

## Patriotic Jamboree theme selected

"Proud to Say, Vernonia USA" is the theme selected by the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree Committee for the 46th annual festivities. Jessie Johnston of Birkenfeld submitted the winning entry and will receive a

\$50.00 U.S. Savings bond for her efforts.

For the date of the next meeting, or for other information, call committee chair Randy Parrow at 503-429-1093.

## Georgia Pacific gift provides computers for non-profit agencies including Vernonia Cares

United Way of Columbia County, like other not-for-profit organizations, relies on donations of money and materials from businesses and individu-

als. Recently, when notified that Georgia Pacific might have some old computers available, the information was shared with member agencies and, in no time, there were requests for 38 computers.

This information was sent to Amber Krause at Georgia Pacific, requesting any assistance they could offer in filling this huge order.

The result is 20 computers to help fill the requests received from United Way of Columbia

County and its member agencies. United Way received two computers; the other recipients include Vernonia Cares (1 computer), Columbia Community Mental Health (10), Turning Point (1), Community Action Team's Caring Options program (2), Community House family homeless shelter in Longview (2), and Progress Center, which provides early intervention services for children with special developmental needs (2).

## Lifejacket Lending program being organized for water safety efforts

With summer weather, much time will be spent in or around the water. Many children and adults in the Vernonia area have limited swimming skills and no access to life jackets.

A Lifejacket Lending program is planned to help provide lifejackets to those in need. Similar programs have been started in small towns across the nation. There has been an enthusiastic response to the

idea among community members and City administration.

Donated lifejackets will be taken to Vernonia Hardware and made available to swimmers at Rock Creek swimming pool. If enough are collected, a lending program will be established to check out lifejackets for an extended period during the summer.

For more information, call Kim Tierney at 503-429-0720.

## Mist student's essay earns award from Oregon Collectors group

David Crawford of Mist, who graduated from Clatskanie High School this year, received a \$3,000 Bob Hasson Memorial Scholarship. Hasson scholarship awards were based on essay entries about "The Proper Use of Credit in the 21st Century." The awards are sponsored by the Oregon Collectors Association.

Additional winners this year were from Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, and McKenzie Christian School in Leaburg.

All three winners, accompanied by their parents, attended an awards presentation at the annual convention of Oregon Collectors Association, in Newport. They read their winning essays at a luncheon in their honor before being presented the awards by James Krueger, State of Oregon Program Manager non Depository Institutions, State Representative Betsy Johnson, and Vick York, President Elect of the American Collectors Association.

## Alternative Stage accepting acts

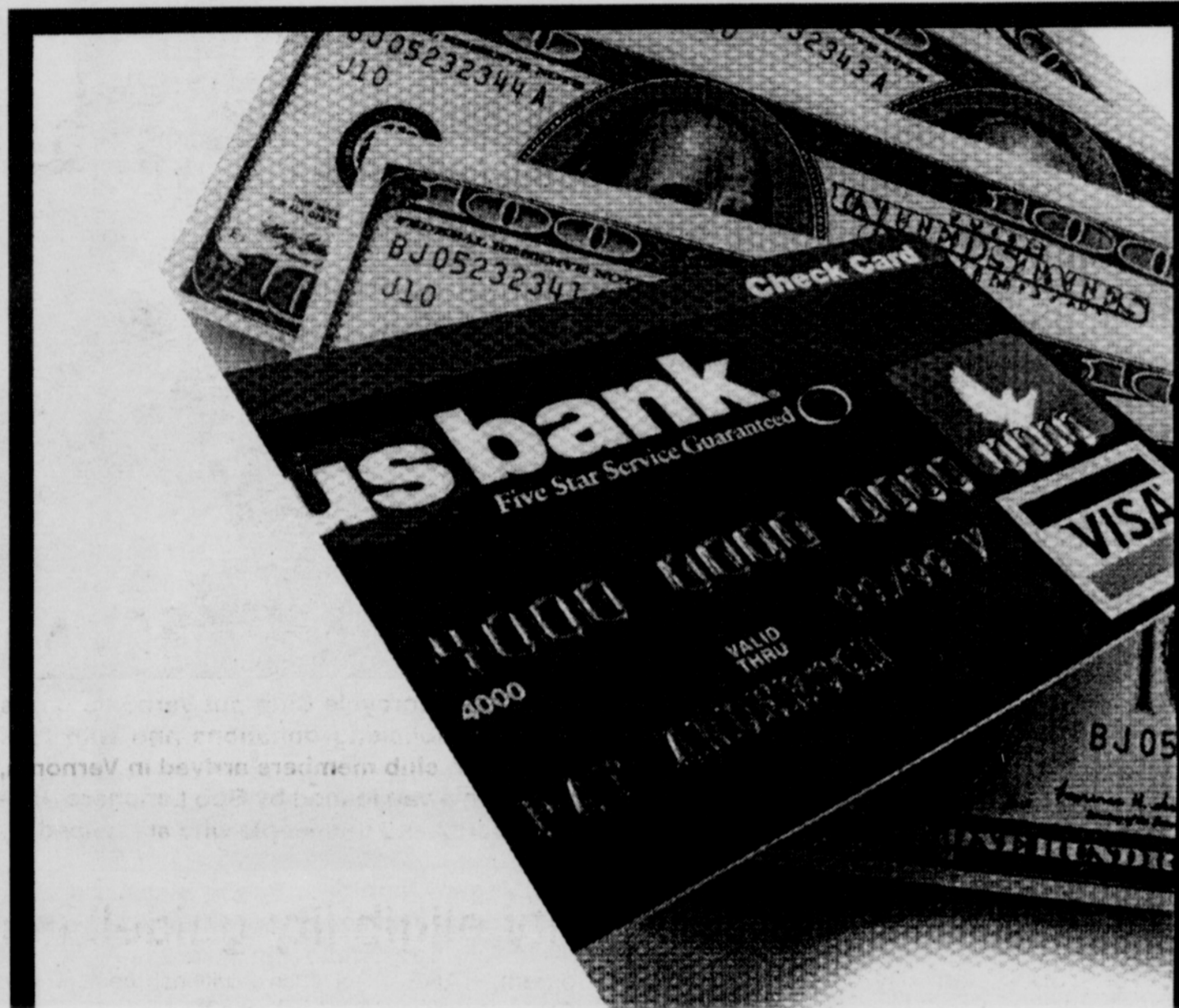
The Alternative Stage at the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree will swing into action at 2:00 p.m. on August 2, then open at noon on both Aug. 3 and Aug. 4, finishing the 15th annual free musical extravaganza at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th.

With thirty bands on two stages, in three days, The Alternative Stage provides a rare opportunity to see a rich variety of talent in an outdoor setting.

An addition to this year's

Stage is the Alternative Golf Tournament, Aug. 3 at the Vernonia Golf Club, with trophies awarded on-stage for first, second and third place. For information, contact Brett Johnson at 503-231-1845

Musicians wishing to play on the Alternative Stage must send a press packet and tape before July 6, 2002, to the Alternative Stage, c/o Lowell John Mitchell, 8125 S.E. 9th Ave., Portland, OR 97202.



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