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with Justine Weatherford

Last Thursday evening Heppner got a quick, heavy shower that caused minor flooding in some parts of town and really washed the streets and gutters—sort of like the weather was cooperating with the spring clean-up campaign.

However, this caused some of us who expected traveling Easter guests to feel rather apprehensive about the coming weather.

But wasn't the Easter weekend lovely? So great for outside Easter Egg hunting on Saturday and for playing outdoors all day Sunday.

As I look back, my weekend seems like a big, bright, vibrant, warm kaleidoscope.

Through the vivid sunshine, I see three darling grandchildren, two blond, dimpled boys and a cuddly, red-headed little girl being proudly parented by my son from Medford and my daughter from Cheney and their talented mates.

I delightedly observe my backyard garden spot being thoroughly rototilled on Saturday afternoon and happily watch several small "odd jobs" being done for me.

I enjoy the cheerful daffodils, fragrant hyacinths and stately Easter Lilies.

There is wonderful food (really too much), but oh so good!

Egg dying in grandma's kitchen on Saturday night, and three lively children squealing with delight on Sunday morning as they collect the rainbow-hued treasures. Of course, there had to be a little of "I saw that one first!"

Then after a brief visit with dear friends at their interesting home and in their especial yard, I was off to a beautiful, hope-filled church service. The musicians and the minister seemed especially inspired by the great Biblical message and by the filled pews and the lovely day.

Of the goodly number who attended the church of my choice—I believe only two, tradition-bound females, wore Easter bonnets.

When I got home just after noon, my daughter and daughter-in-law had the table set, the salad made, the ham in the oven, and we eight soon gathered around our festive board.

After dinner the threesome needing to drive to eastern Washington loaded their VW bus and started homeward.

The five of us remaining, took a pleasing Sunday afternoon drive up Willow Creek to Cutsforth Park. The children loved seeing the sheep (some still coated and some already shorn) and the young lambs.

Happy, three-year-old Adam wanted grandma to be sure to see "a ewe that has twin lambs." His little sister Anna was more interested in the "moo cows" and some lovely-looking horses, too, on the spring-greened hillsides.

Willow Creek seemed to gambol along at a good rate, nicely-filled and sparkling with mountain moisture.

As we descended toward town, we older ones began discussing the long-projected, flood-control dam. We considered how large the lake might become, and all agreed how reasonable it would be to impound the water.

We extended our drive to include a look up Balm Fork to just past Carl Thorpe's place so that we could speculate how far up that way the lake might extend.

We wondered a little about how the two roads we had travelled would need to be changed?

Then it was back to grandma's house where sleepy children and their relaxed, well-filled elders napped until it was dusky and time to start our fireplace fire and to fix something more to eat and to switch on some good TV.

Instead of the usual story reading time, we all watched the replay of Judy Garland's classical Wizard of Oz, which still held our attentions, all three generations of us.

After the children were bathed and tucked in there was

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more "state of the world" conversation before this tired, ageing grandmother began dousing lights.

Too soon came Monday and schools and jobs calling again.

The Medford foursome left me a suddenly quiet house by nine that sunny morning as they departed in their loaded Volvo.

Then, I began to realize that somehow April was almost here.

April, once was called Aprilis, a Latin word meaning "to open." It was the second month of the early Roman calendar, but it became the fourth month when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar in 46 B.C.

So, day after tomorrow is known as April Fools' Day. In English-speaking countries men, women and children play absurd but harmless jokes on victims—then they call them "April Fools."

Many poets have been inspired by this "return to life" month. One short selection I enjoy was written by a fine American, Ralph Waldo Emerson.

April cold with dropping rain
Willows and lilacs brings again,
The whistle of returning birds
And trumpet-towing of the herds.

Women's conference slated April 14-15

All interested women are invited to participate in a Focus On Women conference in Blue Mountain Community College Pioneer Hall on Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15. The event, sponsored by BMCC and Women's Concern, is free of charge though donations will be accepted to cover expenses.

