

# County emergency services prepares for Hood-to-Coast throng

While 20,000 participants in this year's Hood to Coast and Portland to Coast relays might be good news to area businesses, the addition of that many people along with 2,000 support vans, means added responsibility for local emergency management personnel.

In preparation for this year's event, to be held Aug. 25 and 26, law enforcement, fire, medical and relay officials have made contingency plans to

help minimize the impact on local residents and emergency service providers, as well as to ensure the safety of relay participants.

"Our number one objective is to maintain essential emergency services for local residents while at the same time providing medical support and traffic enforcement for those participating in the event," said John Clouse, Columbia County Emergency Management Coordinator.

St. Helens RFPD and Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD personnel will man first aid stations at various points along the route. This will provide relay participants with aid and the impact on local emergency medical services.

As with any large event, communication is a critical factor. The ham operators group Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) will be on duty again this year to provide information to emergency service providers and relay officials.

The relays, which begin early on Aug. 25, will enter Columbia County on Highway 30 and continue through Scappoose until turning west onto Berg Road. Winding past the County Fairgrounds and through Yank-

ton, the course continues on Pittsburg Road, Schaffer Road and Apiary Road until reaching Hwy. 47. On Hwy. 47, the runners/walkers will travel northwest to Mist, then onto Hwy. 202 toward the final destination at Seaside.

With the number of people and vehicles on the road, a pri-

mary concern is that drivers of the support vehicles follow both traffic laws and the relay rules. Citizens who have complaints about relay vehicles or participants are urged to call Gail MacIntyre at (503) 319-8016. Callers are asked to report the nature of the complaint and the team number of the ve-

hicle, which is to be posted on the front and rear of the vehi-

cle. Other information, such as the team name, and vehicle make and model is also helpful. Race officials for the first time will be issuing "parking tickets" which could lead to the team being penalized.

## Run/walk fundraiser to benefit 4-H

The Columbia County 4-H Youth Development Program will host its first 5K Run/Walk fund raiser Saturday, August 19, with a 9:00 a.m. start. The event will begin and end at the plaza in Old Towne St. Helens.

The proceeds will be used to fund educational programs and special awards, according to Woody Davis, OSU Extension Service 4-H Agent. Davis also expressed the hope that the run/walk will become an annual event.

Registration is \$15.00 before August 14 and \$20.00 on the day of the race. The fee includes a T-shirt for those who register before the 14th. Door prizes will be given after the event.

Boise Cascade Corp., Columbia River PUD, Friesen

Lumber, KOHI Radio, and Wal Mart are also sponsoring the event. "Without them, we could have never gotten this off the ground," said Davis.

Registration forms are available at the OSU Extension office in St. Helens. On race day, registration will start at 8:00 a.m. at the Old Towne plaza

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
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Al-Anon	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Thurs.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	1:00 p.m., New Hong Kong	M-B Rescue	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday	10:00 am, 755-2346 for info.
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church			
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library			
Chamber of Commerce		No meetings July and August			
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center			
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church			
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 429-7193			
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place			
Narcotics Anonymous	Thursdays	6:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.			
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 429-4074			
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library			
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401			
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library			
Vernonia Cares Directors	1st Thursday	For location call 429-1414			
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	6:30 p.m., City Hall			
Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.			
Vernonia Grange	2nd Friday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall			
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.			
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall			
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 429-1204			
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library			
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station			
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office			
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center			
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station			
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC			

BANKS		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby
Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall
Friends of the Library	1st Saturday	10:00 a.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
TOPS	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Jr. High Library
Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410