



Left, Greg Page and Smokey the Bear from the Gifford Pinchot division of the U.S. Forest Service at the Helping Us Grow Safely (HUGS) event at Henkle Middle School. Photo by Lisa Harness. Right Ron Schultz, engineering manager, holds down the KPUD booth at the HUGS fair. Photo by Eva France.

HUGS a Big Part of Growing Up

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The 14th annual HUGS event was held at Henkle Middle School in White Salmon on March 6.

HUGS, or Helping Us Grow Safely, provides an opportunity for families to gather information on a variety of topics that relate to the health and safety of children through fun, hands-on activities.

Klickitat PUD was well represented, along with many other educational

booths and demonstrations that focused on fun and healthy opportunities and activities in our local area. There was music, entertainment, special guests—including Smokey the Bear—traditional displays and new exhibits. Many local businesses donated door prizes to give away.

A big thank you goes out to KPUD's dedicated volunteers Ron Schultz and Eva France for being part of this special event. ■