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Have a Safe & Joyful Jamboree

Horse Gaming remains a popular activity

A great event for the whole family is the annual Horse Gaming Show sponsored by the Vernonia Ridge Riders. It will be held Sunday, August 3, with competition starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Anderson Park Arena.

This year's events will include Texas Barrels, Pole Bending, Flag Race, and Obstacle Course.

Participants may compete in one of five age classes: nine years and under; 10-14 years; 15-20 years; 21-45 years; 46 years and older.

A High Point Buckle will be awarded in each class, in addition to ribbons up to fifth place.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$7 per event or \$20 for all day, \$40 per Ridge Rider family, and \$50 per non-member family. The family fee includes all events.



Contestants must wear heeled shoes or boots. Stud horses will not be allowed to participate and no dogs are allowed in the arena.

Camping facilities are available.

For more information, call Deloris Bellingham, 503-429-9523.

Kids' Fishing Derby hooks more anglers

The Izaak Walton League Kid's Fishing Derby kicks off the Jamboree weekend, Friday evening, August 1, at Vernonia Lake. This event has been a favorite of participants and spectators. Registration is at 4:00 p.m. The competition begins at 5:00 p.m. and continues until 7:00 p.m. There are usually 80

Results of 2002 Fishing Derby

The 2002 Jamboree Fishing Derby was the largest ever, with 104 participants.

The longest fish, a 10 inch perch, was caught by Allie Stromberg of Portland. Chris Loveless of Vernonia caught the most fish, 14.

Other winners, by age group, are as follows:

5 and under

1st — Daniel Smith, Vernonia

2nd — Seth Schultz, Vernonia

3rd — Cordan Munda, Banks

6 - 9 years

1st — Josh Butcher, Vernonia

2nd — Kala Loveless, Vernonia

3rd — Eli Miller, Vernonia

10 - 14 years

1st — Joey Ferguson, Vernonia

2nd — Tara Ostrander, Vernonia

3rd — Nick Mohn, Vernonia



Cordon Munda, 4, of Banks carefully examined a fish he caught in the 2002 Fishing Derby.

to 100 participants so it's wise to register as early as possible.

Children compete in a number of categories, including the most fish and the largest fish. There will be trophies and ribbons in each of the following age groups: children five years and under, six through nine years, and 10-14. In addition to the six winners in each age group, there will be a prize for the most and the biggest fish.

Crappie, blue gill and perch are the only fish eligible for this competition. Participants are expected to supply their own bait and tackle.

Children five years and un-

der may be assisted by an adult in baiting their hooks and/or removing fish from the hooks, but the children must catch their own fish.

The participants of the Fishing Derby aren't the only ones who have a good time, though. Spectators are also entertained as the excited children watch their catches being measured and counted.

There are many prizes for participating in the competition, and trophies for the winners. There is also ice cream for everyone when the competition's over.

The Jamboree Fishing Derby is sponsored by the Nehalem Valley Chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

For more information, e-mail blade_twister@vernonia.com

Kids water games

Kids Water Games will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at Dewey Swimming Pool in Hawkins Park.

Taekwon Do demo

There will be a demonstration by local Taekwon Do students on Sunday, August 3 at 11:30 a.m., on the VHS front lawn.