

Wemme man can find elusive 'drizzleberry'

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Post Correspondent

Brooking Gex, 70, boasts that he is one of the few people alive today who has ever picked "drizzleberries."

Gex, a Wemme resident, said most people don't even know what a drizzleberry is. Even the most knowledgeable woodspeople pass them by without the slightest acknowledgment of their existence. The same is true for botanists. They too have ignored them to the point that Gex may be the only person

in these parts to understand their value.

And what is a drizzleberry? According to Gex, who is as serious about drizzleberries as he is about mushrooms, fishing and berries, it is a form of the genus Gaylussacia, more commonly known as the huckleberry. It can be any one of a number of species of huckleberry, only they are picked when as solid as ice. The drizzleberry is a frozen huckleberry.

Gex said a soon as the frost kills most of the huckleberries, drizzleberry

season begins. When this occurs he heads for the same fields where he has picked huckleberries, and the search begins for the little-known drizzleberry.

"The drizzleberry is elusive," said Gex. "It's harder to find than almost any other berry or edible plant in the forest. The cir-

cumstances have to be just perfect or instead of having firm, ice-hard drizzleberries, you'll have mushy and spoiled huckleberries."

Gex said the drizzleberry resembles the huckleberry in its ripened state, only they are frozen solid, "like droplets of rain."

"Picking drizzleberries

can be compared to picking frozen huckleberries, one by one, out of your home freezer," said Gex. "Every time one hits the bottom of your bucket you hear a nice, loud ting. This lets you know you have a deliciously-ripe drizzleberry."

For them to freeze, Gex said the habitat for the drizzleberry has to be "just perfect," otherwise they'll spoil. The drizzleberry field must be located in an area where the warm winter sun can't thaw them out. If thawing occurs, they spoil. The temperature must remain the same throughout the season.

Gex said one of the best areas to find drizzleberries is in canyons. Or, anywhere a ridge protects the bushes from the sun. However, this doesn't necessarily mean the drizzleberry fields are located just on the north side of the mountain. Many times, he said, he's discovered the berries in

areas with a southern exposure.

How long is drizzleberry season? Gex said he isn't really sure because the heavy snows prevent him from entering the rugged areas where the drizzleberries thrive.

"According to my calendar," said Gex, "the drizzleberry season is over when I can't get into the fields with my four-wheel drive."

What can one do with drizzleberries? Gex said

anything one can do with huckleberries. He said he and his wife, Vernice, have used them to make pies and jam, and put them in hot-cakes.

Gex said his search for drizzleberries has taken him all over the Pacific Northwest, even beyond. He's looked for them in Washington, Wyoming and Montana. He's even searched for them in Kentucky and Appalachia. But of all the mountain areas he's combed, he's found the best

place to find drizzleberries is right here on Mount Hood.

So if you're out in the woods this winter and hear this strange 'tinging' sound that echos out of the canyons, off the walls of the ridges, pay it no mind. It'll probably just be the sound of berries hitting the bottom of a bucket. And you'll know that Brooking Gex is somewhere in the vicinity, picking a few gallons of the luscious, elusive drizzleberry.



Gary and Patricia Roth

Roth, Candella exchange vows

Sgt. Gary Allen Roth and AIC Patricia Ann Candella were at home in the United States for the holidays to visit both families.

Roth is the son of Nicholas and Shirley Roth of Boring, and Candella is the daughter of Joseph and

Rita Candella of Mansfield, Mass.

They were married Dec. 2 in Zaragoza, Spain.

They will serve at the Zaragoza Air Force Base until their tours of duty are up in the summer of 1984.

Fall term honor roll includes local people

A number of local people were among the names released recently by Oregon State University for scholastic achievement fall term.

Tracy A. Heath of Boring is on the straight A (4.0) list. Heath is a sophomore in pre-engineering.

With averages of 3.5 or better, from Boring, were Jerome V. Choate, a senior science major, and Kimberly K. Gaulke, a junior in liberal arts.

Joseph L. Soderquist of Eagle Creek, a junior in science, is on the straight A list.

Michael K. Hatam of Eagle Creek has a 3.5 or better average. He is a

freshman science major.

Rochelle L. Gautney of Rhododendron, a senior science major, is on the 3.5 or better list.

On the straight A list from Sandy is Richard C. Ten Eyck, a senior in agriculture.

With averages of 3.5 or better, from Sandy, are Vicki J. Baucom, a junior liberal arts major, Larry Carmony, a senior business major, and Ken J. Seater, a junior engineering major.

A total of 455 students were on the straight A list, with another 1,378 on the B-plus list. To be on the honor roll one must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Phebus of Sandy on OIT dean's list

David J. Phebus, a mechanical engineering technology major from Sandy, was among the 275 students on the fall quarter dean's list at the Oregon In-

stitute of Technology in Klamath Falls.

Inclusion on the list requires that a student attain at least a 3.33 grade point average.



Brooking Gex

Rally clinic set by cheerleaders

Sandy Union High School's varsity and junior varsity rally squads are sponsoring a one-day clinic for students in kindergarten through the eighth grades.

Persons interested in being cheerleaders, or just in having a bit of fun, are invited to participate.

The clinic will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SUHS gym on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$2.

High school cheerleaders will teach cheers, skits and dances.

Those who participate will be invited to attend the basketball game with Barlow on Jan. 21 as guests of the SUHS rally squad. A cheer will be performed together at halftime.

For more information contact Barbara Beehler.

Eagle Creek woman completes training

Army National Guard Pvt. Zelma V. Corwin, daughter of Ronnie Corwin of Eagle Creek, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

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Ina Ray Lawrence, Respondent
No. 82-12-167, SUMMONS
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Jeffrey A. Crook
Attorney
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**Sandy Union High School
District No. 2
January 3, 1983
NOTICE OF BUDGET
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to ORS 294.401, that a meeting of the Budget Committee of Sandy Union High School District No. 2, Clackamas County, Oregon, will be held in room 50-51 of the Paul E. Tucker Building at Sandy Union High School on the 17th day of January, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the budget message and budget document of said District for the fiscal year of 1983-1984.

This is a public meeting where deliberations of the Budget Committee will take place and any person may appear and discuss proposed programs with the Budget Committee at that time.

A copy of the budget committee document will be available at this meeting and at the temporary location of the District administration offices, located at 38720 Proctor Blvd., Pioneer Square Building, Sandy, Oregon, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
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