

Jamboree coming up fast

The next two Jamboree Committee meetings, July 8 and July 22, will be at City Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. These meetings are important as they are the last meetings before Jamboree actually takes place.

If you are chairing an event, you need to be present to give an update. If the committee lacks adequate information, the event may not be included in the advertising for the Jamboree.

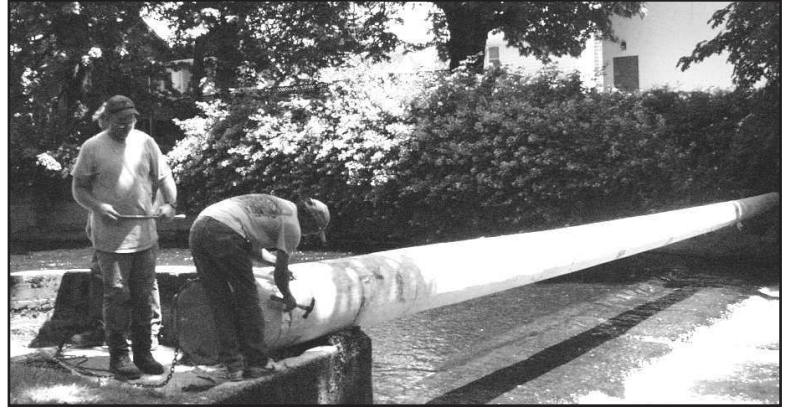
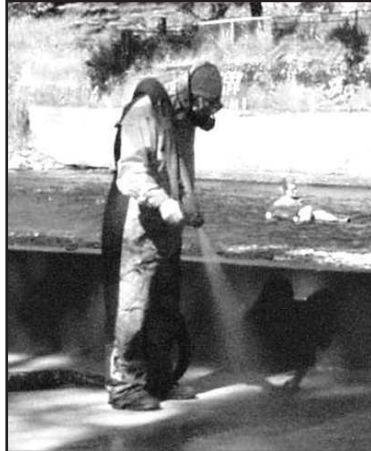
Mounted Shooters return in July

The Mounted Shooters are coming back to Vernonia for their Northwest Regionals, July 9, 10 and 11, at Anderson Park. Sponsored by the Yamhill County Mounted Shooters, this event will be the third in the four part Les Schwab Horse Trailer Tire Series. The event will be an eight stage Quadruple points match.

The shooting starts Friday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m., and continues Saturday, July 10, at 10:00 a.m., and Sunday, July 11, at 9:30 a.m. Spectators are welcome at all events.

For information on participating, contact Leslie Waber at 503-429-0532, by e-mail at <ukiahannie@aol.com>, or Kathy Orr at 503-662-3046, by e-mail at <criterhollarranch@juno.com>.

Swimming hole gets rehabilitation before season starts



Top left; Vernonian Chris Batalgia, of D&L Industrial Spraying, sandblasted the wading pool. Bottom left; Batalgia applied a spray-on finish to the wading pool. Top right; city workers prepare to dam up Rock Creek for summer swimming. The old log was determined to be unusable. The new log's donation was arranged by Jerry Keenon and it was delivered by Weller and Sons. Bottom right; the summer swimming fun has begun.

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Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



I will start with a big Bite or two, maybe three. Yes, I am a grouch and a killjoy, but parents – where are your kids, now that school is out?

Three little gents at noon on a Friday with not much to do came to the lake for fun. Each grabbed a Poo Bag, they had no dog with them. Finally, two of them threw down the bags and took off across the dirt piles. The third pulled a plastic for sale sign from under his shirt and swished it around, decided to leave and started off until I yelled at him this was not the city dump – “take your trash with you.” He did, but thinking I couldn't see him he threw the bag down. I picked up two clean bags and in going back to my car found the third one – Shadow will use them, I'm sure. Please know the park folks pay

for those bags, trying to keep a clean, sanitary place for folks to enjoy the lake. Kids, how you act today is the adult you will become. Think about it.

Something else was brought to my attention this past two weeks that I consider a big No, No – young children 6 to 10 years old should not be at the swimming pool area (not yet in place) nor the lake unsupervised. Playing in the water (river or lake) a child lost footing in the running water, when asked where is someone with you – answer “Mom's home.” Lily pads and cattail roots can tangle you up, too.

Bite #3 – Oh, fishingperson – Shadow and I wish to thank you for tossing all that line, sinker and hook in the tall grass at table #2, parking lot side. It's a good thing the hook caught in the hair of his foot while both front feet got tangled in the line as she bounded onto the grass. You are so considerate of the privilege the folks of Vernonia have given you – a place to enjoy the fishing. Oh yes – thanks for the beer can, if it was also yours.

Now for a Bit. If you want to

see some Catty truck handling, you should go to the lake, sit on a bench and watch the fellows that haul the dirt, etc. from the roadway dumping the truck and pup-trailers. They back in, dump the pup, somehow park him along side, back in, dump the truck – punch a button or whatever, pull away and the pup just follows along. Good job fellows. I appreciate what you are doing.

Father's Day is gone, July fourth is coming. Then comes the County Fair, Old Timers picnic, Senior Center picnic August 27, Salmon Festival, Vernonia Days, Labor Day (maybe not in this order, but then summer is gone). Did you have a busy summer or what?

An answer to a prayer – Agent with pick up, muscle and a helper came to my rescue. All I furnished was the yard trash and the pitchfork. They said, when I had more give them a call. Thank you very much. I even had a second offer of help. Thank you also, I'll keep you in my green book.

Oh, by the way, there are about 9,000 taste buds on your tongue.