

Another successful MTC summer work program employs youth

Sixty-five young people in Columbia County participated in the 2000 Summer Youth Program provided by Management & Training Corporation (MTC). They received innovative training, diverse work experiences and a summer full of learning.

The program began with a week-long pre-employment workshop, which included job search techniques, resumé-writing skills, interview techniques and mock interviews. After a week of learning new skills, the interviews were completed and the jobs began. A total of 57 students completed for 35 positions at a variety of businesses throughout the county. Among the positions

students held were library front desk aide, recreational counselor, assistant crew leader, grounds crewmember, associate producer, public works crewmember, production assistant, bakery assistant and restaurant assistant. Participating organizations included Scappoose Public Library, St. Helens School District, Vernonia Public Works, Vernonia City Hall, CCTV and St. Helens Greater Parks and Recreation District.

In addition to the jobs mentioned, several youth were chosen to participate in an intensive, four-week computer camp. They began by assembling

computers and installing the operating system. They also learned Windows 98, WordPerfect, Quattro Pro and worked with databases and Paradox. Upon completion of the computer camp, with good attendance and a demonstrated working knowledge of the programs, the computers and printers were given to the students to take home.

MTC's summer youth pro-

gram offers opportunities for both youth and businesses in Columbia County. The youth gain new skills, valuable work experience and high school credit needed to continue their education. The businesses receive motivated employees they might otherwise not have been able to hire. The communities also receive benefits from the youth programs offered by MTC. By participating

in programs provided by MTC and collaborating partners (Columbia County Juvenile Department, Oregon Youth Conservation Corp and the Youth Transition Program), young people start developing and recognizing the skills necessary to become contributing members of our communities.

For more information about MTC programs, call 503-397-6495.

Annual Vernonia food drive ready

Cub Scout Pack 201 and the Youth Transition Program at Vernonia High School are sponsor a food drive to benefit the Vernonia Cares Food Bank. Kick-off is October 21 and runs through November 15. Food barrels will be set up at Sentry, Mini-Mart and Vernonia Hardware, to accept donations of non-perishable foods. Donations of cash or checks are gladly accepted at Vernonia Cares, which can purchase food at a discount, so your money is put to good use.

A door-to-door food drive will

be conducted Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers will come to your door or you may leave your contribution in a box or bag on your doorstep labeled "Vernonia Cares" and it will be picked up. Families or groups who would like to volunteer may call the food drive chairman, Susie Armstrong, at 503-429-6132.

This annual food drive requires the support of the community so that no one goes hungry this winter. Please join the effort.

Kids basketball clinic scheduled

A Basketball Clinic for girls and boys in third through sixth grades is scheduled on Saturdays, November 4 through December 16, in the Washington Grade School gym (grades 3-4) and Vernonia High School gym (grades 5-6). The Vernonia Boosters are sponsoring the clinic, which costs \$10 per child.

All parents are encouraged to participate, whether by helping or watching. Like any program, the more volunteers there are, the better the program. Those willing to help are asked to call Marilyn Landers at 503-429-4543.

The goal of Vernonia Boosters clinic is to provide the opportunity for Vernonia kids to learn about basketball. The guidelines are as follows:

1. Kids must listen when

spoken to.

2. Kids must respect each other, the volunteers, equipment and facilities.

3. Kids must work together in a cooperative manner.

4. Kids are expected to play basketball.

5. Kids must have fun.

Return registration forms and \$10 to WGS before Saturday, Nov. 3 (make checks payable to Vernonia Boosters).

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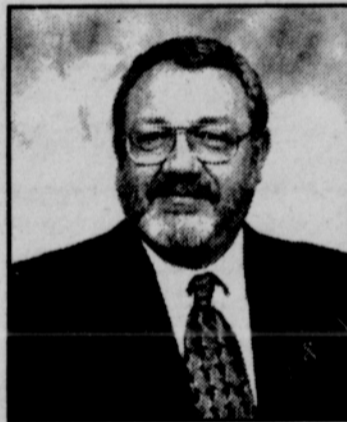
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A contingent of Vernonia residents obviously enjoyed themselves when they participated in the Memory Walk to raise funds for services to patients of Alzheimer's Disease.

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Paul Pulliam

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✓ Paul brings his personal honesty and integrity to public office. He always has an open door to hear citizens' concerns.

Sound fiscal management

- ✓ Paul will ensure that the county plans wisely, is managed efficiently and lives within budget.
- ✓ He has a degree in economics from OSU.
- ✓ He has 21 years experience as a bank manager, helping rural, locally-owned businesses be successful.
- ✓ As a city councilor he has balanced budgets with surpluses.
- ✓ As a consultant, he wrote the Port of St. Helens's original strategic business plan.

Economic opportunity

- ✓ Paul will keep fighting to create jobs to stop the rural "brain drain" into larger cities, while supporting our independent business owners.
- ✓ Paul will work to keep our rural quality of life while improving health care access and fair land use.

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