

## Fight to the finish, or until you're soggy, with water balloon catapults

A little wet, but clean, fun has been added to Jamboree, with two catapults constructed by members of Vernonia Boy Scout Troop 201 as the centerpiece of a new activity this year. Designed to sling water balloons, the troop is selling 45 minute time slots during which two 10-person teams will duel with eight-ounce water balloons. The big slingshots are capable of shooting the apple-sized balloons over 100 yards, the Scouts say.

"You can have your choice of opponents, but there is only one choice of weapons - it's

water balloons at 100 paces," said Scoutmaster Jim Tierney.

The catapults are constructed of small poles lashed together with rope. The force needed to propel the ammunition over long distances is made of surgical tubing tied to the top of two poles, which will stretch to up to three times its length.

The large number of team members is needed because some are needed to aim and to act as ballast on the base of the slingshot. Smaller shooters often have to be held from behind as they stretch the tubing.

The Scouts will schedule both individuals or groups of any size, but may combine people to reach the ideal ten-person team size, and keep the level of competition high.

Competition begins on Friday, Aug. 4 at noon, and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. If enough people sign up, the event will be open at noon on Sunday. The registration fee will be \$5 per person. To schedule a time slot before Jamboree, interested individuals or teams may contact Claudia Ryan at 429-1202, or days at 429-7335. If Ryan is unavailable, call Rebecca Brookins at

429-6008, Juana Howley at 429-7024, Jim Tierney at 429-0720, or Jill Hooker at 429-3900. During Jamboree, schedule your time at the scout booth adjacent to the Vernonia

76 station. The competition will take place on a portion of the OA Mill site. Directions are available when you schedule your time.

### Start the day with food and music

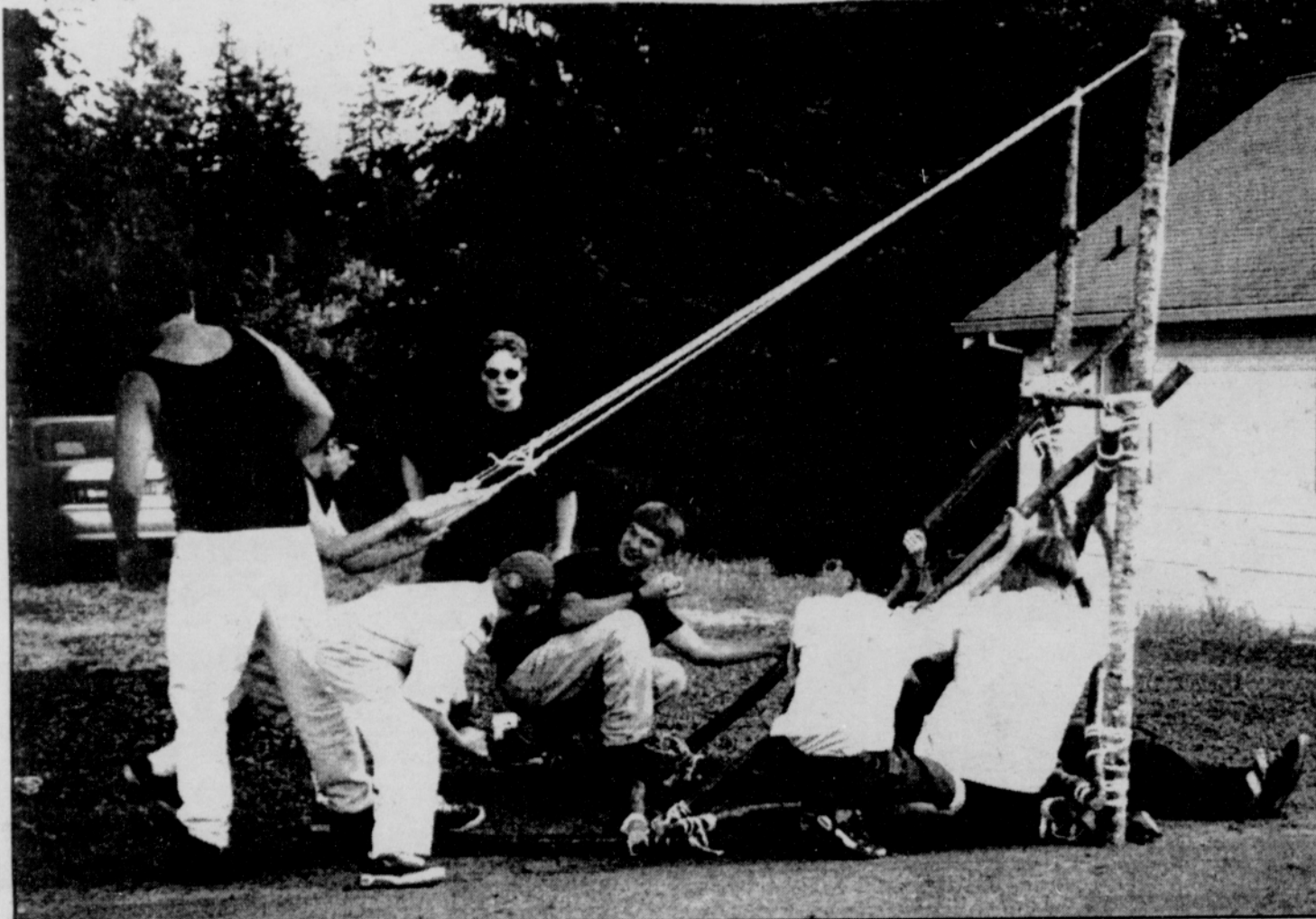
Breakfast will be served, along with a song or two by the West Hills Chorus Sweet Adelines, on Saturday and Sunday at the Vernonia Senior Citizens Center.

