

Between the Bookends

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Vernonia's book discussion group offers the opportunity for participants to re-read old favorites and to become acquainted with new authors and subjects. It does seem that members must have a fondness for "dogs" because

former books chosen and enjoyed include Jack London's *Call of the Wild*, Joe Coomer's *Pocketful of Names*, John Grogan's *Marley and Me*, and Garth Stein's *Racing in the Rain*. This month the group has chosen to read and discuss another "dog" book, *A Dog's Purpose*, by Bruce Cameron. This discussion will take place Monday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating, check with library staff to see if a copy is available.

Jamboree weekend and the entry in the parade concluded this summer's successful reading program for youngsters. That eventful weekend also found the Friends of the Library busily selling books for their biggest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds from this sale will be used to supplement library materials and services, and the Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone who donated and purchased items.

New acquisitions include the nominees for the Oregon Reader's Choice Awards for 2013. Founded in 2010, the award is intended to be a fun and exciting way for Oregon youth in grades 4-12 to become enthusiastic and discriminating readers. Young readers in Vernonia will be given the chance to vote for their favorite book later in the year.

J.A. Jance's latest novel, *Judgment Call*, brings back Sheriff Joanna Brady in another exciting and twisting mystery set in Cochise Coun-

ty, Arizona. If you're a fan of Joanna Brady, you won't want to miss this (the 15th of the series) as she investigates the killing of a local high-school principal and confronts ghosts of mysteries past when new information about her father's death is revealed.

In one of Amazon's recommendations for July, Harold Fry—recently retired and a passive observer of his own life, decides one morning to walk 600 miles across England to save an old friend. In *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, Harold starts off on the long journey wearing the wrong jacket and forgetting his toothbrush and phone. As he travels, Harold has time to reflect on his failings, helping him become someone the reader and his wife, Maureen, can respect in this charming novel by Rachel Joyce.

Beaverton author, Cathy Lamb's newest novel tells the story of 17-year-old Tate. Tate, son of a drug-addicted mother and adopted at birth by his teenage aunt, appears freakish to strangers, but he is beautiful to his adopted family. In *A Different Kind of Normal*, Tate teaches his family that love and laughter heal tears. (If you remember, Ms Lamb graciously visited the library nearly two years ago when she discussed her writing, and in particular her novel, *Such a Pretty Face*.)

Movie night for the month will be Thursday August 30th at 6:30. (The popcorn maker is fixed!)

Preschool story time will resume in September at 10:30 on Monday mornings. The after school programs will resume in October.

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.

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

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After harrowing weekend, Rosie is back home with her family



Left to right, John Phillips, Leticia Gutierrez holding Rosie, and Gutierrez' daughter, Dulce, stand in front of the Jim Gedenberg Logging truck that Phillips drives.

Rosie, a 9-year-old Yorkie terrier, went missing Friday, August 3, at the Gales Creek Campground. Her owner, Leticia Gutierrez, and her family arrived that Friday from Hillsboro to stay for the weekend. Gutierrez said she thought Rosie was with the kids and their other dog. But later, when everyone else came back to the campsite, Rosie didn't. The family looked all around the campground and Leticia even went a short way up the logging road that runs through the camp, but just couldn't imagine Rosie going that way. Instead the search concentrated on the area along the creek.

The next day, in the 90+ degree weather, the family searched again and talked to everyone they could, but no one had seen Rosie. Sometime that day, Leticia did go part way up the logging road and called and called Rosie's name to no avail.

Sunday, the family went home without Rosie. The family was broken-hearted, the other dog was "depressed and would hardly even eat".

Log truck driver John Phillips was coming out of the woods Sunday on that logging road, which runs through the campground. He spotted a small dog two miles up the road from the camp. The dog was Rosie, and she was severely dehydrated by then. Phillips said she was staggering, but she kept running from

him and falling down. Finally she went under a bush, Phillips put on a pair of gloves and fished her out, after she nipped at him. Once he picked her up, she calmed down and he put her in his truck and got her some water to go with part of his sandwich. After that, Rosie lay down and slept in his truck while he drove home to Astoria. Phillips wife, Sally, made chicken and rice for Rosie, who recovered nicely from her ordeal. If you guessed that the Phillips are dog people, you were right. They have two Pomeranians, and a Chow/retriever mix, plus Lulu, a pot-bellied pig. Lulu used to be one of Valentine's Performing Pigs who can be seen on YouTube.

Phillips had stopped at the campground after finding Rosie, so camp host Jason Troth knew that Rosie had been found, but didn't know how to get hold of Gutierrez.

Monday, August 6, Gutierrez made flyers and posted them in Hillsboro, Banks, and along Hwy. 6, before taking one back to the campground. When she spoke to Troth, he told her that a log truck driver had found Rosie and took one of the flyers to give to Phillips when he drove through the park on his way to the logging site, at 4:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Phillips called Gutierrez and an ecstatic Rosie was finally reunited with her happy family on Wednesday morning.

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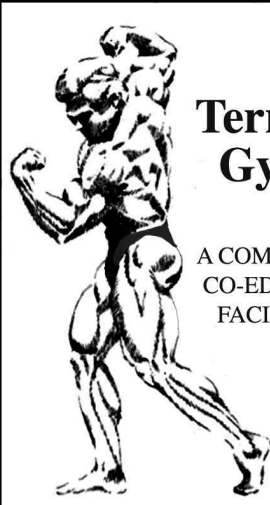
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