

## Letters

### Hunters, anglers get great raffle prizes

To the Editor:

The results of the Senior Center Hunter & Fishing Raffle were: Mike Fennell of Vernonia won the Ruger 300 Magnum rifle (all winners are from Vernonia unless noted); Willow Burch won the Ruger 204 Caliber rifle; Craig won the Savage 17 HMR rifle; Dana Nordani won the Speedtech Deer Hunters Edge; Gary Davis won the Husky Chain Saw; Bryan Dandy of Portland won the Coleman raft; Sporty of Clatskanie won the Hummingbird Smartcast Fishfinder; Pat Brucken and Dave each won

fishing pole combos; Brad Witt won a Stearns life vest; Patrick Young of Beaverton won a deluxe tackle box; Bill James won Nikon binoculars; Donnie Normand won a camp stove; Helen Hjerl of St. Helens and Stuart Harkson each won a sleeping bag; Tom Miller won a butcher knife set; Sasha Mack of Beaverton won a wood knife; Claudia Oblack of Mist won a dome tent; Betty Curl won a gun cleaning kit; Bill Yeo won a pair of Romeo slippers; Dave Brix won a handmade lap quilt; Carl Holsey won a hunters seat warmer; Steve of Clatskanie won a Sentry gift basket; D Hyle, Gene Cropp, Connie King, and Tom Seimeers of

Rainier all won gift certificates.

Over 15 door prizes were given away.

The sponsors were Allen Russell, Sue Gore, Wauna FCU, West Oregon Electric Coop., Bob Curl, Mike Pihl, Weyerhaeuser, Napa Auto Parts, V&V Leathers, Sentry Market, Vernonia Senior Center, G&J Enterprises, Val Mack, Black Bear Coffee Company, Blue Moon Café, Karen Miller and Bernice Frey.

Special thanks to the businesses that sold tickets: Napa Auto Parks, Sporty's, Larry Snethen, Triple S Service, and Vernonia Hardware. We also wish to thank Clark and Rebecca McGaugh, of *The Independ-*

*dent*, for attending the dinner, reporting and assisting with the raffle drawing.

The Vernonia Senior Center appreciates all the support that the community has given us this year. Your involvement in our fundraisers helps us to continue our services for seniors and the community.

**Bill James**  
Vernonia Senior Center

### Bridge item is wrong

To the Editor:

The biggest error is she said I wanted to put road to Adams, not so. Also, not off the bridge? Long to the bridge is what I need.

**Bill Sword**  
Vernonia

*Editors Note: This letter refers to the second paragraph of the City Council article on page 1 of the October 4 issue.*

## Policy on Letters

The INDEPENDENT will not publish letters that include personal attacks on private citizens. Because of space limitations, preference will be given to brief letters, 300 words or less.

All letters must be signed and include a verifiable address or phone number; all letters are subject to editing for clarity or length.

## Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian  
Vernonia Public Library



October 1st is the date by which every public library in Oregon must complete a yearly statistical report. These are submitted to The Oregon State Library and are available for the public to see and to compare figures for circulation per capita, revenue, expenditures, number of programs held in the library, number of Internet users, etc., with those of other Oregon libraries. Since the statistics for 2006-07 have only recently been submitted, they are not yet available on the State Library's website, but all other years from 1992-2006 are available. (Look under library development.) Circulation for this year was 23,783 compared with 10,429 in '02-'03; service hours per week were 39 compared to 20 in '02-'03; materials now total 22,842 compared to the 7,082 of '02-'03. Two figures that were not counted in '02-'03 were annual number of Internet users and number of library visits. Last year there were 5,584 people using the library's four Internet terminals and an estimated 18,000 people visiting the library. It is really quite interesting to see not only the changes from year to year in our library, but to compare our library to others. Since most of the statistics are also shown per capita, the figures show not only how we compare to libraries of similar size but to any library in Oregon. For instance our circulation was 11.06 per capita in '05-'06 compared to the 3.86 of Scappoose Library District and the 28.27 per capita in Multnomah County Library.

Lately I have been engrossed in William McCloskey's novels of commercial fishing in Alaska. *Highliners* (1979), *Breakers* (2000), and *Raiders* (2004) relate the transition of Hank Crawford as he progresses from a raw greenhorn fisherman to respected captain of his own vessel, and who now finds himself in competition with foreign fisheries—especially those of

Japan. McCloskey's novels tell of the complexities and harsh realities of the Alaskan fishing industry, peopled by fiercely independent and resourceful men and women whose every day is a struggle for survival.

*Julia's Chocolates* by Cathy Lamb is another novel I've greatly enjoyed lately. Julia Bennett leaves her abusive fiancé at the altar and her ugly wedding dress hanging in a tree and drives away from the old Julia. The new Julia can be found at her Aunt Lydia's farmhouse in Oregon, where she is welcomed by an eccentric group of women including a psychic, a minister's unhappy wife, an abused mother of four, and fiercely independent Aunt Lydia. Nobody makes chocolates as good as Julia's and, although chocolate might help change her life, it can't keep her safe as she realizes she must face the past before she can move on.

New acquisitions include *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham, *Dark of the Moon* by John Sandford, *The Choice* by Nicholas Sparks, *Night Work* by Steve Hamilton, *The Bone Garden* by Tess Gerritsen, *Sundown Yellow Moon* by Larry Watson, *Dead Heat* by Dick Francis, *The Knitting Circle* by Ann Hood, *Gods in Alabama* by Joshilyn Jackson, and *Whistling in the Dark* by Lesley Kagen.

Don't forget that fines are assessed at the rate of 10-cents a day for books and 50-cents a day for videos. Please be responsible, return items on time and be prepared to pay fines for overdue items.

Afternoon programs for youngsters have begun with the session of stories and activities on Mondays at 3:30 and board games available on Friday afternoons. The next family movie night will be Thursday, November 1, with Pocahontas as the featured movie.

**Vernonia Public Library:** 701 Weed Ave.

**Hours:** Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Tues., Thur. 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Preschool Story Time:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m., when school is in session.

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