

Important Meetings:

★ Hoodland Planning Group tonight 7:30 Bowman's

★ Hoodland Town hearing Wednesday 8 p.m.
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Students enjoy science fair

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6th grade Science Editor

Students from Welches grade school had fun entering the Science Fair which was held at the school on March 13-17. The fair was open to everyone from grades five through eight.

After the projects were judged, three award certificates were issued. The highest award presented is Gold. If you received a Gold, you also qualified for first, second or third place awards given to Gold winners.

The second highest award is Silver, which means you get to go to the beach later in the year with the Gold winners.

Third place is Red, which means "back to the old drawing board".

There were five Gold award winners. They were: Jennifer Johns, Jill Ashley, Julie Redding, Cheryl Williams, and Toni Leuthold. Jill Ashley captured first place, Toni Leuthold, second, and Jennifer Johns, third.



THE GOLD winners in the Science Fair held recently at Welches Grade School were from left to right Jennifer Johns, Toni Leuthold, Jill Ashley and Cheryl Williams.

Not pictured but also a Gold winner is Julie Redding. This picture was taken and the film was developed by students at Welches.

Claude crosses Mexico on long trip homeward

To the Editor:

It has been two months today since I left and the odometer is at 7,000 miles, great trip.

We are still in Veracruz, trying to leave, but having too good a time. Our hotel is on the beach and it is about a mile to the center of town. So it is easy to hop on a streetcar for 30 centavos, and fun, too. Got a haircut yesterday and had the camionette serviced for the long drive home.

We had dinner with Aaron Barnes from Massachusetts last night. Met him in del Carmen, and again here at the hotel. He is flying a small Cessna with 500 miles and-or 5 hours of flying gas. He has no radio or navigation aids, and followed visual aids from Mass. to Belize, across rivers, bays, and jungles to visit a friend (the friend had gone to Nicaragua), and is on his way back to Mass. What a lot of guts, but he says he wouldn't do it again. One does meet interesting people on trips like this.

After three days of sun, beach, swim pool, seafood, mariachis, and marimbas, we finally left Saturday a.m. for Tampico. The highway follows the coast of the Gulf of Mexico with many beautiful ocean vistas. But it was another hot day, with a crooked mountainous road, so we arrived in Tampico tired and hot and sticky. We crossed two more toll bridges and another ferry right into down town Tampico. This is a big, old, dirty, Spanish town of about 200,000 people, and we are in a big old, dirty Spanish hotel. But facilities are limited and the town is crowded. Just at dusk, part of the towns electricity went off, and about every other building was dark, including our hotel. So, we walked around town, found a lighted restaurant, and went sight seeing. The lights came on at 9, so things are fairly normal, but this doesn't look like an attractive town. Guess Ista Mujeres, Yucatan, and Veracruz spoiled us.

We are about 1500 miles from Nogales, but only about 400 miles from Brownsville, Texas. So, after two months, we have seen a U.S. newspaper. Looks as if we haven't missed a thing. Same old rat race.

Sunday we finally found a Mexican restaurant open for an early breakfast, then got lost getting out of town. So, away at 9 a.m. over crooked mountain road at 40 mph. to San Luis Potosi. It was overcast and we were several thousand feet in the mountains, so we had our first relatively cool day in two months. From San Luis Potosi to Zacatecas we crossed several wide valleys with western Oregon terrain and lots of cattle ranches.

So here we are at 9,000 feet near the geographical center of Mexico. This town is like Guanajuato, with narrow

curved streets and masses of colored stucco buildings. We just visited an extensive monastery, shrine, and church on a cliff overlooking the town. Now it is dark and the monastery is all lighted—a beautiful sight. The surrounding area is still an active gold and silver mining operation.

About 9 p.m. we were treated to approximately 40 explosions in the area. Apparently the mines make their shots at night and let the fumes and dust settle for the next days work.

