

Senior News

Vernonians attending the Columbia County Fair on opening day were delighted to witness their princess, Louise Hamnett, come away with top honors when she was selected Queen of the My Fair Lady Court. It was a difficult choice, according to the judges, but Louise will represent the county's senior for the coming year.

Wells Oviatt's 21.5 inch trout garnered the derby prize at Claudia and Tom Lee's U-Catch Fishing Pond on July 17th. The Lees sponsored the event as a fund raiser to help offset cut-backs in funding for senior citizens' programs. All profits from the fishing went to the senior center, plus cash donations and 50 pounds of fish that were donated by the anglers.

The day's activities included a potluck picnic and a special treat provided by the Lees — fresh barbecued oysters — plus music throughout the day, provided by a Hillsboro band.

The seniors are now planning another fundraiser, on August 19, in the form of a noon-day fish dinner for \$3

per person. Advance registration is needed to share this great meal. A sweet ending to the repast will be provided by a pie and cake auction.

The seniors enjoyed a trip to Wildlife Safari on July 9th. Most of the animals were out and about because it was a beautiful summer day. On the 15th they attended the Grand Opening of a new Costco store in Warrenton, then went south to Cannon Beach for a walk in the sand and surf, ending with window shopping in Seaside.

Trips scheduled in August

Throng enjoys fishing, picnic, music while raising needed funds

Upwards of 70 people participated in Tom and Claudia Lee's benefit fishing derby at Lee's U-Catch on July 17. Competing anglers paid for their catches by the pound and the profit was donated to the Vernonia Senior Center.

Wells Oviatt won the derby prize, a graphite fishing rod, for catching the largest fish.

Throughout the day, the crowd enjoyed a potluck picnic, supplemented by their

include Hood River on the 20th and the Oregon State Fair on the 31st.

August birthdays are: 2nd, John Frantz; 6th, Levi Vinson; 9th, Ida Mae Kudrna; 15th, Nellie Tipton; 26th, Ed Justice; 29th, Lois Johnson; date unknown, Mary Black.

The seniors are looking forward to Jamboree, but they need a convertible so Queen Louise can ride in the parade. They also will enjoy the many visitors who come back to Vernonia for the celebration.

hosts, who provided a huge basket of fresh oysters for barbecuing. All of this was served up to the tunes of Ryhoasyn, a two-person band from Hillsboro featuring Terry Schenck on guitar with lead singer Byron Youngstrom on keyboard. They were augmented by Vernonians Bill Yeo on spoons and Carey Holsey on drums.

The senior center benefited from the profits, cash donations and approximately 50 pounds of donated fresh fish that they will use for a midday meal.

"It was so much fun, and so rewarding," the Lees said, "that we are planning for a second annual fishing derby — to benefit the senior citizens program."

Bingo to be played at St. Mary's Church

Bingo addicts will be happy to know that St. Mary's Church will operate a bingo game during Jamboree, with cash prizes and a door prize.

The games will be held on Friday, Aug. 6 from 7-10 p.m., and Saturday from 3-7 p.m. No game is scheduled for Sunday.

