

Vernonia youth and adults enjoyed first 24-Hour Relay Challenge

The First Annual Columbia County 24-Hour Relay Challenge, held Oct. 9 on the Rainier High School track, was a resounding success.

Twenty-one teams with over 200 participants, raised more than seven thousand dollars to be used in Columbia County to fight drug and alcohol abuse. Over 200 volunteers from throughout the county made this event possible.

Columbia County Commissioner Tony Hyde's team from Vernonia was a family affair; his wife, Dana, and daughters, Kirsten and Kortni, met the Relay Challenge, along with Sheril McWhirter, her son Jared and

daughter Katelyn McWhirter, Nicole Gwin, Colin Plews, Erica Hobart, and Leslie O'Leary. O'Leary's preschool daughter, Madeleine, also participated.

Commissioner Hyde's team won the award for Best Banner.

Several members of Vernonia Youth in Action! participated either by helping with be-

hind the scenes functions, or by filling out other teams, including the PGE and Rainier DARE teams. Youth in Action! participants included Tegan Jones, Jason Landers, Kathy Crawford, Tanya Santos, Alexis Posley, Steven Potter and Christie Brown.

Vernonia volunteers Cindy

Veterans invited to join VFW group

Forest Grove Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5233 is aware that Vernonia is without a VFW Post and Auxiliary, and has extended an invitation to all Vernonia Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Post #5233 meets on the third Thursday of each month at the National Guard Armory in Forest Grove. Dues for the Post are \$20.00, and for the Auxiliary \$15.00 per year. For the Auxiliary, \$5.00 of your dues will purchase a cancer insurance policy.

For further information contact Forest Grove Post Commander, Jim Hand, or Alice Ellison Hand, District 16 President and Forest Grove Auxiliary Treasurer, at 357-7469, evenings.

Ball and Michelle Blum were named Best Organized Adult Volunteer, and Most Inspirational.

Fifty percent of the money raised in the Challenge will be divided by Columbia County's five communities for activities

that promote alcohol- and drug-free youth. Forty percent of the proceeds will be reserved for next year's event, and 10 percent will be used to develop an adolescent drug and alcohol treatment center in Columbia County.

M-B sets Fall Festival on Saturday

The Mist-Birkenfeld Helping Circle is excited to have five Beany Baby Bears to auction at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 24. The festival kicks off at 6:00 p.m. in the Mist School gym.

Princess Diana, Erin, Peace, Curly, and Valentino Bears have been donated to the auction by Barbara Hodgson, mother of Mist Grade School primary teacher Kari Hansen. Many other wonderful items have been donated to the Helping Circle Auction by merchants in Vernonia, Clatskanie, Long-

view, and Astoria.

Other Fall Festival activities include raffle baskets, door prizes, a silent auction, bake sale, plant sale, and a quilt raffle.

A quilt was donated for the Fall Festival by Mrs. Bruce Eliot of Birkenfeld. The king-size quilt was crafted by the quilters of St. Mary's Church in Vernonia and raffled at their 1997 Quilt Fair. Mrs. Elliot won the raffle and has generously donated the quilt to the Helping Circle for the club's annual fund raiser.

The Upper Nehalem Dixieland Band will be there to give a special performance.

Please join the Mist-Birkenfeld Helping Circle for an evening of fun at this old fashioned, family style event. For more information contact Helping Circle President Shirley Kyser at (503) 755-2346.

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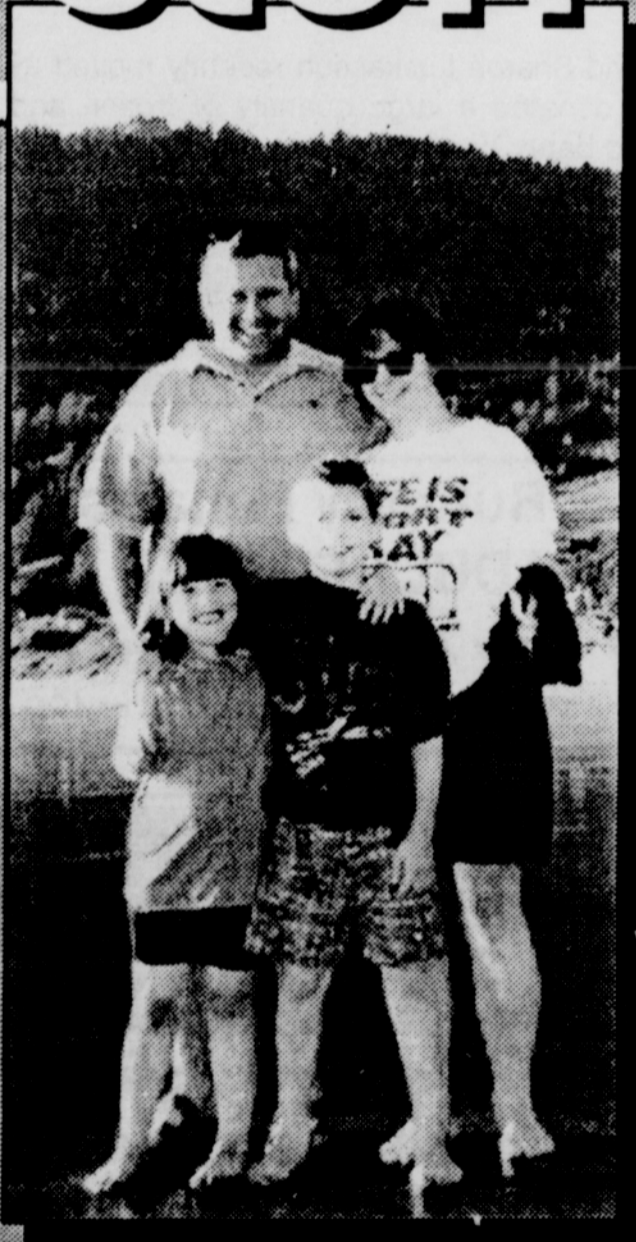
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