

Nifty Tidbits

By CHUCK RIGBY

For most pioneers, Oregon City was the end of the Oregon Trail. Those who came by raft down the Columbia River from The Dalles stopped at Fort Vancouver to rest, but then traveled up the Willamette River to Oregon City before spreading out in the Willamette Valley to find land.

Barlow Road over the Cascades also ended at Oregon City, so only pioneers coming from the south via the Applegate Trail did not usually pass through Oregon City. For river travel within Willamette Valley, Oregon City was a main junction. The Clackamas River from the east, and the Tualatin River from the west entered the Willamette River near Oregon City, and Willamette Falls stopped river travel coming south from the Columbia.

The provisional government of Oregon met at Oregon City, as well as the first territorial leaders. Gradually, as the population of the region moved south, the territorial Legislature and the new state Legislature shifted the seat of government to Salem. Oregon City continued to be an important commercial center, and today is a rapidly growing suburb of Portland.

Oregon City also has the distinction of being the final resting place for many of Oregon's founders. John McLoughlin retired from Hudson Bay Co. and spent his last years there, as well as another Hudson Bay leader named Peter Skene Ogden. He was born in 1794 to a wealthy family in Quebec, Canada; and then moved to Montreal, where his father became a judge.

Ogden was supposed to become a lawyer, but decided to join the exciting fur trade. As an employee of the North West Fur Co. he was involved in some of the violent conflicts with Hudson Bay Co. When they merged in 1821, the new leaders were not sure they wanted him, but took him in anyway. By 1823 Ogden was a "Chief Trader" and was leading parties of trappers into unknown territory. They were searching for beaver and the best routes to use in transporting the furs. The company policy was to trap out the beaver population in the areas claimed by the United States in order to reduce competition from American fur companies.

On one of these trips he discovered a river in northern Utah, which still bears his name, as does the city of Ogden, which was named for the river. By the way, Ogden, Utah became the main terminus for the Union Pacific Railroad coming from the east, and the Central Pacific Railroad coming from California. Promontory Point, where the Golden Spike joined the two railroads, is in the desert north of Great Salt Lake, and nobody wanted to live there.

Ogden also discovered the Humboldt River and Mount Shasta on other trips, and became the first to cross the Cascade Mountains, probably at Santiam Pass between Eugene and Bend. In 1845 Ogden became the "Chief Factor" or leader at Fort Vancouver for Hudson Bay Co. In 1847 a treaty between England and the United States settled the northern boundary of Oregon at the 49th Parallel, where it remains today.

Fort Vancouver no longer had any legal jurisdiction in Oregon affairs. Nevertheless, on Dec. 7, 1847 -- the day after hearing of the massacre -- Ogden led a rescue party to Whitman Mission. There he was able, without further bloodshed, to obtain the release of 47 people, mostly children, who had been taken captive during the massacre.

The Oregon Legislature later sent an armed force to take punitive action in the affair. Peter Skene Ogden died on Sept. 27, 1854 in Oregon City after a long career of fur trapping and exploring in the western region of America.

Domestic violence survivors, avoidance in display at RCC

A display focusing on prevention of domestic violence and honoring survivors is offered at the Rogue Community College Wiseman Gallery.

"Bringing Honor to Victims: Josephine County Working Together to Build Safety for All" will run through Saturday, Oct. 26. The exhibit is comprised of artwork, stories and poems from female survivors, as well as work by children who have been affected by domestic violence.


Workshops on domestic violence are scheduled at the gallery from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22 and Thursday, Oct. 24; plus Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Also available will be resources and information from

Asante Domestic Violence and Sexual Assistance Program, Women's Crisis Support Team, and the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance.

Wiseman Gallery is on the RCC Redwood Campus, approximately five miles west of Grants Pass, on Redwood Hwy. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
Meatloaf with gravy, herbed potatoes with gravy, Italian blend veggies, honey wheat bread, birthday cake

Biscuit Fire chronology on Internet

A chronology of the 499,570-acre Biscuit Fire, which started on July 13, is available on the Internet at www.biscuitfire.com the Siskiyou National Forest announced.

Trees and brush were burned in the major fire.

The chronology describes the situation in Southwestern Oregon on the days leading to the start of the Biscuit Fire and gives the history of events to the time of containment.

For each day during the fire the chronology describes major fire events, local fire danger levels, and the national large-fire situation that contributed to the Biscuit Fire growing to the largest blaze in Oregon in 100 years.

The Biscuit Fire Chronology was prepared prior to complete control of the fire which is anticipated on Nov. 1. Additional information and clarification may be added as it becomes available.

Cougars face Pirates after Hornet win

With a 39-6 victory against the Henley Hornets in Klamath Falls on Friday, Oct. 11, Illinois Valley Cougars are primed for their game vs. Phoenix on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. in Cave Junction.

Mike Pagnotta led the charge against Henley, beginning with an 85-yard kick-off return at the game start.

The Cougars now own a 2-2 Skyline Conference mark, 3-3 overall.

In its crushing defeat of the Hornets, I.V. tallied 384 rushing yards. The Cougar defense held Henley to 144 yards. Henley now has a Skyline mark of 0-3.

