

## Community

### Bits and Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



A r e you ready for summer yet? Rain is hard or soft. Rain is cold or warm. Rain is necessary, rain is nice. It makes necessary putting on dirty shoes and gloves, heavy pants and rain gear to slog and tromp in the grass (which is, in

some spots, knee high) to try and find that beautiful yard you had last fall. Kill the dandelions, if you can. They have 12" to 14" stems by now and have eaten all the good stuff left in the ground last fall.

The lawn mower choked a dozen times and my "Grass Hog" died, but I've a quarter ton of grass clippings - I'm bushed. Three days later, I'm still raking grass and weeding my fern beds - found one tulip and some wild hyacinth.

Guess what? My mind is a

BLANK (nothing new for me, really). I think this is a new twist on a sort of scam (does that make sense?). I received a letter thanking me for a donation to a particular cause, hoping I will continue to support them now in time of need. Now, I have never heard of the organization, didn't send them anything, ask any questions of them, nor send money, so I do not have a lapse of memory and I do not intend to bite. Don't you bite, either, by thinking you forgot when you purposely didn't contact someone.

Oh, and by the bee, I've received only two calls since the end of March, so, thank you to the State for doing the paperwork on telemarketers for me.

A short movie review comment on "The Vernonia Incident." I finally got to see it in my home. Wish I hadn't. Vernonia should not be proud for being chosen for such a film. Young men lusting for blood and mayhem and making the adults look like \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank) and sounding like they didn't know how to talk.

### Ralph, Beryl Lohr celebrate 50th

BMCS U.S. Navy Ret. Ralph D. Lohr, formerly of Richmond, Mich., and Beryl N. Hughes Lohr, formerly of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on May 16, 2003.

The couple met in New York, in June of 1952, while he was on leave and she was on holiday with friend. They spent the day at Coney Island and, less than a year later, they were married.

The Lohrs have four daughters, Cynthia Crothers of Marina Del Ray, Calif., Denise Axworthy of Hayward, Calif., Cheryl Lohr of Covina, Calif., Wendy Manuel of North Plains; one son, Robert of Nevada City, Calif., ten grandchildren,

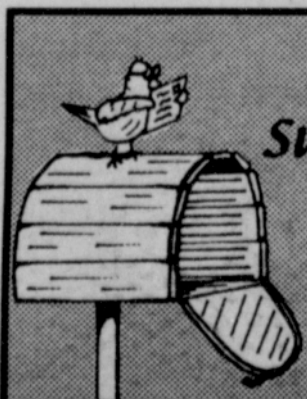


three great-grandchildren, and two very loved Bulldogs, Chief and Misty.

Last year, the Lohrs became part of the local community, when they built their retirement home in Vernonia.

You are cordially invited to a reception  
in honor of  
*Ralph and Barbara Sturdevant*  
on the occasion of their  
*50th Wedding Anniversary*  
Saturday, June 7, 2003 ~ 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park ~ Vernonia

Light refreshments will be served. No gifts, please.  
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### Senior News

By Karen Miller



I don't know of anyone who doesn't like to be appreciated, do you? Here at

the center, the "many hands make light work" saying is so true. Again, thank you to all, past and present, who have made running this center possible.

To all interested parties: There will be a hearing at the Vernonia Senior Center to discuss how current senior serv-

### Julie Parrow to wed Christopher Snyder

Sharon and Randy Parrow, of Vernonia, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Christopher Snyder. Julie lives and works in Vernonia and Chris works in Portland and lives in Vernonia.

The couple is planning a winter wedding.

es are meeting the needs of this community and the current funding issues that need to be addressed. The public is invited to give verbal testimony. Call our office for additional information. Hearing date: Wednesday, May 28, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

May 19 at 1:00 p.m. Come join us to watch the Vernonia Incident, especially all you locals who were in it! We need a narrator!

Also, May 28: Senior Fitness Day. Come join us for a healthy lunch, prizes, and our hula hoop contest. Don't forget, every second Friday, come in from 11:00 to noon for hearing aid help.

Come in for your summer shopping. We have lots of "new to you" merchandise.

Are you missing out on our Bingo on Mondays? Homemade pies for the month of May. See you here!

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- Virginia Wilcox



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