

Between the Bookends

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September means different things to different people. To families the focus is on the beginning of school and the related activities; to gardeners it means reaping the harvests of produce; to retired people it often means travel time with more available camp spots and less traffic; to hunters it means preparation for the opening of the seasons; and for some, the focus might be on weatherizing homes or making sure there's an adequate supply of wood for that trusty stove. Whichever of these activities might be in your immediate future, the library has materials to help with the seasonal transition, including materials to encourage and help your child in learning and developing a love of reading. Many books on gardening and preserving fruits, vegetables, and meats are available, as well as the *Mother Earth News* magazine. *Northwest Travel* and *Oregon Coast* are two magazines to which the library subscribes, but there are also numerous books on campgrounds and traveling in Oregon and the United States. For the hunter and the homeowner, the library carries Issues of *Oregon Hunter* and books with information on sealing windows, choosing woods that burn most efficiently, etc.

In the library, September means that preschool story time is once again taking place on Monday mornings at 10:30 (when school is in session). September themes will be related to "school" and will include stories and a related craft. The mature movie night for the month will be *Remember the Titans*, a true story of a small town in Virginia during the 1970s, where a "white" high school is forced to combine with a "black" school, and the resulting racial havoc this creates. Starring Denzel Washington, the story is about dedication that goes beyond the playing field. This movie will be shown Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. Book discussion will be Monday, September 28th at 5:30 with *The Shack*, by William P. Young, being the choice of the month.

Be sure and mark your calendars for Thurs-

day, October 1st when George Byron Wright will introduce his new novel, *Driving to Vernonia*. This event will begin at 6:60 with an informal reception for Mr. Wright—to meet with him and talk while enjoying some refreshments, followed by a reading and discussion of the book. Mr. Wright will have books available to be purchased following the discussion, with part of the proceeds going to the Friends of the Library. While the novel is entitled, *Driving to Vernonia*, it is not really about Vernonia or anything that happened here. It is the story of a man reconnecting with someone who gave meaning to his past—someone with whom he has lost touch. We hope the community will show its appreciation and interest in Mr. Wright's book by attending this event.

The best book I've read in quite some time is *Henry's Sisters* by Portland author, Cathy Lamb. This novel may not be for everyone because the Bommarito sisters are dysfunctional and regularly express themselves using some pretty rough language, but they are also so charming they can make you cry on one page and laugh on the next. The sisters are summoned home to Trillium River to care for their mentally disabled brother, Henry, and their demented grandmother (who believes she is Amelia Earhart) when their domineering mother has open heart surgery. This is the story of how one family triumphs over adversity and figures out how to love and trust again.

Other new acquisitions include *The Spire* by Richard North Patterson, *Evil at Heart* by Chelsea Cain, *Spartan Gold* by Clive Cussler, *In the Valley of Mist* by Justine Hardy, *The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks, *Heaven's Keep* by William Kent Krueger, and *Wisdom of the Last Farmer* by David Mas Masumoto.

Keep in mind that voter registration forms must be postmarked by the 21st day before an election in order to vote in that election. These forms are available in the library. Just ask.

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, at 10:30 a.m. when school is in session.

Phone: 503-429-1818



Lyden is only one of many children looking for a home.

Got room for one more at home?

Lyden, age 13, is a boy who loves the outdoors. He is especially interested in fishing and crabbing, but loves camping, hiking, and boating, too. His favorite subject in school is hands-on science. If he can't be outside, Lyden likes playing video games or watching the Discovery Channel on TV.

He has dark strawberry hair and blue green eyes, with a fair complexion and freckles across his nose, dimples in his cheeks and a stocky build. Lyden loves to tell stories.

A family willing to make Lyden the center of attention and are nurturing and will listen to him will be a perfect match for him. Mainly allowing him to vent when angry or upset and allowing him a chance to tell his side of the story when in trouble is best. Lyden will continue

to need supervision and he wants to help and learn new things from caregivers.

Lyden has two older siblings who he will need to maintain continued contact with whether by in-person visits or talking on the telephone. Lyden has been making progress in a therapeutic environment and will need continued support, encouragement, and permanency to meet his potential.

A Family For Every Child (AFFEC) is dedicated to finding loving, permanent families for every waiting Oregon foster child.

For more information contact: Christy Obie-Barrett, Executive Director, A Family For Every Child / Lane County Heart Gallery at 1-541-343-2856 or 1-877-343-2856 or www.afamilyforeverychild.org

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Good behavior could win Blazer ticket

Last year over 15,000 students and families participated in the Portland Trail Blazers student achievement programs and over 150 schools performed, played on the court or organized a special group event.

The Portland Trail Blazers are pleased to again offer local area students, staff and their friends and families several nights designated just for you with incredible ticket savings! For the Super Saver \$5 nights, tickets must be ordered two

weeks prior to each game. For the Saver \$10 nights, the order deadline is three weeks prior to each game. Reserved seating for this program is limited and is filled on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions, call Athena Demas at the Portland Trail Blazers at 503-963-3959.

If any student, K-5, at WGS maintains positive school behavior, as demonstrated by having no disciplinary referrals or stingers through the end of the 1st quarter on November 4,

they will receive a free complimentary Portland Trail Blazer ticket! Parents/Guardians of the specific student can get their ticket at a discounted price.

The same procedure will be followed for the second quarter, ending January 28, and the 3rd quarter, ending April 9.

The opportunity for a free Portland Trail Blazer ticket will end at the close of the second quarter. The NBA season ends around the same time as the

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