

Softball tournament remains a hit

As many as sixteen teams will congregate in Vernonia for the 21st annual Friendship Jamboree Softball tournament. Slots in this invitational tournament are

Play will start on Friday, August 4, at 7 p.m. and continue through the weekend until Sunday evening. The games will be played on the fields of Vernonia High School and Spencer Park.



Players and spectators enjoy time on the sidelines.

sought year after year by northwest Oregon and southwest Washington teams that consider Vernonia the highlight of their season. The local team, coached by Nick Berg, is competing in its 21st season.

During the weekend the men's and women's teams, their families and friends, 3-400 people in all, will camp out on the high school grounds and enjoy Jamboree weekend in Vernonia. Bill Hawkins is the organizer and sponsor.

Jamboree Committee members stay busy all year

The duties of the committee that coordinates the Friendship Jamboree vary from long range planning to keeping the Port-a-Potties supplied with paper. It's rarely exciting and often downright tedious, nevertheless, community-minded Vernonians have filled the necessary roles for nearly 40 years.

The 1995 committee is headed by Gwen Milligan as Chair, assisted by vice-chairman Robb Wilson, secretary Deborah Colby, and treasurer Sue Cavinnee.

Heading up the subcommittees are Michelle Blum, Publicity; Becky Elders, Parade; Sue Cavinnee, Children's Games; Kristi Davis, Mutt Show; Jessilyn Thomas, National Guard.

While this list doesn't begin to cover all of the ac-

tivities of Jamboree, these are the events that are sponsored directly by the committee. Members also handle all arrangements for concessions and a multitude of other tasks.

Many additional events, such as the Logging Show,

Horse Gaming and Fishing Derby, are handled by other community volunteers who coordinate their activities with the committee to create the community-wide celebration known as the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree.

Hospitality Center open for folks

Guests visiting Vernonia during the Friendship Celebration may seek advice and information at the Hospitality Center sponsored by the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce, at 1010 Bridge Street, the offices of Mike Pihl Logging.

It is also a good place to just relax, take a load off your feet and enjoy light refreshments.

Chamber of Commerce members will staff the cen-

ter, along with other volunteers.

The Hospitality Center will also serve as a message board, where you can pick up or leave messages, and it will provide a restful place for you to relax. It will also serve as a lost and found depot.

The Hospitality Center will be open 5-7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Children's Fishing Derby
For details see Schedule of Events, page 16

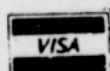
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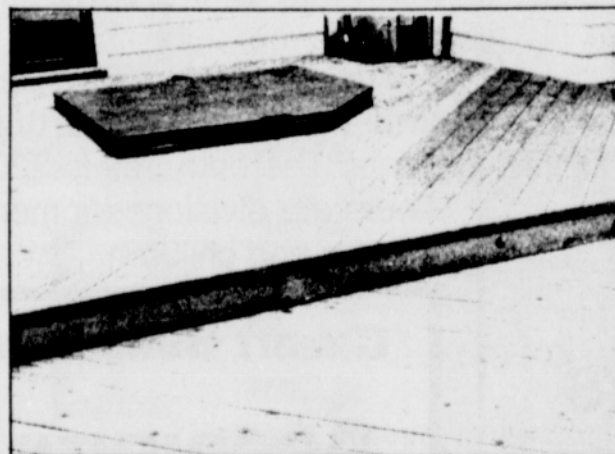
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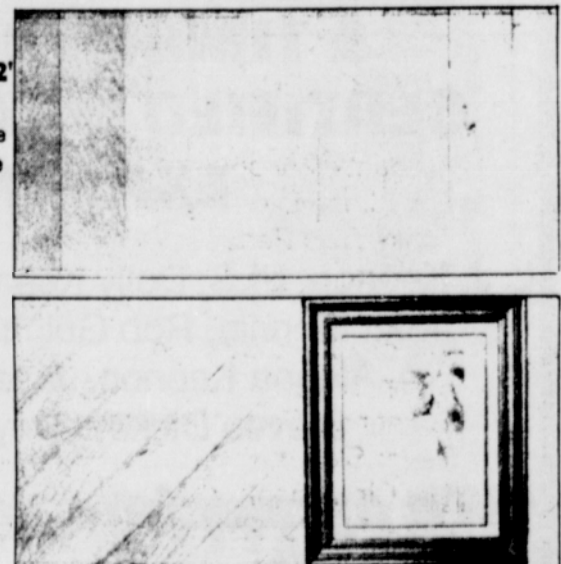
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