

Oregon Together training scheduled

A leaders' Orientation Training session for the Oregon Together program will be held January 10, 1995, at 3:30 p.m. in the Vernonia School District office.

Oregon Together is a program that helps communities identify their strengths and weakness, enhance planning and assist in developing healthy children and families. It is sponsored by the Co-

lumbia County Commission on Children & Families (CCCF).

A major part of Oregon Together is a program called "Communities That Care", a risk focused approach to reducing adolescent problem behaviors.

Risk-focused prevention is based on a simple premise: To prevent a problem from happening, we need to identi-

fy the factors that increase the opportunity for that problem to develop.

The program is aimed at reducing adolescent antisocial behavior such as substance abuse, delinquency, violence, teen pregnancy and school drop-out.

"I've always been impressed with the creativity and energy in Vernonia," said Jan Spika, director of CCCF. "I encourage interested people to take part in this training; it will help you keep what you have in place and get to where you would like to be."

For more information on the program and the training session, call Spika in St. Helens, 397-7211.

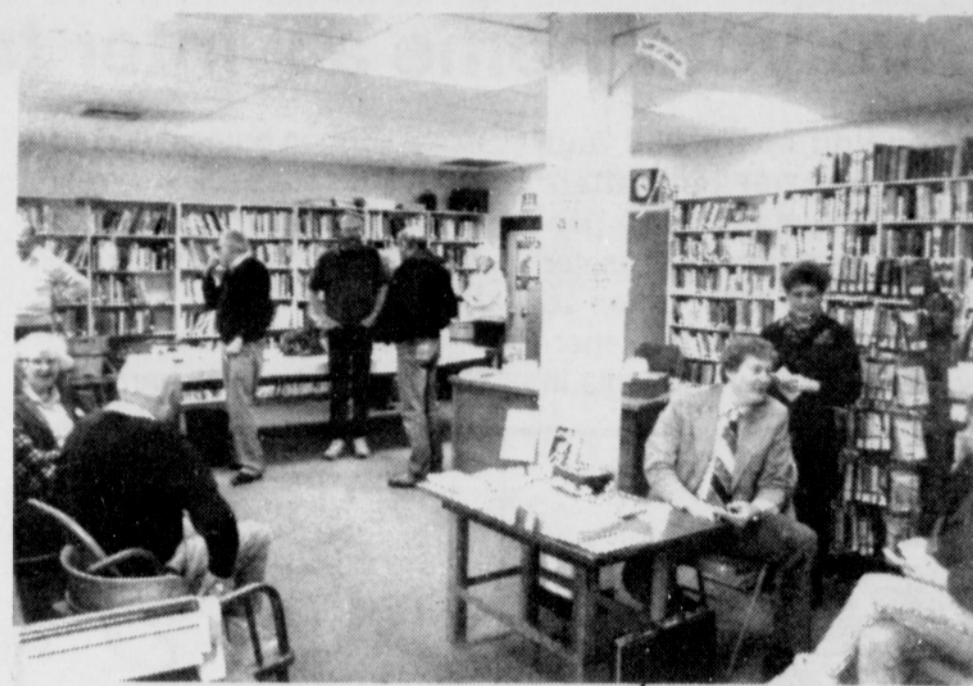


Tony Hyde draws the winning ticket for an autographed Blazer basketball, closely watched by, from left, Dawn Carr, D'Lisa Watts and Judy King. Anita Peerson was the lucky winner of the Vernonia Preschool fund raiser.

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We wish to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, and calls at the loss of my mother, Harriette Bowers. Your thoughtfulness means so much!

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Peterson sentenced for manslaughter

Ronald E. Peterson of Vernonia was sentenced Dec. 2 by Washington County Judge Alan Bonebrake to 180 days in the Washington County Restitution Center and three years formal probation, in addition to paying \$13,375 in restitution, \$5,000 in victim compensation, \$153 court costs and \$45.30 in witness fees for one count of second-degree manslaughter.

The 55 year-old Peterson was involved in a two car accident on Highway 47 that resulted in the death of the other driver. He must also obtain mental health and alcohol evaluation, counseling and treatment, and participate in an antabuse program.

Banzer indicted in negligent homicide

Joseph D. Banzer of Mist was indicted Dec. 7 on a charge of criminally negligent homicide, after an auto accident in October that resulted in the death of a passenger.

According to the grand jury indictment, the 34-year old Banzer was driving under the influence of intoxicants.

A passenger in the back seat of Banzer's car, Vicki L. Richardson, 26, was killed after being ejected from the car when it went off of Hwy. 47 about two miles north of Vernonia, went down a bank, and rolled over several times. Richardson's husband, Joseph, 30, was a passenger in the front seat. The Richardsons were also residents of Mist.

A trial date will be set after the first of the year.



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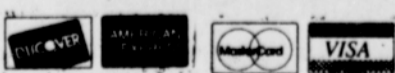
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