

Between the Bookends

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Vernonia Public Library



Summer at the library finds many youngsters and parents enjoying the variety of activities associated with the Summer Reading Program. This year's theme of **Make a Splash READ!** is proving to be an especially popular choice with over 30 youngsters taking part in the July 6th High Seas Adventures. Even though the tie dye event took place on a drizzly evening, Kelli Martinez and Jennifer Moloney were kept busy for more than an hour turning t-shirts, pillow cases, baby onesies, etc. into red, white and blue creations just in time to celebrate the Fourth of July. Yet to come will be **Squish Squash**, from 10-11:00 a.m., at the library on July 20; **Knights of Veritas**, 6:00 p.m. on July 21 at Hawkins Park; a **Water Party** at Anderson Park on July 27 at 1:00 p.m., and the **Jamboree Parade** on August 7. **PLUS** two water-related movie matinees, July 17 and 24 at 2:00 p.m. Jennifer has obtained some great prizes for those youngsters who meet their reading goals. These will be awarded at the party on July 27th.

This summer the library received two wonderful monitors, donated by the Thiringers. One monitor is now in use in the workroom—replacing the original space-taking, but small-screened monitor. Using it is like seeing everything in large print. It's fabulous! The other will be used as a backup, if and when the need arises. A welcome addition to the outside appearance of the library was implemented by Kim Camarda in the form of attractive new plants in the barrels under the windows by Wilcox & Flegel. Patrons have been generously donating to the book fund which was instituted in an attempt to raise the \$1,000 reduction necessitated by an austere general fund for 2010-2011. All of these donations are greatly appreciated by library staff and patrons.

While looking through the July, 1925, issues of the *Vernonia Eagle* newspaper for obituaries for a patron, I found some interesting items to share from summer of that year:

"One day this week, Chief Kelly, Vernonia's alert mar-

shal, thought the time was ripe to kick over a big moonshine still he had been watching for some time. With Mrs. Kelly and an extra man he took to the woods, a few miles beyond Pittsburg and in a short time landed the whole works...The still is capable of producing 240 gallons of moonshine a day...It was big catch, and will lessen the supply some for a time, at least."

"The City Council...let the paving contract for Bridge Street to the lowest bidders...We are now assured that we will be out of the mud this coming winter and the job is about sixteen hundred dollars lower than the bid previously submitted."

"The local Klan lodge held their community picnic at Parker's Grove on the Nehalem River last Sunday...The Vernonia band furnished music throughout the day and was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. There were eats galore, games, music and a good social time generally."

"I will sell my 40 acre farm at an attractive price for a quick deal. Lies one and one-half mile from Vernonia, just beyond the city reservoir. A 7 room good house, two good wells, place all fenced, 18-acres in hay crop, good garden, family orchard... Am offering place for \$3000."

"Vernonia boy sues for \$50,000...as a result of the boy's having been struck by a train at Vernonia on April 3, 1925, resulting in the loss of his right arm..."

"Beginning June 25, the Vernonia Public Library will be open every Tuesday evening from 6:30 until 8:30. On Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, the hours are from 2:00 until 4:00...The library is your library and it is open to everyone. Its success depends upon your patronage..."

Eighty-five years may have passed, but topics are similar. Now we have drug busts instead of moonshine raids; paving of streets is still exciting but at least most streets are not mud; we have no Klan but have other community organizations holding events with food, music, etc., for the citizens; real estate offerings are still regularly listed even though prices are considerably higher; people still sue the city and each other for various reasons; and the library still tries to maintain hours to suit the lifestyles of its patrons. The last library statement has been made many times throughout the years and is absolutely accurate today: "The library is your library and it is open to everyone. Its success depends upon your patronage."

New acquisitions include *Broken* by Karin Slaughter, *Whiplash* by Catherine Coulter, *Private* by James

Patterson, *Sizzling Sixteen* by Janet Evanovich, and *Ice Cold* by Tess Gerritsen.

Wallace Stegner's *All the Little Live Things* will be the topic for the monthly book discussion, on Monday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m.

Movie night will be Thursday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. with *Invictus*. Starring Morgan Freeman, *Invictus* tells the story of Nelson Mandela, who as president of South Africa, forgives the oppressors who jailed him for 27 years for his fight against apartheid, and finds hope of national unity in an unlikely place: the rugby field.

Book donations for this Jamboree's Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library may be left at the library any time it is open, until August 4. All proceeds from the book sale will be used to supplement library materials and programs.

Vernonia Public Library: 701 Weed Avenue
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tues., Thu. 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.
Phone: 503-429-1818

Deer killed, reward offered

Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish and Wildlife Division is asking for the public's help to identify the suspect(s) responsible for the illegal kill and waste of three buck deer in the Trask Unit near Tillamook. A reward of up to \$500 is being offered by the Oregon Hunter's Association for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case.

On Sunday, June 20, the OSP Tillamook work

site received information of three killed deer near milepost 1 on Fox Creek Road. OSP Fish & Wildlife troopers responded to investigate and found three freshly killed buck deer. Head and hide remained but most of meat was taken.

Anyone with information is asked to call Senior Trooper Guerra at 503-815-3315 or the Turn in Poacher (TIP) number at 1-800-452-7888.

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