

Principal gets pie in face



Left: Washington Grade School principal, Aaron Miller, gets a pie in the face by one of the winning readers in the recent reading campaign. Photo courtesy of Vernonia schools.

Go Bananas for Books was the theme of Washington Grade School's 2006-2007 reading campaign, held March 5 through April 17.

The reading goal for the campaign was 2,075 books read. The kindergarten through fifth graders read a total of 2,392 books, 317 over the goal. The winners got to give the principal, Aaron Miller, a pie in the face. Mr. Miller got six pies

in the face, one from each winner. Named overall best reader was Ariel Masog in 1st Grade. Individual class winners were Matthew White, Amanda Jennings, Rachel Yontz, Shelby Greer and Macayla Fennell.

A seventh pie in the face was delivered to PE teacher George Spaulding, because the reading goal was exceeded.

Head Start seeks 2007-2008 students

Head Start, a federally funded preschool program, is seeking students for the 2007-2008 school year in Columbia County. Recruitment for fall enrollment is now in progress and will be completed in June. If parents are interested in enroll-

ment information they are urged to phone immediately.

Prospective students must be three or four years old by September 1, 2007. Eligibility is based on income, family situation and needs of the child, including whether there is a disability or serious illness.

Head Start offers a total family program that includes nutrition, education, medical and dental services for the enrolled child and home visits. Training on various subjects and on the job training is offered to all enrolled families. USDA approved meals are served. Limited

Human Origami class date corrected

In spite of 5000 fliers to the contrary, Human Origami: Unfolding the Whole Person, will be held on Friday, May 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 12, from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Community Learning Center, at 939 Bridge St. next to the real estate office.

This workshop aims to help participants look deeply at themselves and their lives using techniques ranging from visioning through Psychosynthesis, and both graphic and verbal stream-of-consciousness. They will explore forgotten dreams, uncover hidden passions and awaken latent talents.

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ple in transition – divorce, separation, widowhood, graduation, menopause, new job, new town, new relationship – to actualize their potential, and consciously engineer the next stage of their lives.

Instructor Carol Sawyer has been teaching adults since 1970, in India, Spain, France and the U.S. She calls herself an expert on change. She has been studying psychology since the '60s, has several counseling certificates from the University of California, and is a Ph.D. candidate in Consciousness and Transformation at CIIS in San Francisco. Sawyer is also a published poet, including an Honorable Mention at the '99 Maui Writers' Confer-

ence, and is both Oregon and National Senior Spelling Bee champion for 2003. See her website Human-origami.com and CarolSawyer@blogspot.com for more information.

Later workshops will include several days in Ibiza, Spain, in February of '09. Bring an open heart and mind, a notebook and pen and, if possible, a piece of cardboard, like the side of a box. Fees are on a sliding scale from \$50 to \$75 and, as always, those who have taken the workshop can take the Saturday session free of charge.

Call 503-429-4748 for more information or to preregister.

Free poetry contest offers cash prizes

The International Library of Poetry has announced that over \$100,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is June 30, 2007. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Pamela Roberts, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Roberts.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to: The International Li-

brary of Poetry, Suite 19925, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by June 30, 2007. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com.

The International Library of Poetry was founded in 1982 and is the largest poetry organization in the world.

CORRECTION

A transposition error resulted in honor students' names appearing under the wrong headings in the April 19 issue of *The Independent*.

Students listed as Honorable Mention honor students should have been listed under the High Honors heading and the students listed under the High Honors heading should have been under the Honorable Mention heading.

The Independent regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience it may have caused.

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