

Between the Bookends

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Banks Public Library



Preschool Storytime continues with Miss Cathy on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Themes for this month are:

December 7th, Winter Wonderland

December 14th, Happy Holidays

There will be no storytime on December 21 or 28. Miss Cathy will return on January 4, 2006.

The friends of the library are offering the opportunity to order books for your holiday shopping needs. Please contact the library at (503) 324-1382 or stop by. You can also send me an e-mail at <banksfolbookfest@yahoo.com>, if that is easier. We will be accepting orders through December 10th.

The library is also preparing for summer reading 2006 with a shirt sale. You can pre-order t-shirts in adult, teen and kid sizes. We also have denim shirts available. Please contact us at the library for more information.

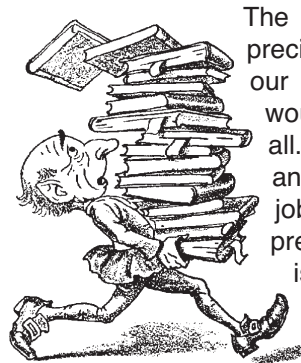
The library now has a new tea shop mystery by writer Laura Childs, *Chamomile Mourning*. This bestselling author of *The Jasmine Moon Murder* stirs up a savory new suspense novel, boiling over with mystery and flavored with a hint of foul play. Included are a delicious recipe and tea-making tips.

A new book by author Ken Follett, *Whiteout*, involves a missing canister containing a deadly virus, and a lab technician bleeding from the eyes. Toni Gallo, security director of a Scottish medical research firm, knows she has problems, but she has no idea of the nightmare to come. This is a book of human betrayal, medical terror and a race against time.

The library will be closed December 24th and 31st.

The Friends of the Banks Library help in many different ways. Their financial contributions include paying for Preschool Storytime, Summer Reading Program entertainers and prizes, and the Hot Titles Sizzler Book Collection. The funding for these items comes from a few different sources. Annual membership dues are a primary source of their financial support. Members can set their own level of involvement; some offer financial support only, others help with the Swatco recycling, the plant and book sale and are active members of group.

Recycling is held at the Swatco depot on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are on hand to help with the unloading and sorting of items. For more information or to volunteer, contact Joyce Krull at 503-359-9371.



The library staff greatly appreciates the Friends and our library volunteers, and would like to thank them all. They put in a lot of time and energy, making our job easier. Anyone with previous experience who is interested in helping with various library tasks, is invited to call us.

Banks Public Library: 111 Market Street.

Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12 - 7:00 p.m.;
Fri. and Sat. 12 - 5:00 p.m.

Preschool Story Time:

Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

Phone: (503) 324-1382 for information
(503) 846-3245 to renew material

Internet: <www.WILnet.wccls.lib.or.us.>
to browse library resources, to
reserve or renew materials online.

You will need your card number and
password to renew by phone or online.

Ike Says

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lands, your phone call will certainly be answered a lot faster than in the past. These officers coordinate their schedules to provide overlapping coverage with each other and with the permanent OSP game division officers. Their schedules are also spread out during the year, so there may be coverage outside of hunting seasons, as well. You just might find one out and about any time of the day or night or year!

Did you see Grant McComie's piece on Channel 2 News last week? The Disabled Hunter Program got a review by Grant that is helping to open the eyes of many people who have become affected by this program. The original intent of the program was right on, but with the relaxing of rules a few years back, there has been a flood of new participants and, as McComie pointed out, the program is being abused.

The abuse stems from more liberal bag limits for disabled hunters, allowing either sex animals to be taken; other hunters may generally take only bulls. The number of participants in the handicap program has sky rocketed, resulting in problems for the antlerless harvest. The district

biologist for Saddle Mountain unit has had to take action to keep from harming the unit's elk population; next year there will be a drastic reduction in antlerless tags to the general public. This would be fine in my book if it was to truly cover disabled hunters' harvest, but it is becoming apparent that some people qualifying for the program are not truly disabled. Another problem is that other hunters in disabled hunters' parties are taking animals for the disabled person illegally.

In 2003, 189 disabled hunters took 63 cow elk and 15 bulls. This may not be a high success rate, but it has to be accounted for. Each year the disabled tag numbers increase and the additional harvest has to come from somewhere. ODF&W is currently reviewing the disabled hunter program and is talking about making everybody reapply for permits, along with other measures.

Izaak Walton League

Nehalem Valley Chapter meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Call 503-429-7193 for location of meeting.

Letters

Vernonia kids shine with sportsmanship

To the Editor:

The Vernonia Youth Football (both girls and boys) grades 3 through 6 have outclassed the other area teams. Once again, the people of Vernonia should be very proud of the kids playing "Little Guy Football." Games were played with teams from the following areas – Astoria, Banks, Clatskanie, Gaston, Ilwaco, Seaside and Warrenton.

Several Saturday double-headers were played throughout the season. The local teams may not have won as many games as the other areas. Most teams had larger rosters and, yes, even larger players.

HOWEVER, they won in the most important area, that of sportsmanship. All of the players showed a whole lot of class in their games. Thanks to the coaches involved in the program.

The citizens of Vernonia should be proud of the teams/coaches and how well they represented your town.

Bill Shaw
Grandparent (of a player)
Aloha

Corsiglia expenditures violate County rules

To the Editor:

The Spotlight's article (11/16) on County Commissioner Joe Corsiglia's violation of the County's purchasing rules to buy what he feels like buying at County expense was surprising on several counts. The rule is that proposed purchases have to go through the Purchasing Department to see if there is money for the purchase in the budget, to have someone review spending priorities for our tax dollars, and to allow Purchasing to get us a better price. According to the article, Corsiglia just ignores these rules on an ongoing basis. He makes the rules but he thinks he doesn't have to obey them.

Secondly, after having bought himself the first new desk without authorization (cost unspecified in the article) he then decided to buy himself something much better, a new

"special order Hampton Collection" desk for \$1,111.55 and demanded that taxpayers pay for that, too. Finally, he went out on his own to buy \$800 worth of equipment for the county's PR person – again, no authorization – and demanded that we pay for it.

Grand total of unauthorized expenditures of our tax dollars is at least \$2,000. This \$2,000 is the equivalent of four months rent for a poor family, or roughly 1,000 meals for the hungry, or medical care for a vet that can't get service at a VA hospital because of budget cuts. Any of these are surely better ways to spend our tax dollars than "special order Hampton Collection" desks for Commissioner Corsiglia.

Yours truly,
Michael F. Sheehan
Scappoose

Ed. Note: According to Columbia County Counsel John Knight, the referenced newspaper article was based on a misunderstanding of County purchasing policies, and Commissioner Corsiglia's purchase of a camera and printer for the County Economic Development Department was properly authorized.

Variety show raised \$500 to help others

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Hands on Art board, I want to say thanks to all the performers and the audience who attended our first variety show benefit. We raised \$500 for Habitat for Humanity to help Gulf Coast victims and had a great time doing it.

Special kudos go to Carol Pelster, who came to Hands on Art with the idea to do something for the Katrina victims. She did the lion's share of the work in planning and directing the show.

We thank Mayor Sally Harrison for being a great emcee, and we extend special thanks to Photo Solutions for their generous contribution.

I think I speak for the rest of the audience in saying that we all had a delightful evening discovering the many talents of our local folks. Hands on Art hopes to make this an annual event to benefit local charities.

Tobie Finzel, for
Vernonia Hands on Art