Breakfast of pancakes, eggs, choice of sausage or ham, and beverage will be served from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. both days. The cost is \$4.00 per

person; \$2.50 for children under 10 years.

This year, especially good news for people who are too busy to bake during Jamboree, there will be a Bake Sale with a variety of goodies available for all tastes. The Senior Center is located at 446 Bridge Street.

For more information about the West Hills Chorus, call 297-1487.



### Identify baby photos at senior center

The Vernonia Senior Center will be open during Jamboree, with a variety of things going on inside.

A "Guess that Baby" contest will be in full swing, with baby pictures of Vernonia senior citizens on one wall of the lunchroom in the Center. Cost is 25 cents per guess, and there is a \$25 cash prize for the person who identifies the most babies correctly.

The thrift store will be open, and volunteers will be selling tickets for a quilt to be raffled in December as a benefit for COLCO Transportation.

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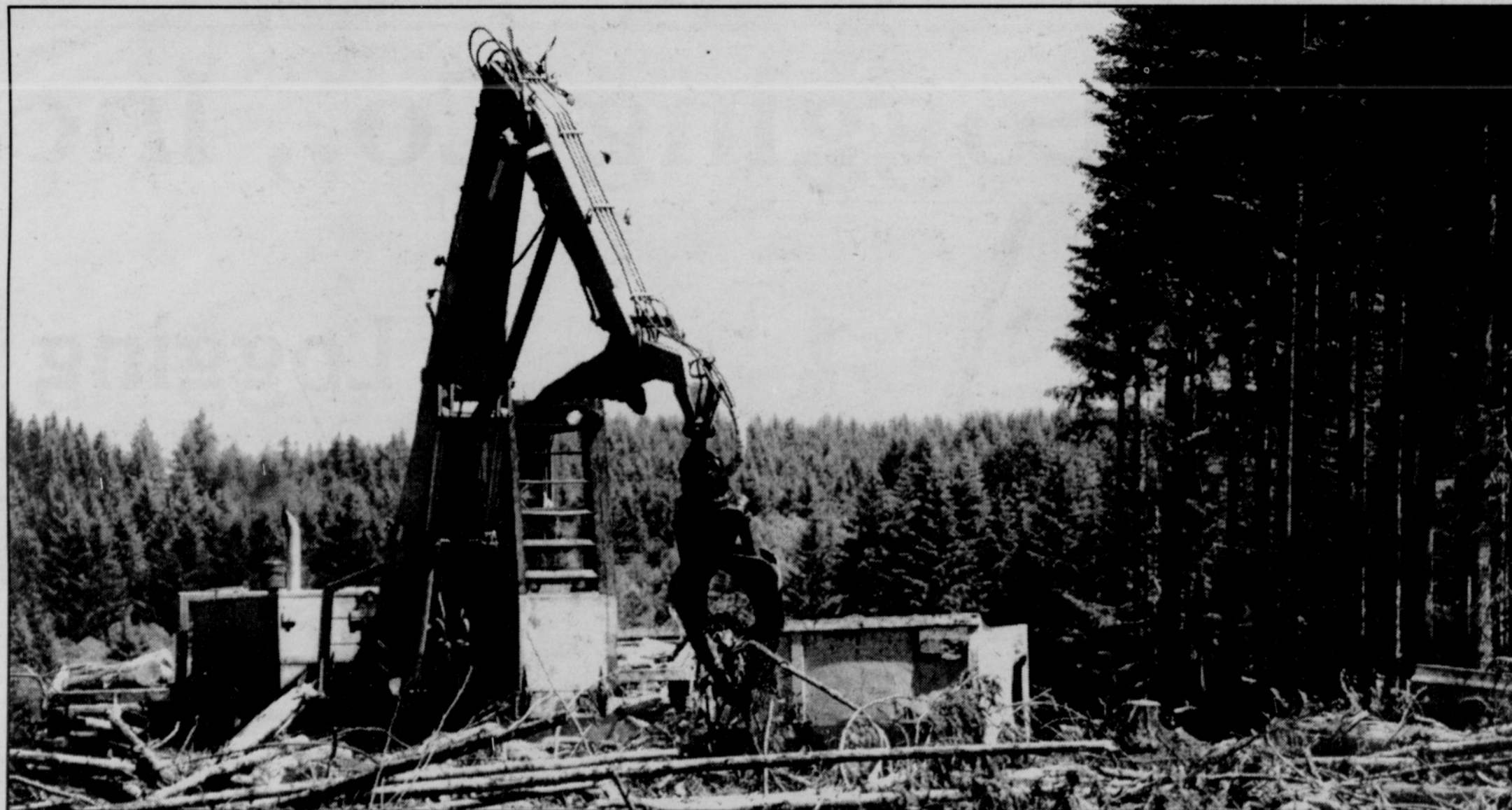
Chorus Sweet Adelines (Please see related article.). The Vernonia Senior Citizens Center is at 446 Bridge Street.

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