

# Fundraiser for Kendra and Her New Heart



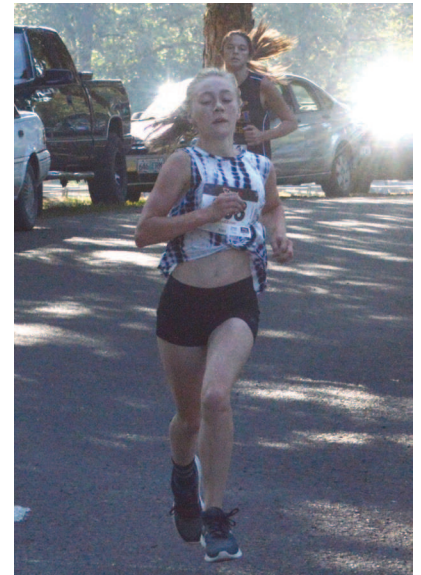
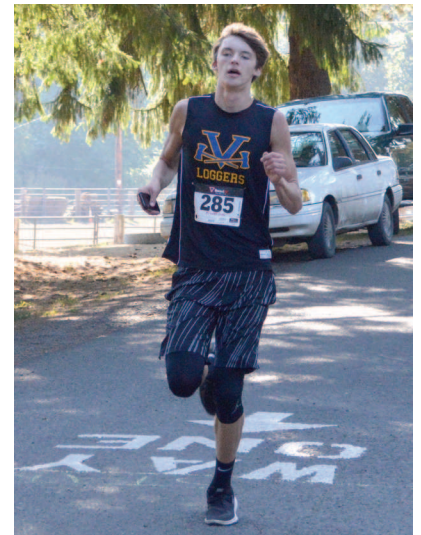
On July 24, Kendra Stefan, a junior at Vernonia High School, received a new heart. The road to recovery after a transplant is a long one, but she's a trooper, bravely fighting her way through the hurdles to healing. Kendra and her aunt, Heather Lewis, must remain near the hospital in Seattle for 3-6 months so her new heart can be monitored by her medical team. As you can imagine, their temporary relocation has created some financial challenges. Kendra enjoyed the support of the Vernonia community as she waited for her new

lease on life. As she and her aunt focus on healing, it's time for Vernonia to cheer her on again. Join us for an evening of fun.

ALL are welcome! September 15, 4:00-8:00 pm at the Cabin in Vernonia. Bring a dish to share and/or a dessert to auction. \$20 suggested donation. Music, door prizes, card-making, food, McMenam's beer and wine, raffles, and silent auctions including an English Saddle made in Argentina, and an original photograph printed on metal by Doug Reynolds.

# Bear Creek Run Results

The 2018 Bear Creek Run was held August 18, with 22 runners competing in the 10K and almost 50 running in the 5K. This annual event, which takes the 5K runners from Anderson Park and around Vernonia Lake and 10K runners around the Lake and out and back on the Banks Vernonia Trail, raises money for the Vernonia Cares Food Bank.



Top: Jake Handegard finished first in the Mens 5K.

Bottom: Sadie Gump won the Womens 5K.

<b>5K Male 17 and Under</b>	
Jake Handegard	19:10.7
Peter Hahn	22:30.14
Henry Langmaid	31:56.56
<b>5K Male 18 and Over</b>	
Tim Becken	19:50.73
Peter Hansen	22:45.57
Jose Ortiz	23:21.15
<b>5K Female 17 and Under</b>	
Sadie Gump	23:15.47
Jenna Handegard	23:17.61
Grace Costley	27:12.45
<b>5K Female 18 and Over</b>	
Kimberly Hartwell	34:04.35
Melia Ortiz	38:30.43
Iva Coffey	41:06.38
<b>10K Female 18 and Over</b>	
Rachel Morris	40:45.39
Janne Heinonen	41:00.83
Erin Skourtes	41:46.63
<b>10K Male 18 and Over</b>	
Steven Short	34:28.86
Daniel Bartosz	35:43.65
Ben Flaata	36:12.85

# Wauna Credit Union Annual Adopt-A-Teacher Contest

Local financial cooperative, Wauna Credit Union (WCU), is launching their popular "Adopt-A-Teacher" contest in Columbia, Clatsop, Western Washington, and Pacific (WA state) counties, ultimately rewarding one area-teacher \$500 to help them tackle the 2018/19 school year.

WCU is encouraging students, parents, teachers, principals, and members of the community to post a video on WCU's Facebook page explaining why the teacher they are nominating deserves to win. Winners of the contest will be announced on or about October 5.

"A good teacher inspires and ignites the future," said WCU President and CEO, Robert Blumberg. "It is important to the credit union to cheer-on and thank these educators, so it is very special to reward them in this engaging way."

tary School.

"Being part of a small community has many benefits and WCU is certainly one of Vernonia's big benefits," said Taylor, before adding, "My students and I decided we wanted to use the generous funds to purchase three touch-screen Chromebooks, which provide the students with an array of engaging technology-rich tools, their favorites being researching, writing, and designing creative presentations."

Teachers often dip into their own pockets to provide the necessary classroom supplies and equipment. WCU's Adopt-A-Teacher program is just one of the many ways the credit union supports area educators. Other initiatives include in-classroom financial reality fairs, collective staff donations to area Backpack Programs, and free online-financial education.

"If there is a teacher in your life that you would like to celebrate, along with providing some very beneficial funds, I encourage you to participate in Wauna Credit Union's Adopt-A-Teacher program. It is easy, tons of fun, and you just might win," said Taylor.

A complete list of rules and conditions, including entry instructions, may be found by visiting: <https://wau-nafcu.org/adopt-a-teacher-2018-rules.shtml>.

WCU's 2017 Adopt-A-Teacher winner was Debbie Taylor, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Vernonia Elementary

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