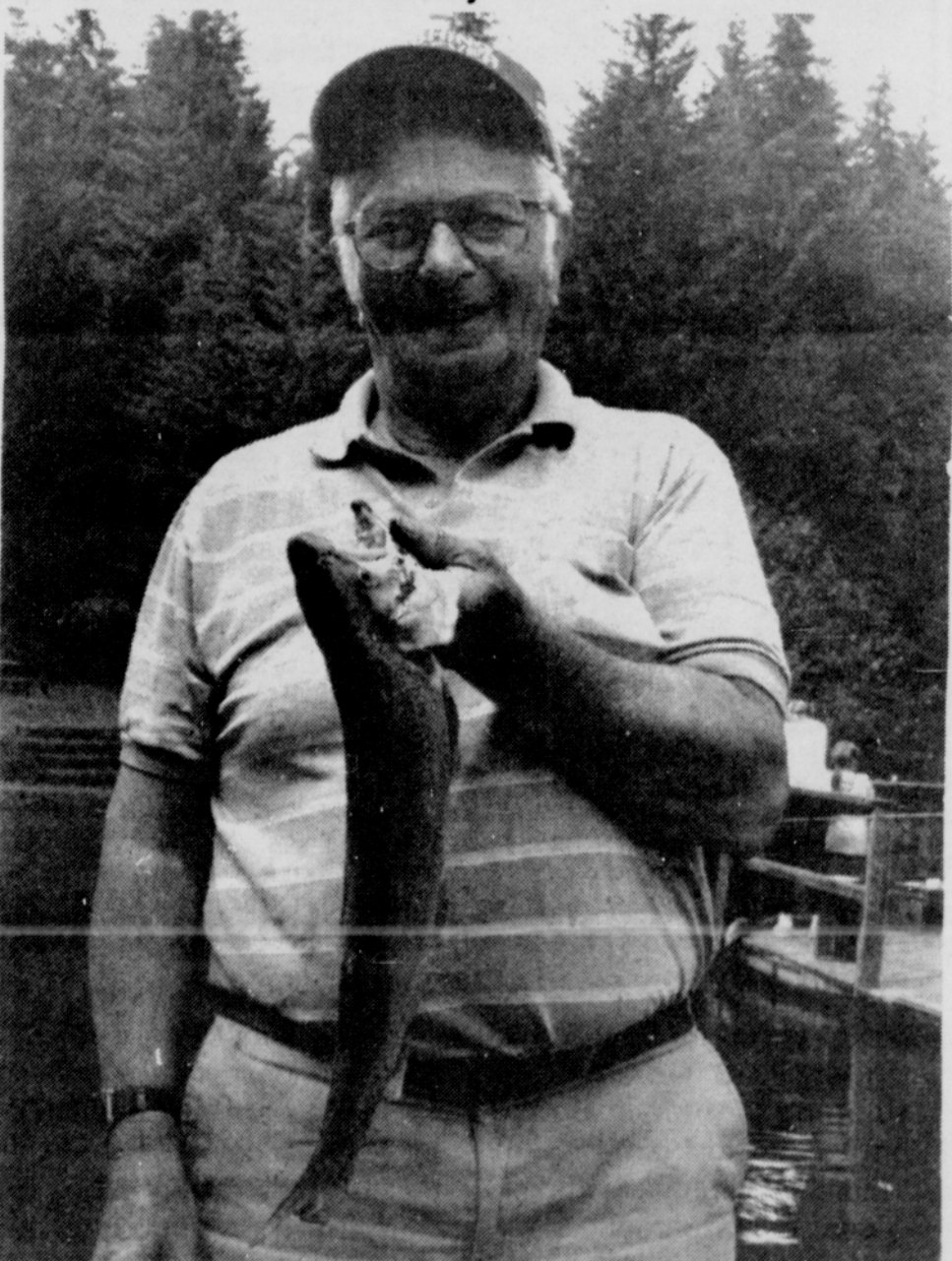
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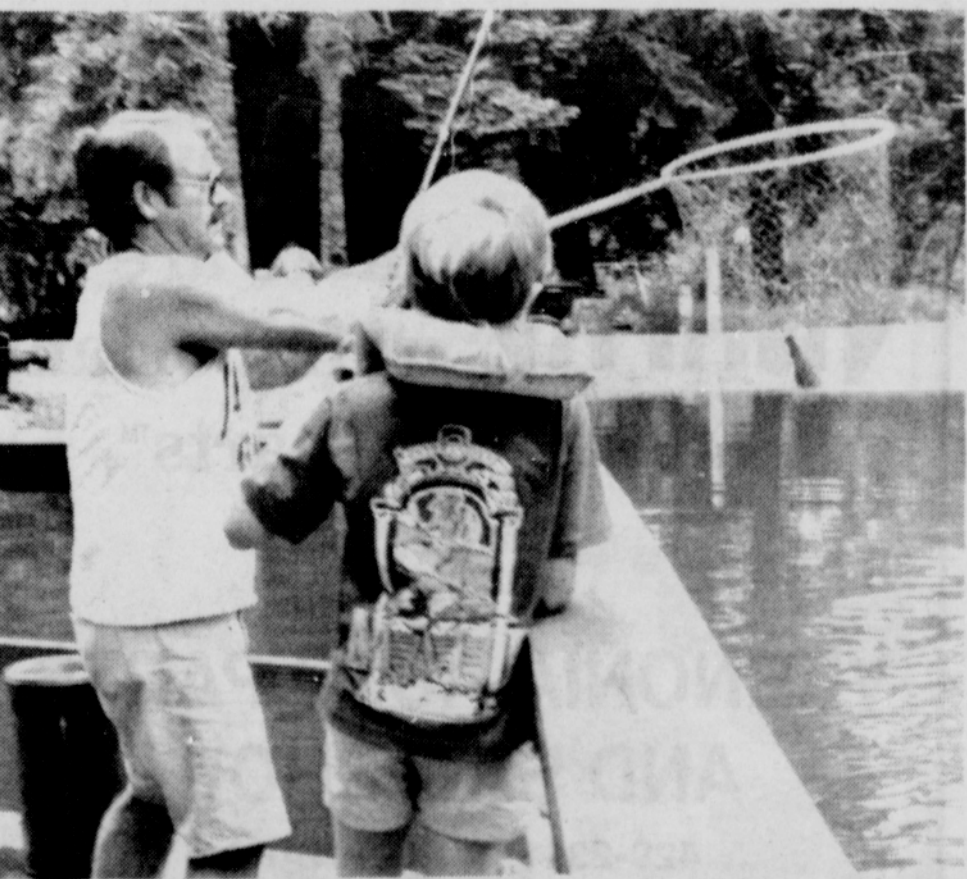


Louise Hamnett, a member of the Vernonia Senior Citizens Center, was crowned queen of the My Fair Lady Court last month at the Columbia County Fair.

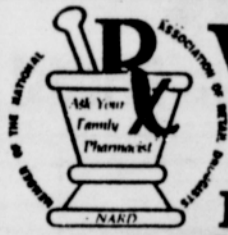
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Wells Oviatt and his 21.5" derby-winning trout.



David Baker of San Jose, Calif., teaches his grandson, James, how to net his fish.



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