

Community

Senior News

By Jacqueline Ramsay



The year is rolling right along and I feel as if I'm swimming upstream already. I think summer is here, but it hasn't made up its mind. It's a little too hot a little too soon, and the poor Queen Ann's lace is blooming too early. The lake

is nice and cool at Oviatt's Cove, though.

Our Father's Day came off nicely, I thought. Good music, good meal and three ladies read poetry to the Fathers and Grandfathers and, of course, all the Mothers, too. We presented a gift of appreciation to Louisa Pelster for being the Senior Center's Faithful Prayer Warrior.

Oldest Dad was Norbert Pelster. Larry Bernardi was the Youngest Dad and also - remember these are senior citi-

zens - the Newest Father.

Most children - Norbert Pelster had the Most Children and Bill Yeo had the Most Grandchildren.

Several fun prizes were drawn and the door prize went to Janice Gray.

Next, coming up on our calendar is July. The center will have a special lunch on the 3rd, music and all. The auction for adults and kids is on the 4th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Then, on Monday the 8th, Christmas in July and Halloween Too, starts - through the 13th. There are going to be many good bargains, so put it on your calendar.

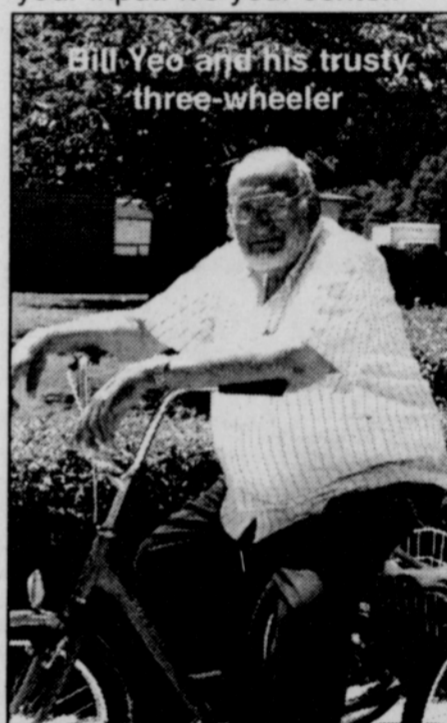
Oh yes, don't forget the parade on the 4th. Be sure and look for the Vernonia Cares entry. Bill Yeo and a friend will be charging up and down on 3 wheelers hoping to raise \$\$ for their Christmas in July Food and Fund for Christmas. They are doing very important work in this community and need your help (hands on) and financial support. The White House may say things are turning around financially, but in Oregon and Columbia County, you can't see it. They have had an increase in people served in the month of May.

Coming up in August is the Senior Picnic, so watch for that.

In the center, a lady donated a Patriotic Quilt for raffling. Tickets are three for \$1.00. The drawing date will be September 11.

I know its hot, too hot to cook, so come in and enjoy Jamie's cookin Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as well as Carol's on Tuesday and Thursday. Look at it this way, no heat in your kitchen and no dishes to do.

Any ideas you'd like to see at the center, come in and let us know. We would appreciate your input. It's your center.



Bill Yeo and his trusty three-wheeler

I hope you don't miss the City Council Meeting on the 8th of July. There's a lot going to be going on and it may interest

some of you.

Please don't be a mushroom. Come out, take part in your town.

From Senior Advocate Karen Miller:

Low income renters over age 58 must file for their Elderly Rental Assistance by July 1, 2002, if they want to receive their refund checks in November 2002. Oregon Department of Revenue will not be publicizing the date again this year. DHS will not be sending a mailing to their clients.

For more information about the Elderly Rental Assistance Program, call the Department of Revenue at 800-356-4222 or visit www.dor.state.or.us

County Fair update: Premium, entertainment books now available

Columbia County Fair & Rodeo books have been distributed to locations throughout the county. They are available at *The Independent* office in Vernonia. An Entertainment Book, an Open Class Premium Book and a 4H Premium Book outline the week-long happening at this year's fair.

Junior Rodeo Entry Applications are now being accepted at the Fair Office. There is a maximum of eight entries per event. Barrel Racing, Steer Daublin', Steer/Calf Riding and Breadaway Roping for ages 18 and under are being offered. Ages 6 and under, weighing 40 pounds or less, may enter Mutton Bustin. Entry fee for each event is \$20.00.

Pre-sold carnival ride tickets are available, for a savings of \$2.00, at participating locations. These tickets must be

taken to the carnival ticket office during the fair to receive an all-day ride wrist band. The wrist band is good for one day for one person. The ticket does not include admission into the fair.

Season passes for children, students, adults and seniors are also available at participating locations. A season pass saves \$5.00 on admission for the entire week.

Pre-sold tickets may be purchased through Monday, July 15, at the following locations:

- West Oregon Electric Cooperative in Vernonia
- SHCFCU in Scappoose, St. Helens and Rainier
- Wauna Credit Union in Clatskanie
- Columbia County Fairgrounds Office

For more information, call the Fair Office at 503-397-4231.

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COLCO Transportation
..... 429-4304
Senior Advocate.. 429-9112
Senior Center..... 429-3912

McGillvray-Foote wed in local rites

David and Sue Jenkins of Vernonia and Kenneth and Sue Foote of Yamhill are proud to announce the marriage of Heather M. McGillvray to Jason L. Foote on July 20, 2002, at the First Christian Church in Vernonia.

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