Monday a.m. we drove across many miles of this high central plateau, through large cattle and grain ranches much like eastern Oregon. From Durango on through, the terrain kept getting more mountainous. We finally came on a breathtaking site, a devil's backbone. A viewpoint of a tremendous canyon on either side of the highway. This was the start of the road following about 40 miles of the most continuously crooked, up and down road I have ever traveled. It is like following along one side of the grand canyon and each little spur of same. An

hour later we could still look back to our starting point. It is a main route from Mazatlan to Mexico City, Chihuahua, and Juarez, so is well traveled by bus and truck. A tremendous engineering job of cuts, grades, and supers. I am impressed but tired. To anyone wishing to drive it, I recommend lots of nerve, and power steering.

So here we are in a trailer park on the beach at Mazatlan. In four days driving time, we spent a night on the Caribbean, a night on the east coast of the Gulf of Mexico, a night on the Pacific coast. The Caribbean is best of all.

Incidentally, Monday we turned over 8,000 miles.

Mazatlan is nice, but a commercial tourist trap. And it has sure grown up in the last six years. The long strip of empty Sabalo Beach is now all hotels, houses, and trailer parks. But it may be our last beach, so we stayed over another day. Both the water and air are cooler than what we are used to, but still awfully pleasant.

Bye for now,
Claude

Ice Follies at Coliseum May 9-14

Shipsteads and Johnson Ice Follies of 1972 will "get-it-all-together" in Portland, May 9 through 14 at the Memorial Coliseum.

Again this year, the reigning Queen of the Ice, Peggy Fleming, will be special guest star for all seven Portland performances.

Starring such favorites as Richard Dwyer, Mr. Frick and Snoopy, this 36th edition of the

ice spectacular is a flurry of contemporary sights and sounds.

Colorful production numbers reflect a myriad of moods, ranging from "It's Still a Beautiful World" to "Let Your Spirit Soar" and "Down on the Bayou," plus several others.

The music is up-to-date and up-beat, with the sounds from the Top 40 charts of 1970-1971. It's contemporary music which

appeals to all ages. There's no generation gap in this show.

America's most dynamic young skating stars headline the show—Susan Berens, Ricky Inglesi, Karen Kresge, Ron and Cindy Kauffman, the

Boyers, James Stuart and Kathy Miller.

Snoopy, who practically stole the 1971 show in his first season as a World Famous Figure Skater, has an even bigger role this year.

Fact sheet on cherries available

Tired of that barren cherry tree that blooms but never produces fruit?

There are cures for the lazy trees but you'll need to read some directions contained in a new OSU fact sheet to make sure you use the proper remedy.

Sweet cherries are self-unfruitful according to Wilbur W. Burkhardt, area extension agent. This means that a single variety tree cannot fertilize its own blossoms.

Unless there is another cherry of the proper variety grafted into the tree or a nearby tree producing pollen, no cherries will form and stay on the tree.

The fact sheet explains the pollinizer required for the popular varieties grown in western Oregon.

By selecting the proper mates, trees may be converted to bearing trees producing high quality fruit.

Some varieties are fussy and will not respond until the proper pollinizer is provided while others are more willing to accept pollen from more than one other variety.

As for taking care of the tree's pollination requirements now before the new tree reaches flowering size, Burkhardt suggests the old trick

of "borrowing" a few heavily flowered branches from a friends tree of the proper variety.

By placing these branches into containers of water fastened in the barren tree, pollen is distributed by wind and bees to the waiting host tree flowers.

A permanent correction of the deficiency comes with grafting or budding the proper pollinizer variety into the tree at scattered locations. Grafts must be plainly marked to prevent accidental removal while pruning.

Details of cherry pollination requirements are contained in the newly released fact sheet and available by writing to "Cherries" Box 1491 Portland.

Goods stolen

A television set, wallet, purse and car were reported stolen April 4, from the Gary Hjort family at 115 SE 162nd Ave., Apt. 2.

Sheriff's reports said the thieves forced a patio door on the first floor of the Hjort's residence to gain entry and left the stolen auto in a nearby parking lot after rifling its contents.