Touchdowns for the Cougars came from players including Gary Couch, who amassed 162 rushing yards on 18 carries. He notched a 63-yard TD run in the second quarter.

Another Cougar TD came shortly thereafter from Josh Pope. Plus, Natty Krauss -- who led all rushers with 190 yards on 26 carries -- scored with seconds left in the first half to give I.V. a 26-0 lead.

Pagnotta scored again in the third and fourth quarters.

Go Cougars!

IVCRT Insights

By JOYCE HEFFINGTON

Contrary to rumor, the Oregon Caves Chateau is still open for business and will remain so until the last week of October. While sales and bookings are on the decline, we have been pleased to see a healthy number of "walk-ins" coming through our doors this month, with a shift from out-of-state to in-state visitors.

Being fortunate enough to spend time at the Chateau this year, I have seen the potential that Oregon Caves National Monument has to draw people from all over the country into our valley. With only 21 rooms to fill each day, we often have to turn away people; and when we do, we send

them into the valley, where they stay at our inns, eat in our restaurants and buy our goods.

It nearly boggles the mind to think what we could do with some advance preparation and a concerted business and community effort to increase visitation to this valley.

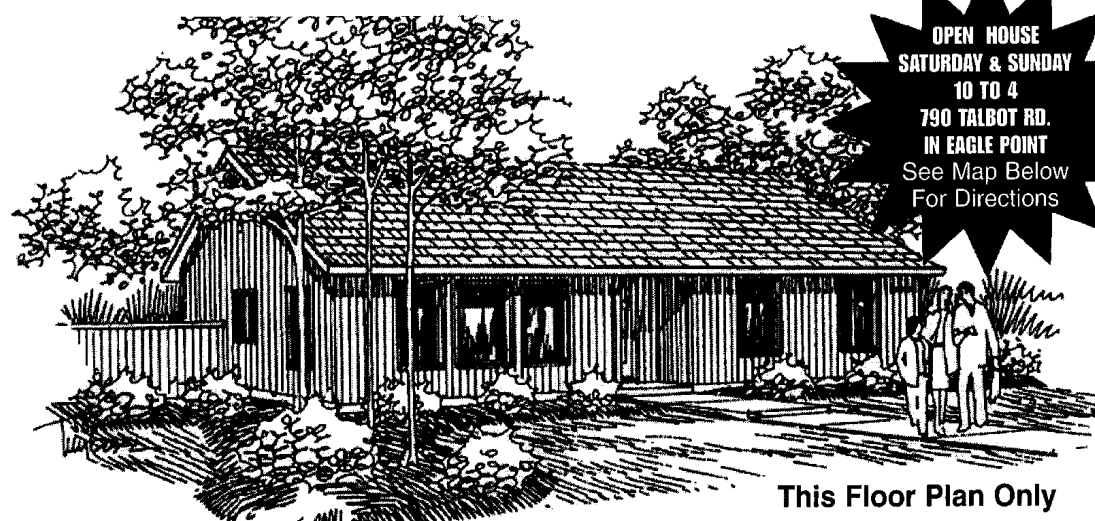
Toward this end, the Illinois Valley Community Response Team (IVCRT) Tourism Committee will host a Tourism Conference on Nov. 8 and 9. The committee has invited Professor William J. McLaughlin, from the Dept. of Resource Recreation and Tourism at University of Idaho, as keynote speaker. McLaughlin has experience in helping communities take advantage of tourism opportuni-

ties in the aftermath of a fire such as the one we just experienced, and will address issues particular to sustainable tourism issues in rural towns.

If you have a tourism-related business, organization or agency in the valley, your attendance is encouraged. Watch for more detailed information about this important event in next week's column. Invitations will be going out in the mail this week, but if we miss you, forgive the oversight and phone 592-4440.

We want to include everyone interested in increasing visitation to our valley, as it is only through a cooperative effort that we will succeed in making Illinois Valley a truly viable tourism destination.

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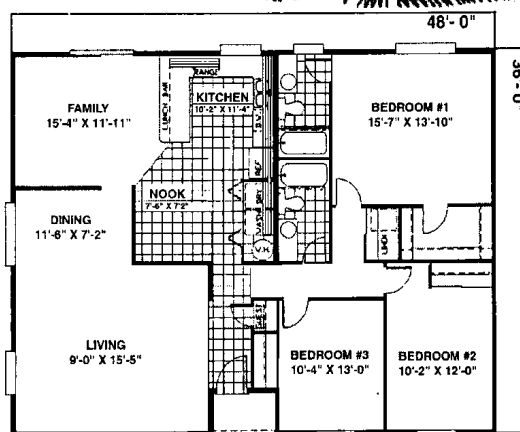
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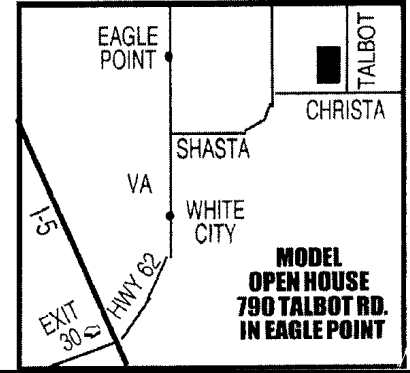
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