

Alternative Stage a great place to relax and enjoy lots of music



Top left: As usual, Alfred Whitewater had the crowd rocking and wanting more.

This Alternative Stage, a free three-day festival of country, rock, blues and folk music, will start Friday at 4:00 p.m., and continue through the weekend. The 2001 Alternative Stage will be dedicated to the memory of Bob Ragsdale and Mark French, two people who celebrated life with music.

performances will start at approximately 1:00 p.m. and wind up at around 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. A complete schedule of performers may be found elsewhere in this publication.

The Stage is located in the lot behind the Joy Theater and the Lyon's Den. There is no formal seating and all who attend are encouraged to bring any items necessary to be comfortable. Audience participation is encouraged during this casual, outdoor event.

The Alternative Stage is free, live entertainment, and donations are gladly accepted to help offset the expenses of musicians, many of whom travel a long way to perform. A tip jar will be available, or sponsorship contributions may be

made directly to the Alternative Stage, c/o Lowell J. Mitchell, 2323 NW Marshall #7, Portland, OR 97210, or call 503-772-4132.

Saturday and Sunday per-

Modern gun slingers compete at fast draw action

Men, women and children, including large numbers of shooters from Canada and around the United States, are all fascinated by the fast-draw competition, with its roots in the world of movie westerns, as they compete for trophies and cash prizes in different categories.

Fast draw features two separate events; the first is a head-to-head shootout with a balloon target, with two shooters, vying for the best of ten rounds in both speed and accuracy. Bullets are not used in this event. The target balloons are burst by excess powder in the cartridge.

In the second competition, contestants use 45 caliber ammunition with a shotgun primer and a bullet made of wax. Shooters compete individually, with targets that are 20 inches wide and 40 inches high, firing from distances of five, eight, 10, 12, and 15 feet.



Speed, agility and accuracy are needed by successful contestants in the Fast Draw competition.

Contests are measured by a digital timer which reads the action to 275/1000 of a second. The weapons used in these events are usually Colt 45s or Ruger .357s bored to 45 calibers.

The shootout will begin Saturday, August 4, at 10:30 a.m. in Hawkins Park. Registration is at 10:00 a.m.

Ray and Claire Thielke sponsor the event. Ray is chairman of the board of the World Federation Fast-draw Association.



Lisa Miller and Her Trailer Park Honeys, showed again why they are favorites at the Alternative Stage.

Synchro swim team demonstration at Cedar Ridge

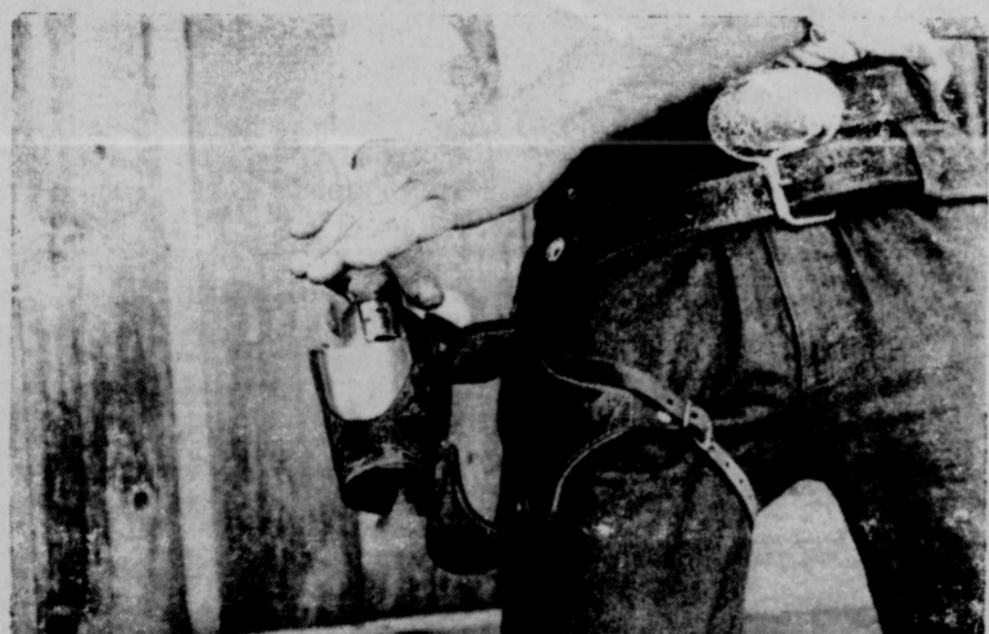
Vernonia Teen Alex Hayes will again bring her team of synchronized swimmers to Cedar Ridge Sports Camp for a Jamboree performance on Friday, August 3, at 7:00 p.m.

The 16 year-old Vernonia High School senior has nine years of experience in this demanding sport and has started a synchro program in St. Helens. Though she was an assistant coach with the North Clackamas Synchro Stars, this

is her first year as head coach.

Admission to this event is a donation, plus one non-perishable food item to go to the Vernonia Cares Food Bank. All proceeds will benefit Vernonia

Cares. Cedar Ridge is located at 18062 Keasey Road, about two miles north of Vernonia. To get there, take State Avenue from Bridge Street; State becomes Keasey Road.



Note the bracket, which moves the holster away from the hip.

Please support the advertisers who make this community newspaper possible.

DIRECTORY OF ADVERTISERS

ADVERTISER	PG. NO.	ADVERTISER	PG. NO.	ADVERTISER	PG. NO.
The Alternative Stage.....	22	Gwin & Sons Logging.....	11	Shaw Supply.....	17
Bighorn Logging.....	24	Hertz Equipment Rental.....	13	Skidmore & Son Trucking.....	5
Bridge Street Automotive.....	20	Holce Logging Co., Inc.	10	Sunnyside Cafe.....	21
Bridge Street Mini Mart.....	4	The INDEPENDENT.....	6-7	Vernonia Auto Parts.....	18
Buckner Land Salvage.....	5	Jim's Sentry Super Market.....	4	Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce.....	6-7
Camp 18.....	18	Keenon Land Services.....	18	Vernonia Country Kitchen.....	4
Cedar Ridge.....	22	The Lyon's Den.....	21	Vernonia Golf Club.....	18
Century 21/Wright-Christie & Assoc., Inc.....	17	Mike Pihl Logging Co., Inc.....	24	Vernonia Inn Bed & Breakfast.....	9
City of Vernonia.....	6-7	Morrison Remodeling.....	17	Vernonia Logging Show Committee.....	16
Cowlitz River Rigging.....	16	Meyer's Auto Body.....	20	Vernonia Realty & Insurance, Inc.	2
Creative Impulse.....	17	Oak Ranch Quarry.....	15	Vernonia Sentry Market.....	8
Dennis Electric, Inc.....	5	Olympic Resource Management.....	12	Weller & Sons Trucking.....	10
Farmwoman's Nursery.....	9	Oregon Realty Co.....	17	West Oregon Electric Cooperative.....	4
Feenaughty Machinery Co.....	12	Providence Family Medicine.....	4	Western Auto.....	4
Fred Bergerson Logging.....	17	Remax Associates-Metro.....	16	Wilcox & Flegel.....	19
		Schlegel's Bike Shop.....	21		