesting autumn pictures and articles in the same issue is a 2-page spread featuring the Klamath Basin and its migratory birds—bald eagles, geese and ducks. I always love seeing articles in prominent magazines which show Oregon in the positive way it deserves. The latest issue of *Reminisce* has a great article about Green Stamps (remember them?), while pumpkins and squash are featured in *Organic Gardening*. The October issue of *Country Living* features 37 pages of magical Halloween ideas and November's *Better Homes and Gardens* features all kinds of holiday ideas including natural decorations, a home-grown Thanksgiving celebration, as well as an article on autism. Be sure to check out these and 26 other magazines on your next library visit.

The month of October means that the Reading Enrichment Program is once again happening in the library on Monday afternoons at 3:30 when school is in session. This year, Trish Maldonado and Linda Johnston will be sharing the leadership of these weekly events. Both ladies are excited about introducing new projects involving reading and fun. This program is funded with a grant from the Columbia County Commission on Children & Family, through the State of Oregon, and is free to youngsters of the community. Recommended ages are 6-12.

Camrin Eyrick will be conducting a brand new program, also beginning in October (Thursday,

October 28 at 7:00 p.m.). This will be an evening, pre-bedtime, story time, including some relaxing movements and a couple of soothing stories. Recommended ages are 3-10, with the success of this program determining how often it will be held. This program is initially funded by the Children's Services Grant from the State Library. Schedules for both of these programs are available in the library.

When planning fall activities, remember that The Friends of the Library continue to make available a family pass to the Children's Museum. New fall exhibits include a build, climb and construct area, a water experimental table, an area to experiment with wind, and an area in which to explore sound and music. In November, holiday gift-making workshops will begin on Sundays for youngsters ages 6 and older. These are just some of the activities in which parents and children may take part with the family pass to this museum.

The pumpkin weight-guessing contest must end shortly. (The pumpkin will not last too much longer.) Participants have had fun guessing and winners of the "surprise gift bags" will be announced at the October 25th Reading Enrichment session.

As you may surmise, I love this season with its beautiful colors, changes in weather, and enjoyment of a good book by a warm fire. If you are in the mood to cuddle up with a good book, the library's new acquisitions offer a variety of choices, including *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve, *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith, *Double Homicide* by Faye and Jonathan Kellerman, *The Thanksgiving Wish* by Michael Rosen, *Sugar Cookie Murder* by Joanne Fluke and *The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty* by Kitty Kelley.

Remember that the next Chautauqua program will be Thursday, November 18th at 2:00 p.m. Mary Bywater Cross will be presenting, "The Ties That Bind: Quilts of Community."

Be reminded, also, that library patrons who do not own property in Vernonia and thus do not pay city taxes, will now be paying \$30.00 a year per household to check out materials from the library. This amount is closer to the amount that city residents pay to support the library.

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, 10:30 a.m., when school is in session.

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