

## Letters

### Objection to county house-moving site

To the Editor:

The week of July 3, the Columbia County Planning Commission approved on a 4-3 vote an application to site a house moving business at the corner of Highway 30 and Gilmore Road, just north of Scappoose.

The business would involve moving older stickbuilt houses (not manufactured homes) down Hwy 30 during daylight hours with many coming down Cornelius Pass Road. These houses would then be stored on the Gilmore Road property until they are moved again to their final destination. The esti-

mated number of house moving trips per year was approximately 40. Recall that Cornelius Pass is 2 lanes only and Hwy 30 north of Columbia City is only 2 lanes. These structures can be 36 feet wide and would require 2 lanes of traffic plus the center divider area.

Objections were raised as to the impact on normal traffic flow of moving these houses on Hwy 30 and Cornelius Pass but these were overruled.

Users of Hwy 30 and Cornelius Pass having concerns about the impact of moving these large structures down the middle of the highway on a continuing basis, or the ability of citizens and other businesses to get back and forth may wish

to call the County Commissioners at 397-4322.

Yours truly,

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Scappoose**

### Safety restrictions on Parade participants

To the Editor:

The Jamboree Committee, along with the VPD have come to the conclusion that starting this year, due to liability, insurance and safety issues, any person 18 years of age and younger will not be permitted to ride a three wheeler, quad, four wheeler, dirt bike or motorcycle

in the Jamboree parade. So, if you or anyone you know was planning to do so, be forewarned that this cannot happen.

We want to get the word out now so you won't be disappointed on parade day.

Thank you,

**Robb Wilson and  
The Jamboree Committee**

### Timber Junction will fall to modernization

To the Editor:

It's time to say "Goodbye" to an old friend. I had lunch at the Timber Junction Cafe, and owner Donna Herr told me it has been sold and will close Friday, July 14.

George and Donna Herr bought the cafe four years ago, intending to resell it. Donna, however, did not want to close the restaurant, so kept it open, serving good, high-quality food.

She and George have made a number of improvements over the years, including the fish ponds. Donna is concerned about the fate of the trout and large-mouth bass in her ponds, and also about the hummingbirds she has faithfully fed over the years.

Donna says she has met many nice people at the cafe, and will miss everyone. George and Donna thank their friends, neighbors, and customers for the support they received. Donna and George have no immediate plans; however, Donna says she will continue to teach oil painting.

Unfortunately, this old landmark cafe will be razed and be replaced by a wine-tasting center and art gallery.

So, Goodbye, Good luck and God bless to George, Donna and the Timber Junction crew. We'll miss you!

**Judith Stefan  
Vernonia**

## Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian  
Vernonia Public Library



It was great to know the library was in competent hands while Errold and I were gone. Orissa, Camrin and Susan are the ladies deserving the credit for keeping the library running efficiently during the month we were in Alaska.

Our trip was wonderful; the scenery was spectacular; the weather was perfect; and of course some books by Alaskan authors were purchased and added to the library's collection. These were found at Mary's McKinley Lodge near Mt. McKinley. The first, written by Mary Carey, is Ms. Carey's own story of pioneering—teaching, flying Mt. McKinley with bush pilots, homesteading, winning prestigious awards for her photojournalism, and building and operating Mary's McKinley Lodge, where she resided until her death. Entitled, *Alaska-Not for a Woman*, this is just one of Ms. Carey's ten books, mainly about Alaska and Texas. The others are books for children written by Jean Richardson (Ms. Carey's daughter, who is an award winning author and lives and hostesses at the Lodge during the summer).

The Summer Reading programs will end in early August. Youngsters are encouraged to attend the Wednesday, July 26th and Wednesday, August 3rd programs at 11 a.m. (Preschoolers at the library and school age youngsters at Anderson Park—the covered picnic area.) Included each time are some stories and fun activities/crafts. Don't miss these last two sessions and don't forget to complete your reading records and choose prizes as goals are met.

The library hours have been increased to add an additional hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **Tuesday and Thursday hours are now 1-7.** Hopefully this will make the library a little more accessible to patrons. Friday evening, July 28th at 7:00 p.m. will be a Family Movie night. The

movie shown will be either *Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation* with James Stewart and Maureen O'Hara, or *Beach Blanket Bingo* with Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon. Mark this on your calendar and join us for a cool evening of summer entertainment in the library. The next movie matinee will be Friday, August 11th at 2:00 p.m. with the movie *Because of Winn Dixie* being shown.

The annual Book Sale sponsored by The Friends of the Library will be held Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the library. There will be lots of books from which to choose at a very low price. Be sure to take advantage of this sale while getting some great books and supporting library projects. Anyone with books to donate may still drop them off at the library from now until the sale. Please do not bring text books, old encyclopedias, books in poor condition, outdated reference books, or magazines.

Several interesting new acquisitions are currently available. These include *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen (memories of circus life during the Great Depression), *The Girls* by Lori Lansens (conjoined twins linked at the side of the head with separate bodies and brains), *Cage of Stars* by Jacquelyn Mitchard (a young Mormon girl trying to resolve her feelings toward the man who killed her two sisters), *Sandcastles* by Luanne Rice (husband and father trying to reconnect with his family after having served a prison sentence for killing a man), and *Proof Positive* by Phillip Margolin (role of forensic evidence in linking suspects to crimes).

Keep reading, and remember the library is air-conditioned for the comfort of patrons.

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Tues., Thur. 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
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