



The SOC-KET

Bringing
Out
The Best
In
Children

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These two young ladies are from the same school (Salem Academy), so it is only fair that they get equal billing. Aside from Linda Wiley, who made the award presentation to each, the vivacious girl on the left is Alison Jalinski, and she is receiving her award as Most Improved in Academics, while the other charming young lady is Summer Pfaff. Her award was in the category of Most Involved in Community Affairs.

While both recipients are equally deserving, their future plans differ in more than a few respects. It seems that Alison plans on spending a year in Africa; the Sudan to be precise. Her future plans include going to a small college in California to receive an associate degree in Theology. That's no small undertaking.

Summer, while no slouch herself when it comes to academic achievement, is receiving her accolades for civic involvement. Her future plans include attending a small college in Minnesota, where she is to major in nursing and pre-med. It was also suggested that she might invest in a parka since that area of the country has been experiencing a slight chill lately.

Regardless of their future plans, both Alison and Summer have a lot on the ball, and are certain to be successful regardless of their future endeavors.

Now, should you be wondering where the other honorees were this day, Paul Negstad advised us that there were some scheduling conflicts this week. If next week goes as planned, there should be a sizeable group in attendance, since it will likely include a few make-ups, and it may not be limited to those getting their awards for Most Improved in Academics.

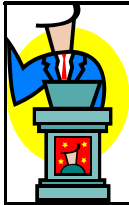


The Awesome 3000 event is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd, just one week ahead of the Salem Relay Races. Fortunately, like the relays, the Optimist Club is only one of several organizations that participate, and it is fun event for the kids.

This does not mean that your help isn't needed, and the t-shirts are still there for volunteers.

It never hurts to add a bit of church humor when space is available.

"The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy".



THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

WOW, It was really great seeing the turnout, as well as the output, from those who were of the Optimist spirit at Arlen's house on Tuesday evening to stuff approximately 1500 plastic Easter eggs. As we prepare to enter the "BUSY" months that suddenly are upon us, I want to say THANK YOU to those who showed up. It really seems that you are all preparing for success. Since there is still a lot to do, if anyone is interested in helping out, please give me a call.

As I reflect on projects, ideas and needed participation, I kind of feel that there is more than an abundance of them all, whether it is timing for the Mayor's mile, selling food or picking up inventory for the relays. Maybe the feeling comes from selecting or selling cookies at the Art Fair, helping to put together a one-page picture ad for the club, or helping McKay High School in starting their Jr. club? Maybe it could be helping to organize a September picnic for "all" present members, or possibly interested new? Possibly you have a creative "NEW IDEA" such as a Junior High guitar hero competition where the top five schools have a Saturday night party and the top three schools get a trophy for a year? I wish that someone would like to contact band directors from high schools so we could have a "Big Band" competition on a Saturday night. We could even get Salem Senior Centers involved for a dance to show our city's appreciation for Salem's great music programs.

These are just a few of the things that are being done by our club, or ideas that are simply being considered. Again, I ask you to please give me a call if you really want to make a difference in another child's life. Sincerely, John (503) 949-2744.



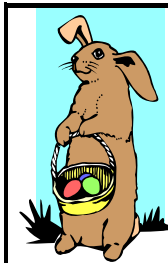
April 16 Youth Appreciation
 Most Improved in Academics
 April 23 Jeff Dunleavy
 YMCA



SALEM KIDS' RELAY RACES

The young lady pictured here is certainly an inspiration. Youngsters like her will be participants at this year's event. Have you thought of someone who might like to help with this program? If you have, don't put the question off any longer. Remember, the date is May 9th, and it is now the month of April. That person or persons, as the case may be, needs to have a background check

and that may take some time also



WARM FUZZIES to the eleven wascally wabbits who gathered Tuesday to stuff eggs, in preparation for Saturday's hunt. Those gathered around the tables, cracking jokes along with the eggs, were: Wes Alderson, Frank Masser, Dave Sevall, Linc Watson, Judy & Bruce Gilbertson, Vern Tabery and grandson, Brandon Hulse, John Chamberlain, Arlen Hollinshead and Bob Gough (a friend of Arlen's from church). The group made short work of preparing 1524 eggs before enjoying a respite of pizza and liquid refreshment! Many thanks to this great group. Now, if we can garner a similar number of bunnies to "hide" the eggs and govern the hunt on Saturday, it will be great. We'll gather at Morningside UM Church between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. (give or take, depending on the crowd!!) See you Saturday!!

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM—prayer and medication to follow..