

Jamboree Logging Show displays skills of working loggers

The 1995 Vernonia Jamboree Logging Show continues a local tradition—the show is run by and for people who learned their skills by working in the woods. They are mostly professional loggers, not professional contestants.

Most of the participants will be from Columbia County, though contestants from other areas often join in the friendly competition.

Events will include bucking with working saws 4-5 cu. and 5-6 cu., unlimited saws, women's bucking and a contest for saw company representatives.

Pole falling will test loggers' accuracy in dropping a 60' pole on an unopened beer can, while the steeple chase, pole walk and snip, and choker setting will test their speed and agility.

Youngsters may compete

at choker setting, too, with smaller chokers and cables than those used by the loggers. The kids will also have their own ax throw competition.

Men and women compete together in the axe throw, but only women will see how far they can throw a hard hat.

To cool off after a hot contest, participants will try the water events: pole walk, boom stick run and burling, all on the cool waters of Rock Creek.

The Jamboree Logging Show starts at noon on Sunday, August 6, in Hawkins Park. Contestants must register by 11:30 and all contestants are required to wear caulk boots. Contestants operating power saws must also wear chaps.



Bucking participants race against the clock and hope announcer Pete Peters won't mention their thick rounds.



Pole falling can be rough—for a can of beer.



The boom stick run is saved until the end of the show, for obvious reasons.



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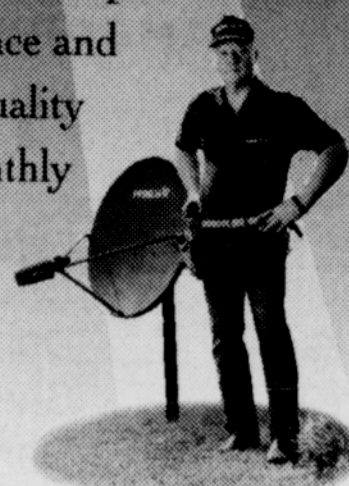
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