

Stepchild Rocks the House

If you are a fan of Classic Rock and Roll music, you may want to consider stopping by the All In Pub and Eatery on February 18th and check out the band that will be playing live music that night, Stepchild.

Stepchild performed at the All in Pub on January 28th and have received rave reviews from most everyone who was there. In fact, the audience liked them so much that night they convinced the band, and All In owner Ernie Smith, to let the band stay on stage and play a couple extra songs at the end of the night.

Lead Guitarist Derek Doggett says the band really enjoyed playing at the All In Pub as well. "Some places and people are just really fun to play for--and this is one of those places," says Doggett.

Stepchild is what you would call a "classic" Classic Rock band. They perform a great set list of cover versions of all your favorites—from Pink Floyd to Pearl Jam, Fleetwood Mac to ZZ Top, and Aerosmith to The Pretenders—with a whole bunch in between. It's good old fashion rock 'n roll that gets just about anyone up and dancing.

"It's just straight forward rock," says Doggett. "The songs we play are songs that all of us in the band grew up listening to—songs we all love. We're all old friends and have been playing together for about ten years. But we're all also involved individually in several other musical projects. This band is sort of our "guilty pleasure," just four people who love to get together, have a few beers and play some great music!"

Lead guitarist Doggett is amazing and a real master who knows how to take a solo and do it right, without overdoing it. Bass player Sam Manning shares lead vocals with rhythm

guitarist Tina S. Marie—having both male and female lead vocalists stretches the possibilities of bands they can cover. Jeff Newman adds a solid back beat on the drums. Together it's a fantastic show worth checking out..



Derek Doggett and Stepchild will perform live at the All in Pub on February 18.

Stepchild has also performed locally at The Birk and plays all over the Portland area.

"We just like playing together for people and we hope they enjoy it as much as we do," says Doggett. "From the reaction we received here in Vernonia in January, I think they do. We're really looking forward to coming back!"

Stepchild is scheduled to perform live at the All in Pub and Eatery in Vernonia on February 18 starting at 9:00 PM and again on April 14th. You can also check them out at myspace.com/stepchild2008.

Emergency Preparedness Town Hall

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397-1521 or 800-696-7795. Conner noted that the main Command Center in the event of a major emergency is the Vernonia Fire Department. Smith explained that his department only has one non-volunteer position, himself, which sometimes limits their ability to respond in some situations.

City Councilor Kim Tierney, who sits on the City Emergency Preparedness Committee, discussed the role of that committee and the projects they are working on. Tierney noted that this is a new Committee and does not have a lot of history to draw information from. She discussed the re-activation of the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) this past September. Tierney reiterated that the role of her committee is to look at ways for the city to strengthen themselves and their ability to respond to emergencies. Tierney noted several gaps that were identified during the recent snow storm, including vulnerable citizens needing to be better identified and the city needing to find better ways to communicate with citizens. Tierney discussed a new citizen survey that is being used to better identify those vulnerable citizens and also identify other concerns and possible resources that citizens can provide. Tierney also mentioned a program called "Map Your Neighborhood" as a way for citizens to work together.

Columbia County Commissioner Tony Hyde briefly explained the role of state and federal agencies and also reminded citizens that they need to be able to look to themselves and be self-sufficient, including having a 72 hour kit with needed personal supplies.

During a Question and Answer period citizens were reminded that the Columbia Alert Network system is available to notify citizens who have registered in the event of a severe emergency situation. Citizens can go to www.columbia911.com and go to the C.A.N. Registry link to input their home and cell phone numbers to receive an automated message that would alert them to take action.

Vernonia City Administrator Haack also discussed how the City provided access for citizens to purchase fuel for generators during the last power outage. Haack and Mayor Mitchell both noted that the City might need to develop a more accessible and standard way of getting information to citizens about emergency situations. Mitchell noted that this will be a task of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Haack also stated that there is now a City of Vernonia Facebook Page that will share information and that in an emergency the City of Vernonia will post information on the City website.

Navigation Map to Services for Children with Autism Available

This new resource for families and the professionals who support them is intended to help provide a guide in the first few months after a child is identified as having an autism spectrum disorder regardless of whether that diagnosis is received in a doctor's office, the child's school, or a county developmental

disability program. The navigation map provides families with basic information about next steps, resources in their area, and support in their community. To obtain copies of the navigation map for your region in English or Spanish, please visit: www.oregonfamilytofamily.org/navigation.html

Countywide Rhythm on the River Poster Art Contest

The Blues Committee and United Way of Columbia County would like to invite you to participate in a contest to provide the art for the Sixth Annual Blues Benefit Festival "Rhythm on the River".

This contest is a benefit for United Way of Columbia County and is open to all Columbia County residents. All entries must be original art and suitable for a family oriented event. All art must be a maximum of 10" wide by 9" high in size, signed and dated by the artist.

The theme is "Rhythm on the River" and this is the 6th annual--please include the theme in your

art. Artists are encouraged to include event title and location:

Rhythm on the River 6th Annual Blues Benefit
Clatskanie City Park
Saturday, July 28, 2012

• Entries must be received by March 23, 2012 by 1:00 PM. Send entries to: United Way of Columbia County, Attention- Blues Festival Art, PO Box 538, Rainier, OR 97048 or Deliver to: United Way of Columbia County, Attention- Blues Festival Art, 305 W 3rd St., Rm 16, Rainier, OR 97048. Please phone ahead if you are dropping off. Phone: 503-556-3614

• Original art may also be sent in high quality jpg format suitable for reproduction to uwcc@hotmail.com: Subject line-- "Blues Poster Contest"

• Please include contact information when submitting work. All entries become the property of the Rhythm on the River Blues Committee and United Way. Entries will be used to raise funds. All proceeds go to United Way of Columbia County. Event committee will judge entries. The first place winner will have their art displayed as the 6th annual event poster. There will be a \$50 monetary award for first place and \$25 for 2nd and 3rd place.

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