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Out
The Best
In
Children

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The Optimist Club of Salem's 60th birthday celebration is to be held on March 7, 2008*** at Denny's, located at 3155 Ryan Drive SE. The time is to be from 6—9 p.m. All members and other interested parties are encouraged to attend this special event. It is bound to be something that all will choose to remember.

As mentioned last week, several invitations have been sent to former members and we are hopeful that a number of them will elect to join the celebration. In order to get a better idea of how many to expect, Maur Horton is requesting some assistance with telephone calls between now and March 7. A sign-up sheet is also being circulated for those active members who are planning to attend.

District Governor Steve Anderson will also be among those in attendance. ***Note date correction to Friday March 7.



MOST INVOLVED IN VOCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Students from five area high schools were recognized for significant achievement in the field of vocational technology, but lest anyone get the impression that they can boast of nothing else, please be assured that there are many other talents each of these young men display with equal credibility.

Beginning left to right, Caleb Grimms represents Western Mennonite School. As with the other honorees his forte is in the field of computer science. Javascript was mentioned, and as this writer understands it, the primary use made of this script is developing websites for a variety of clientele. However, admittedly, this writer lacks the knowledge to go into much detail.

John Wagner, 2nd from left, hails from Gervais High School, and also excels in computer science. He is described as one who is able to diagnose problems and supply the necessary remedies. Aside from his computer skills, the faculty member considers him a pleasure to have in class. He is, or has been, a member of FBA (Future Business Leaders of America). His plans for the future include Chemeketa CC.

The young man in the center is Joshua Maugh, from Oregon School for the Deaf. He has been spending a good deal of his time in the metal shop, three years of it. Described as one with very special skills, he plans to teach welding. His future plans include attending the National Technical School for the Deaf at Rochester, New York.

Fourth man from the left is Aaron Earl, and he is currently a student at South Salem High. It was said that he spends a lot of his time at school, both in the evenings and on weekends. He is described as being the "go to guy" when computer problems surface. If a computer wants to be cantankerous, he has the remedy. His future plans are to attend college at Pacific Lutheran University.

On the far right is Jordan Fisk, from West Salem High School. His computer skills include graphics, at which he excels. His plans for college include either University of Oregon or Oregon State University, but is leaning in the direction of the former.

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HUMOR — courtesy of Linda Wiley

My young grandson called the other day to wish me a Happy Birthday. He asked how old I was, and I told him, "62." He was quiet for a moment, and then asked, "Did you start at one?"

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandpa-



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Feb. 28 Dick Bond, Pentacle Theater
Mar. 6 Diane McLaren Chemeketa C.C.
Mar. 13 Youth Appreciation (Most Involved in Community Affairs)



Relay Races

This club has sponsored many and varied activities over the years, and more than a few have been something to get excited about. However, we have been lacking that sort of excitement for some time now, and the relay races are destined to rebuild a significant level of interest on the part of the Salem citizenry. If your personal level of interest rivals that of those who are putting this program together, then we need your input and enthusiastic response.

Now, since this topic has been introduced there is major issue that needs to be addressed. Vern Tabery made it a point to say that the applications have been slow coming in. This is a significant and long overdue opportunity to further the aims and objectives of this club, and promises to provide the kind of broad publicity that has eluded us for some time.

Accordingly, if you wish to be a participant on behalf of the Club, you need to submit an application to the City of Salem by April 30. These applications are readily available through the Club. In fact, the first of them have already been circulated.

Don't forget that Vern will be asking for members to fill the position of sub-chairs. The sub-chairpersons will be asked to arrange for personnel to man two booths, one for t-shirts and the other concessions. A third booth is to be set up to provide information with respect to the Optimist Club, and to accept applications also.

We may have more than enough club members to fill the necessary slots, but we need to recruit other volunteers and join in promoting the event and ourselves as its sponsor. This will be one more outstanding opportunity to get the club's name out before the public.

If you are one of those who is willing to step forward and be included as a staff member, you may either e-mail Vern at vtabery@comcast.net, or telephone him at (503) 588-8539. Just remember the cut-off date is to be April 30. This is another one of those instances when "the more the merrier."

ther's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."