

## Letters

### Destroying political signs is un-American

To The Editor:

Some people do not understand our political process. They also do not seem to believe in our country's freedom of speech. I am a supporter of Tony Hyde and of our political process. Pat Zimmerman's 4x8 sign was torn down on Hwy 47 south of Vernonia. People need to stop removing signs. It is wrong. Just vote. That is all you need to do.

**Gayle Lee  
Vernonia**

### Hyde is best choice for Columbia County

To The Editor:

We urge our fellow citizens

of Columbia County to re-elect Tony Hyde as Commissioner. Why are we Democrats supporting a Republican? Because Tony is the best candidate and we don't want to lose him. He is smart and knows how to network with influential people. That skill has brought jobs and other economic opportunities to our county. During the terrible days following last winter's flooding, Tony was everywhere making sure emergency services were operating smoothly and effectively. Vernonia's recovery has been and continues to be a result of Tony's leadership. Tony Hyde works hard for all of Columbia County. We have known Tony for many years and are proud and pleased to have him on the Board of County

Commissioners.

**Jim Buxton  
Cici Bell  
Vernonia**

### David Herr is right for Circuit Court Judge

To The Editor:

I am writing in support of David Herr for Columbia County Circuit Court Judge, Position 3.

As an attorney, Mr. Herr has appeared before me in court for years. He has proven himself to be a knowledgeable and skilled lawyer who is organized and well prepared for court, and he also has always been respectful and kind to court personnel, clients, law enforcement and witnesses. David Herr is what I call a "Class Act" who would

serve our community well.

Exercise your right to vote for your Columbia County Circuit Court Judge and elect David Herr.

Sincerely,

**Wallace E. Thompson  
St. Helens**

I respectfully suggest that we give Judge Grant the vote she needs, to continue to serve the people of Columbia County in a positive manner.

Sincerely yours,

**Lawrence N. Derby  
Clatskanie**

### Grant is good for County Circuit Court

To The Editor:

I've been campaigning for Judge Jenefer Grant because I'm convinced that she possesses the character, temperament, education, and experience Columbia County needs in a Circuit Court judge. I've met many people who know, like, and respect her.

### Zimmerman brings business experience

To The Editor:

Pat Zimmerman is the Democratic candidate for County Commissioner Position 3.

I'm supporting Pat because she will bring new ideas, new energy and a different skill set than her opponent, and I think the county needs a change.

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## Between the Bookends

By Nancy Burch, Librarian  
Vernonia Public Library



Where did the goblin throw the football?

What do you call a goblin who gets too close to a bonfire?

Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

Anyone answering riddles such as these posted on the library's bulletin

board through the month of October will receive an appropriate reward.

Those guessing the number of items of Halloween candy in each of three containers just inside the library will also be winners.

The display table features books about Halloween, football, pumpkins, apples, etc. with these themes being incorporated in the preschool story times on Monday mornings during the rest of the month.

Adult movie night, to take place on Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m., will feature *Leatherheads* starring George Clooney and Renee Zellweger in a comedy about the beginning of pro football. Family movie night to be held Saturday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. will feature *Monsters, Inc.*

Brilliantly colored leaves, football games, freshly picked apples, pumpkin patches, trick-or-treating, and those first crisp cold nights with sunny days all contribute to make October a month that the library staff loves to celebrate.

Youngsters today probably look forward to Halloween with as much eagerness as in years past, but times have certainly changed as related in an article entitled, Things That Go "Bump"... in the latest issue of *Reminisce*. Youngsters today can be given only store-bought treats and most wear store-bought costumes as they are escorted by adults from house to house. This article tells of times past when "a kid could indulge in a little creative devilment and

the community would put up with it." It was a time when people grew their own pumpkins, made their own apple cider, created costumes from "rag bags", and were able to give homemade cookies or doughnuts as treats. How things have changed!!!

Book discussion group will be meeting Monday, October 20th at 5:30 to talk about *The Memory of Water* by Karen White.

New books include *The Lucky One* by Nicholas Sparks, *Lie Down with the Devil* by Linda Barnes, *Married to a Stranger* by Patricia MacDonald, *The Quilter's Kitchen* by Jennifer Chiaverini, and *The Comforts of a Muddy Saturday* by Alexander McCall Smith.

Tuesday, October 21st will be the first of the year's after-school reading/activity times. Beginning at 3:30 each Tuesday, youngsters ages 6 through 12 will be able to share an hour of creative learning at the library with their friends.

Ballots may be dropped off at the library as soon as they are received in the mail at all times the library is open. On Tuesday, November 4th (Election Day) ballots may be dropped off from 12 noon until 8:00 p.m.

Remember the Chautauqua presentation scheduled for Thursday, November 6th at 1:00 p.m. sponsored by the Study Club and Oregon Council for the Humanities. Pat Gold will discuss how the Indigenous People of the Columbia River created the first environmentally friendly model of commerce in Oregon. Her presentation will include slides and displays. Refreshments will be served.

Enjoy the season to the fullest!

(Riddle answers: over the ghoulish line; a toasty ghostly; no body).

**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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All letters must be signed and include a verifiable address or phone number.

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