

Families urged to attend free Family Volunteer Fair on October 9

The Washington County Commission on Children and Families and Hands on Greater Portland are co-sponsoring a Family Volunteer Fair on Friday, October 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Street Elementary School Cafeteria in Hillsboro.

The fair is an opportunity for families to work together doing various hands-on projects. Families also will learn about

other volunteer projects and organizations in the area.

Admission to the Family Volunteer Fair is free. But according to event chair Marilyn Harrison, "We are asking those who can to donate school supplies: pens, pencils, reams of paper, backpacks, book bags, rulers, erasers, crayons, whatever might be listed on your child's list of school supplies."

Commission member and

fair organizer Susan Bender Phelps says, "Now that school is back in session, families will just be getting back into their familiar routines. Then October 9 will arrive, the first in-service day for this school year. What a perfect day for bringing the family together to volunteer their time to help others in need."

For more information about the Family Volunteer Fair

please contact Betty Merritt at 503-846-4547 or email her at betty_merritt@co.washington.or.us

FEMA offers preparedness tips

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provide another escape route. Should the animal stay, call your local animal control office or wildlife resource officer.

Free emergency information for pet owners is also available by calling 1-800-BE READY, at FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov>

and FEMA FOR KIDS site: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/petkit.htm>. In addition, an instructional video demonstration of how to build a disaster emergency plan is available at: <http://www.ready.gov/america/about/instructional.html>.

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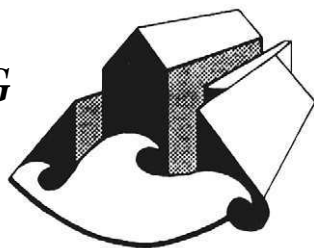
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