

# Next St. Helens River City Speedway race scheduled for August 13

Helens Police Department officer. It was the first ever B main win for Moss, 37, a third-year competitor who drives the Heller Enterprises/Cage Offroad Chevrolet Malibu. Holmason won the modified B main while driving his Emmert Motors/Mountain View Electric open-wheel race car.

Rainier's Greg Greer led the first eight circuits of the modified main until Fox passed him on the inside of the back straightaway and led the re-

mainder of the 40-lap race with his Malar Performance Engines/Northwest Competition Motorsports open-wheel style racer. Fox, a 23-year motorsports veteran, has his sights set on winning his first Columbia County Racing Association title. It would be the second championship of his career, as Fox won Portland Speedway's street stock division in 1984.

"Everything's been going pretty well and this is my last season, but I wouldn't even be

able to compete without the tremendous amount of sponsorship from Tony Malar, who really does a fantastic job working on the motor to keep it running in such excellent condition for every race," said Fox, the current division leader.

"I'm just elated to get my first sportsman win, especially since I had a DNF (did not finish) in the last race (July 9) and then dropped a few positions in the point standings," said Williams, who led from start-to-finish with

his STC Racing Parts/Alliance Automotive Camaro. "The car was running great, with perfect handling in the corners and it's sure been a good season, the best of my four-year career."

Cherington, the defending mini stock champion from Vancouver, overtook Warrenton's Mark Guindon on lap 19 and led the remainder of the 40-lap main with his Circle H Enterprises/Dusty's Machine Shop Datsun 210. Nusom, from Gresham, took the lead in the street stock main after passing Rainier's Jon "Razor" Gillett on

lap 18. Nusom took a commanding advantage in the Tom's Auto & Performance Camaro and won by half a lap over Gannin Thomas of St. Helens. Fordyce grabbed the lead on lap nine of the women's race and stayed up front to notch her second win in the Discount Race Car Parts Monte Carlo.

The 10th event on the 14-race CCRA schedule is the Budweiser Race August 13, featuring the Northwest Street Stock Tour, followed by the August 20 Pepsi Race.

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and academics program designed to work with after school activities and education to recognize boys for achievements in sports and certain academics. It's a great companion to fall and spring sports, as well as any art programs offered locally. The list of possible achievements is long! They also teach conservation, recycling for example, and the Leave No Trace philosophy for outdoor activities.

As both pack and dens we take many field trips. Some this year included: Wintering Over Reenactment at Ft. Clatsop, Snow Day at Mt. Hood, Ft. Vancouver, Silver Falls, Multnomah Falls, Rockaway Beach for a Kite Derby, and many others. As a pack, community service projects this year [included] Scouting for Food for Vernonia Cares, SOLV, a tree plant at Anderson Park, Goodwill Good turn, and a Leaf Rake for the Scout Cabin.

We are currently recruiting boys in grades 1-5 and parents interested in helping in leadership. Adults are needed for Grade 1 Leader and Co-Leader, Grade 2 Leader, and Grade 3 Co-Leader

There may be other opportunities outside of leadership available.

Boys don't have to attend public school to be in scouts. Our group consists of children from public, private and home schools.

Call 503-429-5109 evenings if you are interested in registering your child or becoming a leader.

I would also like to extend a thank you to everyone who has supported scouting. We appreciate everything you have

done.

**Nicole Larke**  
3rd grade Den Leader  
Vernonia

## Genocide in Rwanda calls for our help

To the Editor:

In April 1994, Rwanda (located in Africa) experienced one of the most horrific atrocities known to man. Genocide. In the first two weeks 250,000 Tutsis were killed. The most concentrated killing in world history. Killing 3 times faster than the Nazis did in the Holocaust.

The weapon of choice was a machete, it has been heard, that one militant said, "Killing with a machete is exhausting, so we need to work in shifts." Women were violated in various ways, then killed. Some managed to survive, but were left with the words, "I am not going to kill you now, but you will die of sadness," ringing in their ears. People were burnt alive and family members went so far as to turn each other in.

Local radio told the Tutsis to find shelter in churches, stadiums, and schools. That only concentrated them so they were easier to kill. The Tutsis held the Hutu militia at bay by throwing stones and sticks at them, so the Hutu returned with machine guns and grenades.

According to Human Rights Watch, by the end of April, "the worst of the massacre had finished. About half of the Tutsi population had been murdered." Over the 100 day massacre, approx. 1,000,000 people had been killed. Around 94% of the victims were Tutsi, the others were moderate Hutus.

Why am I telling you this? Because if you don't know about it...you should. And if you do know about it, you should be doing something to help.

There are approximately 300,000 in refugee camps, and over 4,000 children in orphanages. Their education is suffering because most of their teachers were killed. The annual income is \$180. And AIDS is rampant.

If you are thinking, "I am only one person, what can I do?" then you are exactly the person I want to talk to! I used to think that too! And YOU CAN DO SOMETHING! I know, the news is saturating us with the Sudan, tsunami victims, and the missing girl in Aruba (all newsworthy to be sure). But what about Rwanda? They are STILL struggling after 11 years. We turned our backs on them then. Will we continue to do so?

Please, learn about Rwanda. Get online, look it up, and see for yourself what true horrors they faced. Educate yourselves. Do whatever it takes to make YOUR voice heard! Write to our Senators, to the President, anyone who will listen to you. What would it be like to "walk in their shoes?" Sounds scary, doesn't it? Would you want someone to help you... your loved ones? I think you would. We have Freedom, something that many people don't have. We need to be good stewards of our freedom.

Africa may seem "far away," but really, this world is so small, and it keeps getting smaller. Look into your heart, your spirit and ask yourself...what can I "let go of" so that someone may simply live. I know it CAN be done. Let yourself be a part of

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