

Letters

People, ideas wanted for community events

To the Editor:

It is that time of year again when the Riverfest and Jamboree committees are seeking volunteers. Anyone interested in helping, or who has ideas for the festivals should attend the meetings. Riverfest (April 23) meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Buckhorn Restaurant. Jamboree (August 5-7) meetings are on the 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m. at the Buckhorn. Ideas are needed anywhere from entertainment to vendors. There is a place for everyone interested in doing anything. There are lots of exciting new ideas to explore, but we need community input and help to make these events a success. Come join the fun.

For information, call Mark Hall at 503-429-8382

Vernonia Riverfest and Jamboree Committees

Reward offered for info about vandalism

To the Editor:

Vernonia Pride would like to express appreciation for the efforts of individuals and for the community's hard work to keep Vernonia shining. Unfortunately, over the last few weeks there have been senseless acts of vandalism on Webb Way and around the lake.

Vernonia Pride is committed to Vernonia's beauty and livability and is offering a reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. Your name will be kept confidential if you wish. If you can help, please call 503-429-7335. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian
Vernonia Public Library



Many activities will be taking place in the library this spring.

Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held in the Thiele-Petti Room. Lots of books for

children and adults, as well as some videos, will be for sale at the low cost of 25¢ per item. All proceeds will be used to benefit the library and library programs.

Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. – Musical presentation by Mark and Helena Greathouse, featuring accordion music and singing of Czechoslovak folksongs as well as familiar melodies. This event is sponsored by The Vernonia Study Club and should be very entertaining. We are hoping for a large audience to honor Mark Greathouse, whose mother, Kathryn Malmsten Greathouse, was a long-time resident of the area, and who has made some generous donations to the library.

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. – Bedtime Stories and activities with Camrin Eyrick. Camrin will have some fun-filled activities as well as milk and cookies for youngsters just before they go home and climb into bed.

Monday, April 4 at 5:30 p.m. – Book discussion, *Prodigal Summer*, by Barbara Kingsolver.

Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. – Friends of the Library meeting and election of new officers.

Friday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. – Emily Francona will be here courtesy of the Oregon Council for the Humanities to present a Chautauqua program entitled "Demystifying Intelligence." The Franconas have been here before and the audience will be assured of a very educational, entertaining evening. Once again, the Staggenborgs of Vernonia Inn are providing overnight lodging for the Franconas. This program is sponsored by the Library Board and The Friends of the Library; refreshments will be provided.

Monday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m. – Mary Esther Hart will be here with many of her interesting reptiles from Hart's Reptile World, as she tells about them and allows touching of the reptiles by those who wish to do so. This event is also sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. till 12 noon – Stella Bellingham Saturn will be featured at a book signing of her newest publication, *The Nehalem River Valley; Settling the Big Timberland, 1860-2002*.

Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. – Mystery writer Patricia Rushford will be signing books and discussing the writing process. We are extremely lucky that Rushford, an award-winning author and speaker whose book sales total over a million copies, will be here in Vernonia. Most of her mysteries are set in the Northwest and two of her later books, *Deadly Aim* and *Dying to Kill* have

just been added to the library's collection. (You might want to check these out before Ms. Rushford's appearance.) Heather Lewis, whose mother belongs to Ms. Rushford's writing group, has made all of the arrangements for Ms. Rushford to come to the library as well as to Vernonia High School.

Wednesday, May 11 from 2:30 till 4:30 p.m. – Annual Spring Tea sponsored by Vernonia Study Club. Local musical talent will entertain and wonderful refreshments will be provided.

There will be another "Adopt a Book for the Library" with featured books reflecting spring topics for adults and the up-coming Summer Reading theme of dragons and magic for youngsters. This event will take place through April and will end with the mid-May Study Club Tea.

Be sure and mark your calendars for these events and remember that Pre-School Story time is always on Monday mornings at 10:30, the Reading Enrichment Activities are on Monday afternoons at 3:30 when school is in session, and the Chess Club meets on Fridays about 2:00 p.m., also when school is in session.

It must be that time of year again, when favorite authors of Vernonia readers are releasing great new books. These new releases include *Prince of Fire* by Daniel Silva, *War at Home* by Kris Nelscott, *The Ambassador's Son* by Homer Hickam, *Lost Lake* by Phillip Margolin, *The Bay at Midnight* by Diane Chamberlain, *Sympathy Between Humans* by Jodi Compton, *Impossible* by Danielle Steel, *Sugar Camp Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini, *The Rising* by Tim Lahaye and Jerry Jenkins, *Missing Persons* by Stephen White and *Vanishing Acts* by Jodi Picoult. I've only had a chance to read Picoult's *Vanishing Acts* which focuses on another controversial subject, parental abduction and if it is ever justified. I'm part way through *Sympathy Between Humans* by Jody Compton and enjoying it very much as it takes up where her previous novel, *The 37th Hour*, ended (?). Detective Sarah Pribek's husband, Shiloh, is in jail and her ex-partner and good friend, Genevieve, is in France where she took refuge after the murder of the killer of her beloved daughter. Sarah, surrounded by colleagues who know her to be a murder suspect, keeps her demons at bay by becoming involved in two more intriguing cases. This promises to be another winner for author Jodi Compton. Of course, I can hardly wait to read the latest by Portland author, Phillip Margolin and Oregon Coast author, Kris Nelscott.

With the activities taking place at the library, with books (new and old), videos, audio books, magazines and computer use, the library continues to be a great source of entertainment and education for the citizens of the community.

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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