

VHS homecoming activities on Friday

A week of Homecoming fun and games will come to an end Friday with the Homecoming Dance preceded by a football game between Vernonia High School and Neah-Kah-Nie at Greenman Field.

Though kickoff time is 7:30 p.m., alumni and friends can first enjoy a feast of barbecued hamburgers, corn on the cob, chips and pop or coffee. Food will be served from the concession booth starting

at 6:00 p.m. for \$3 per person or \$15 per family.

Members of the Nehalem Valley Speed & Beauty car club will man the concession booth. Proceeds from the fund raiser will go to the Boosters.

Reigning over the dance will be the Homecoming Court of Leah Keenon and Doug Dennis, Sarah Vandehy and Bill Busch, Jenny Ervin and Bob Busch.

Other activities during Homecoming Week include dress-up days at the high school, with Monday for polka dots, stripes or plaid; Tuesday was cowboy or hippie clothing; Wednesday is class colors; Thursday will be school colors.

On Friday, classes will compete against each other in the Logger Olympics, a number of humorous games and activities.



Jessie Johnston and Walter Mathews enjoyed an animated conversation during the Rummage Sale fund raiser for Mist School. For a full report on how the activity went, see Letters to the Editor.

Remember to send in Sentry receipts

Remember to turn in those Vernonia Sentry receipts to any elementary student or classroom in Vernonia, classroom aide Barbara Ervin urged.

"They may be only pieces of paper after your groceries are unloaded and put away,

but they mean valuable dollars to the HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) program," Ervin said.

HOSTS is a one-on-one mathematics tutoring program that has proven to be very successful. A decrease in federal money led the pro-

gram to be dropped this year, but it was saved by donations from the community.

The Vernonia Sentry Receipt Program will sponsor next year's HOSTS program. The goal of \$170,000 in receipts is \$20,000 more than last year's goal, but is the same amount as was actually turned in.

The Parent Teacher Organization, which coordinates the receipt program, asks parents and others in the community to save their receipts and send them or take them to school once each month.

County Fair board members work to keep operations going strong

The Columbia County Fair Board declined an offer by the county board of commissioners to place responsibility for maintaining the fairgrounds with the county parks department.

No county general fund money was budgeted for the fair board this year, and a levy that would have provided the board with operating funds was defeated at the polls. They will receive money from the state lottery, but the bulk of their operating funds will have to come from rentals of facilities at the fairgrounds and from the fair, itself.

"If there is any chance to keep the fair independent, we want to do that," said board chairman Kathy Williamson, on a recent visit to Vernonia.

To keep the operation going, the board laid off all staff except one groundskeeper-maintenance man who works

twenty hours per week.

The rest of the work will have to be done by volunteers—a situation well understood by Williamson and board vice-chairman Pam Freytag, who work in the office every day until at least noon, often much longer.

Volunteers are still needed to work on the grounds, paint, do building repair, or any other service they may offer. Goods and materials are also needed, the board members stressed. "If someone wants to donate a gallon of paint, we'll accept it with gratitude and carefully store it until we have enough to paint a building," Williamson said, adding that they can use red, green or white paint.

The Columbia County Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the 4-H building. All meetings are open to the public.



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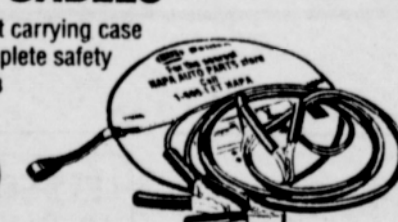
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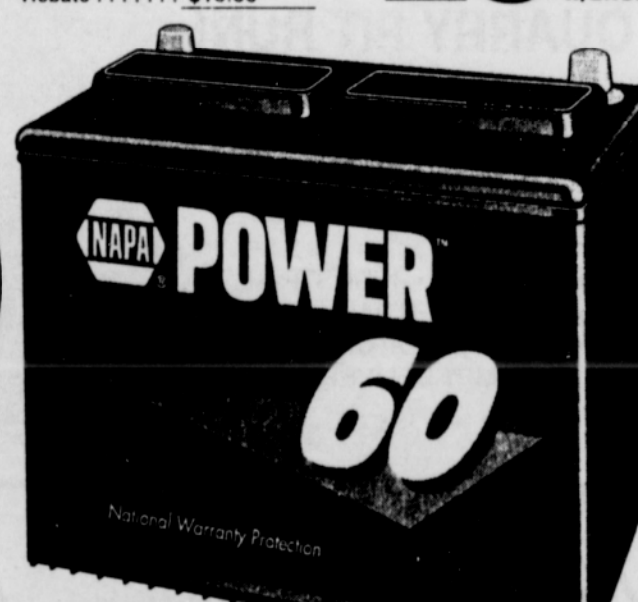


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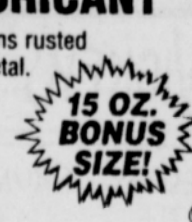
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