Consumer column

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Your Basic Right. The Fair Credit Reporting Act of 1971 insures protection of some basic rights. The main purpose of the law is to protect the consumer against the circulation of erroneous, incomplete or obsolete information which firms use in deciding whether or not to give you credit.

The law gives you the following rights: the right to know the nature and substance of all information in your file at the consumer credit reporting agency, the right to know the sources of this information, and the right to know who has received a consumer credit report on you within the preceding six months. You are also given the right to challenge the information if it is incorrect or incomplete.

Shop for Credit. The cost of credit varies among lenders, so it's good advice to shop for credit just like you shop for food or furniture. Not everyone has access to all lenders; but when you have a choice about places to borrow money, take the time to check two or more places to see which will give you the best price.

Check two items: What is the total finance charge for the credit you want, and what is the annual interest rate charged? The finance charge will tell you the dollars it is going to cost you, and the annual interest rate will help you compare the costs.

Mountain Players purchase church

The Mountain Players held their regularly scheduled meeting April 5. The main topic was of raising money for the moving and setting of their newly purchased historical church building.

The Mountain Players have been working hard towards attaining their goal of moving the church building to its' new location.

Their first step has been reached. The church was paid for in full March 19. Money is now needed to get the utilities and mover paid.

Their next play will be "CURSE YOU JACK DALTON" to be held on May 13 at 7:30 p.m. They hope "The Man That Came To Dinner" will be held sometime in June.

Talks of different ways of raising funds, other than their plays was discussed. Several ways were mentioned, with one of them being promissory notes be purchased. None of them would be for less than \$100 and would be payable to the purchaser in one, two or three years.

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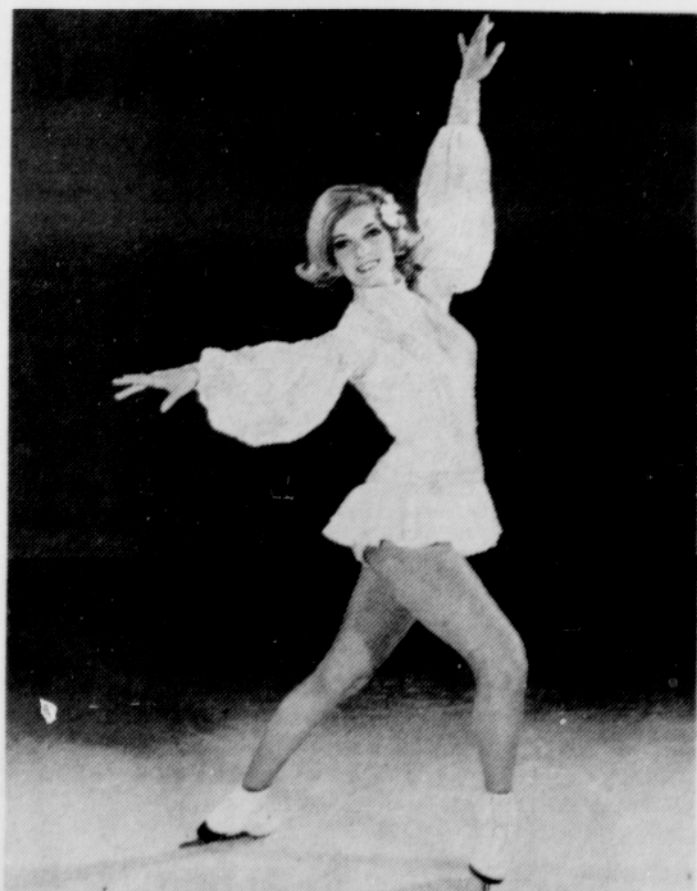
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BEAUTY ON ICE—Cathy Miller, lovely star of the Ice Follies of 1972, is featured in "It's Still a Beautiful World," the richly costumed opening number. Cathy skates in a garden of pastel flowers, which comes to life. The show plays 6 days from May 9th to May 14th at Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

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