Irrigon news

by Francis Rose Wilson

An authentic Mexican party honored Senorita Edna Ibarra on her fourth birthday, Sunday afternoon.

About 12 Mexican and American boys and girls enjoyed swinging the bat at a pinata while blindfolded, until it was finally opened to share candy with all. Later, a fiesta of tamales and Spanish rice was served before the birthday cakes were cut.

Edna first came to Irrigon at age one from McAllen, Tex. Her mother, Elvia Ibarra, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Trevino, are employed by Gourmet of Boardman.

A rummage sale is planned by the Irrigon senior citizens on Dec. 10 and 11 at the Lion's Clubhouse. The purpose of the sale is to raise money for Christmas treats.

A special Thanksgiving dinner was served to 53 senior citizens on Nov. 22, with turkey and all the trimmings. A dinner is served here each Monday at 4 p.m. Local seniors are welcome.

A Hunter Safety Course is being offered to the public by the Irrigon Lion's. Harold Hadley will teach the course at the Lion's Clubhouse as a state certified instructor.

Two classes will be held, one starting Dec. 6 and the other on Dec. 13. Each will be a four day course with classes from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights. The Lions hold their meetings on Thursday.

The response was so great at Riverside High School that it was decided to have two classes since no more than 15 are allowed to a class. It is necessary for students to have a hunter safety certificate now before a hunting license will be issued to them.

These classes are filled, but if there is enough response, another class will be held in January. Those who are interested should contact either Mr. Dan Daltosa at Riverside H.S. or call Mr. Hadley at 922-3379. Mr. Hadley will take students between the ages of 10 to 18.

Visitors

Doug and Mickey Gribble and their children, Jeff and Julie, from Centralia, were Thanksgiving Day guests of the Lowell Gribbles. The Gribbles enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner at the Gauchnauaers along with the Whitakers and Don Bennetts.

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Boyce blasts chamber participation

A Heppner-Morrow County Chamber member and Rodeo Board member blasted the chamber Monday, saying that the chamber's part in ticket sales at the annual fair and rodeo had "dwindled."

Ray Boyce, the chamber's Rodeo Board representative, told the chamber that "I've seen nothing but decline as far as the participation by members of this organization is concerned."

The discussion was part of a business meeting Monday noon at the West of Willow. The talk was brought about when Boyce asked the chamber if they intended to continue to serve as ticket committee during the fair.

Boyce said the fair and rodeo will continue with reserve seats, then added that the chamber had "dwindled on ticket sale participation." He said that last year, even though members had specified times to work the gates, that many did not show up. The chamber, which has a weekly attendance of at least 25 persons, had to rely on cheerleaders to sell tickets last year.

When Dave Dollarhide, chamber treasurer, told the chamber that the Rodeo Board had upped their annual donation to the chamber to $600, it made the ticket taking sound better. But Dollarhide added that costs for the parade, queen's luncheon, and prizes totalled $700 this year and that set worse with the chamber.

A chamber member, Orville Cutsforth, tested the chamber policy and asked if the group was not a "service organization?" When he was assured the chamber was a service organization, he urged the members to "stick with it."

A motion was made to pass a decision on to the Rodeo Board and that the chamber would continue for one more year to take tickets. It was asked by Boyce that members take a bigger part and not let the job fall on the same few year after year.

The chamber will also ask the Rodeo Board to tighten up gate security and possibly open just one gate to persons with passes.

Nursery provided

Because of the number of young couples and the number of small children at Hope Lutheran, a nursery is being set up for those couples who desire to have their children in the nursery rather than at worship. Small children have always been, and still are, very welcome at worship; but because some parents feel a need for a nursery, one is now being added. This will begin on Sunday, Dec. 5.

Students study nuclear energy

"Nuclear Power Its Practice and Application" is a seminar presently being presented to Riverside High School science students this week.

Five separate sessions dealing with the Nucleus and natural radiation, radiation detection and safety, radioactive decay laws, applications of nuclear science and nuclear energy and electrical power production will be covered during the week.

Jerry Bingold of the Portland General Electric is teaching the course. Bingold's nuclear background includes four years of nuclear weapons work in the Air Force, a biology degree from the University of Oregon and graduate work in nuclear science at Portland State University.

"Most high schools can't afford equipment to study nuclear science except in a superficial, broad explanation, says Bingold. "PGE wants to get the information about nuclear power out to these young people. Then they can more fully understand the nuclear process and nuclear facilities."

The controversy of nuclear power also prompts the program, explains Bingold. "We want to get nuclear power out of the emotional stage. If you understand it and still oppose it that's different than opposing it while you don't really know anything about it."

The program is being presented to Arlington High School students in the morning and Riverside students in the afternoon. Now in its second year, sessions are planned at Heppner and Ione schools in January.

Though much of the concentration has been in Portland schools because of their accessibility, the series is being brought to this area because of the particular interest in the nuclear question. Bingold said the area was ideal for nuclear power because of its close tie-in to existing transmission lines from other power plants, the availability of the river for cooling and a stable geologic area which is not prone to earthquakes and other natural disasters.

Before a nuclear plant would ever be built here, "the navy bombing range would have to be moved," Bingold said.

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