

Sandy shows 'em which way to go

Sandy Matheny, 25-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Matheny of Heppner, was the subject of a lively feature story in the Dec. 27 issue of The Oregonian. The article, written by Mike Conrad, Oregonian correspondent, featured Sandy's ("don't call her Sandra," the story warned) adventures and misadventures as informational specialist for the Columbia Gorge Ranger District of Mount Hood National Forest.

Living in Gresham and working out of the ranger station at Springdale, Sandy spends much of her time during camping season dealing with the public, enforcing regulations and putting on special campground slide shows and programs.

Sandy met one of her first challenges—curbing shortcutting by hikers who forged their own trails on steep slopes, causing costly erosion—in what the Oregonian article described "characteristic fashion". She made hand written signs designed to capture the hiker's imagination. "Stepping off the pavement is no joke. You may land in poison oak." and "Running from rocks sure makes me pale. I wish that nut would stay on the trail." were just two of her creations. And they seemed to have worked.

While a student at Heppner High School, Sandy was known for singing at weddings and being part of a performing group named "Page Twelve". She now sings and plays guitar around the campfire for campers in her campground programs.

Sandy mentioned her Heppner wheat ranch and singing background several times in the Oregonian feature. About her public singing stint, she said "One of my biggest learning experiences was when I was 17 and singing in a bar. Singing in bars in small towns where you know everybody is easy. Everybody's friendly. I love a stage, which, if I didn't, I wouldn't be in the right job..."

Future plans? "I love it here," said Sandy, "But I definitely want to move. I've always had pretty loose feet and I want to go. I like it where it's hot and dry. Somewhere in Arizona, under a saguaro sipping a mint julep. I also wouldn't mind a stint in Washington D.C."

Sandy's mother, Pauline Matheny, said the article described her pretty well: "She's always had lots of spirit and ambition."

Sandy hasn't forgotten her home town and visits friends and family regularly.

Senior menu

Tuesday, Jan. 24
Tomato juice
Hamburger on bun
Pinto beans
Tossed green salad
Cheese sticks
Cherry cobbler

Wednesday, Jan. 25
Turkey noodle casserole with mixed frozen vegetables
Orange juice
Grapefruit-pineapple molded salad with lime jello
Hot bread
Peaches and cookies

1,000 YCC jobs open

Applications will be accepted through March 5 for about 1,000 jobs with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) in Oregon this summer.

The continuing youth program is operated by the individual states, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Forest Service. Entering its eighth year, the YCC is designed to provide employment during the summer for persons at least 15 and not yet 19 years of age.

Applicants must have an interest in the natural environment and selection for employment will be by statewide random drawing. Former enrollees are not eligible for a second year, but they are eligible for youth leader positions. Former YCC participants interested in a youth leader position should apply at a National Forest headquarters or a Department of Interior office.

Participants in the YCC, a work-learn program, are introduced to environmental problems, contribute to their solutions, and work with the management and development of public lands.

In past years, the YCC has completed projects involving stream improvement, tree thinning, range fencing, trail clearing, fish and wildlife habitat improvement, wildlife studies, and construction of recreation facilities, among others.

Persons interested in the program may obtain more information and applications from high school counselors, state employment offices, and other youth service organizations. In addition, persons may obtain information and applications from the Governor's Commission on Youth,

National Forest offices, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service offices.

Applications should be mailed to the Governor's Commission on Youth, 325 13th St., N.E., Salem, Oregon 97310, on or before March 15, 1978.



Octave of prayer starts Thursday

Heppner churches will begin their octave of noon prayer to promote Christian unity on Thursday, Jan. 26.

For seven days the 20-minute prayer sessions will begin at 12:05 p.m., with a different church serving as host each day. On Sunday, Jan. 29, congregations will meet in their respective churches, except for the United Methodists who will join their Episcopal neighbors for a joint worship service at All Saint's Church at 10:30 a.m.

The schedule of the special prayer program is as follows: Thursday, Jan. 26, All Saint's Episcopal Church; Friday, Jan. 27, Christian Church; Saturday, Jan. 28, Hope Lutheran; Monday, Jan. 30, Seventh Day Adventist; Tuesday, Jan. 31, Christian Life Center Assembly of God; Wednesday, Feb. 1, United Methodist; and Thursday, Feb. 2, St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Father Kenneth Miller, president of South Morrow County Ministerial Association, invites participants who would like to linger for fellowship and discussion after the daily services to bring along sack lunches.

OSU honors include four from county

Four Morrow County students earned inclusion on the Oregon State University scholastic honor roll during fall term with a 3.5 or better grade point average on at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Gaining OSU honor roll status are Victoria R. Edmundson, freshman in pharmacy, Heppner; Ricky L. Kandle, freshman in science, Ione; Donald E. Russell, sophomore in business, Boardman; and Susan M. Doherty, junior in agriculture, Irrigon.

Candidate plans Heppner stop

Roger Martin, Republican gubernatorial candidate from Lake Oswego, plans to swing into Heppner for a little campaigning on Thursday, Feb. 2, according to his Morrow County campaign co-chairmen Steve and Cathy Peck.

Martin is currently minority leader of the Oregon House of Representatives and has served in the state legislature for 12 years. He is a businessman connected with an electrical supply house and supports small businesses, local control and reducing the size of government.

The candidate will be present on Main Street in Heppner from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 2 to get acquainted. He will answer questions on campaign issues at a luncheon reception at West of Willow from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Pecks invite all Morrow County residents to the welcoming reception to meet Martin.

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