

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Well, how have your last few weeks been? Did you keep your cool or get caught up in the hot weather, short temper game?

What do I mean? Every time I went out to cool off my flowers, my hose attacked me. Kinking, squirting and tangling around my feet; or was I just stumbling from the heat? Seemed like Shadow wanted to race around the lake at 8:00 p.m. and I just wanted to creep around in the cool.

In the house, I found more dust than usual. I suppose running several fans can keep the dust flying instead of letting it

settle down. It seems I found more dust bunnies and cobwebs with dog and cat hair attached, so my vacuum cleaner cord attacked my feet at every pull and turn and the hose kept whacking me in the back when I'd turn the wrong way. How do you talk to inanimate objects when they misbehave? I know, hire someone to do it for you. Or was it the heat?

Also, it seems I had more dirty dishes than normal, mak-

ing cool meals. That seems strange, until you figure all the cooking you have to do to make an easy cool meal. Ho-Ho!

My view of Jamboree:

Friday – quiet, but busy...in the evening, went to the St. Helens Synchro Fire swim team – they work hard to perfect those routines to look easy.

Saturday – Helped get the 5-1/2K runners on their way. They headed off the parade.

Oh, those beautiful Harleys – lots of them (they were in three groups) throughout the parade. Lots more entries in the parade than last year. Very well received by all.

The Senior Center had an auction in their parking lot. I deem it a success – we sold all but about six items in an hour and a half. (I know, I cataloged 85 of the items – wound up with close to 95). There were two boats with motor and trailer and even a DVD, CD, VCR in the mix.

Saturday evening, you could visit and listen to Elvis at the Grange Hall or, as I did, go to the sing-along, Christian style, on the Community Church lawn, with local folks and Johnny Ray.

Sunday morning church service with Johnny Ray Watson, as always, was very uplifting. He is a beautiful man in every sense of the word. He is a servant of God.

I didn't go to the log show – it turned COOL. I went home, turned up the heat and rested.

Most all of the company has gone home to get the kids ready for Back to School. Seems sort of quick, but August

has a lot to offer yet.

August 17 was the Old Timers Picnic. August 22 is the Senior Center Picnic at Anderson Park – The Golden Oldies are furnishing the music. I really don't know what we would do without them. They make you laugh, cry, smile, reminisce, sing and tap your feet, or if you can, dance, if not, just clap your hands. Any Senior is welcome to join us. Come in to the center and sign up so we will know how many to prepare for.

Also, the City Wide Yard Sale is coming up on September 20. Time to rid yourself of all the summer things that won't fit next spring. You know styles change for the young.

Just a Dig – I noticed the horse on the path around the lake was back by Sunday afternoon (8/03). Nuff said.

What it takes to pick those very small blackberries at the lake. #1 – Clippers, #2 – a bucket, sun hat, long sleeves, iron pants, heavy shoes and patience. But oh, are they good – may take one pie to the Senior Picnic.

Tip of the Week: Wear a hat in cold weather. A full 50 percent of body heat escapes through your head. So why wear a hat in Summer when its 95 plus? So you don't sunburn your nose, silly.

– and by the bee – If you are behind a car on 47 doing less than 45 or so, consider this: Maybe they left home early or they are enjoying the scenery. Don't shove them, slow down yourself and when you get the chance – pass them. Have a nice day.

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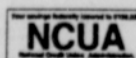
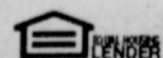
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