The conference will kick off with a film and an informal concert from 7-10 p.m. on April 14. On April 15 the day's schedule will start at 9 a.m. with registration and opening thoughts and include small "ice-breaker groups" and two topic workshop group discussions. There will be a general wrap-up of the women's con-

ference at 3:30 p.m. Tentative topic workshop titles include Self Esteem, Working for Change in the Community, Women's Health, Re-Entry, Parliamentary Procedures, Transition, Assertiveness Training, Women and religion, Planned Parenthood, Equal Rights Amendment and Running for Office.

Women who would like to have other topics included or who have any questions are asked to contact Cyndy Hilden, BMCC, Box 100, Pendleton, OR 97801; or call 276-1260, days, or 276-5940, evenings. Child care will be provided on Saturday for women attending the conference.

Alena Anderson visits family in Portland

Alena Anderson, Heppner, made a recent trip to Portland to visit her daughter and granddaughter, Dee Martin and Suzanne. Mrs. Anderson

returned to Heppner accompanied by two other grand daughters, Lisa and Shelly Parent, who spent the Easter weekend visiting here.

Ten music scholarships available

Each year the Oregon Music Teachers' Association sponsors ten scholarship awards which will be available again this Spring to young musicians throughout the state.

The Donna and David Eason Award, the Frances Virginia Melton Award, the Jean Williams Award, and the Rex

Underwood Memorial Award will be given to pianists of high school age. Also to be granted to high school musicians are the R. Cloyd Riffe Voice Award, the Caria Wood Vincent String Award, and the Rex Underwood Violin Memorial Award.

The OMTA Instrumental

Award is available to students of any instrument who are high school graduates through 22 years of age; the OMTA Voice Award is open to voice students, high school graduates through 25 years of age. The Portland District Award is open to students of any instrument, including piano or voice, between the ages of 14 and 17.

These awards are available to students of any member of the Oregon Music Teachers'

Association. Each contestant shall be prepared to perform three memorized compositions from contrasting periods at the awards contest which will be held May 20, in the G. Herbert Auditorium on the campus of Willamette University, Salem.

Application forms are available from the OMTA Scholarship Awards Chairman, Miriam Bednarz, 567 High Street, Salem, Oregon, 97301. Deadline for entries is April 15.

Trimming tips given for lilac bushes

When lilacs bloom they are doing more than just creating beautiful flowers. They are also producing their new annual growth and next year's blossom buds.

"This growth pattern means there is no time of year that a lilac can be pruned without removing some flower buds," says Harold Kerr, Morrow County Extension agent.

To get around this, a lilac should be pruned so that only non-flowering wood is removed. Flower blooms are produced from large buds on the ends of vigorous new growth.

On the other hand, lateral growth and spindly growth rarely produce blooms. Both types of growth should be

removed in the winter, but can be cut out any time of year. Annual pruning, though not essential, will keep the lilac bush in good vigor.

Renovation of old bushes should be done in the winter. They can be cut back severely while leaving most of the framework so new growth can rebuild the bush. Even so, one year's bloom will be lost.

"Cutting the lilac flowers to bring indoors also reduces next year's blooms. But unless the bulk of the blossoms are cut, it is not a serious problem," says Kerr.

As soon as the bloom period is over, however, it is advisable to remove the old blossom heads.

Norman Cases entertain visitors this week

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Miller, Salem, are visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Norman Case, Heppner. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Case are sisters.

Rainbows honor Kristi Edmundson

Ione Assembly No. 89, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, invites the public to attend a reception honoring Grand Charity, Kristi Edmundson.

The reception will take place Saturday, April 1, in the Heppner Masonic Hall beginning at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Kristi, a senior at Heppner High School, is being honored for her year of service as Grand Charity, a state-wide office in the Rainbow Girls organization. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edmundson, Heppner.



Kristi Edmundson

Ruth Reed hosts son on Easter

Mrs. Ruth Reed, of Heppner, played host to her son Ronald, his wife Virginia and their son Robbie on Easter Sunday. The family traveled from their home in LaGrande to spend the day and enjoyed an Easter dinner before returning home the same day.

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TO BE TORN OFF BY A MEMBER OF THE ELECTION BOARD

Ballot No. _____

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, MORROW COUNTY, OREGON

TAX LEVY OUTSIDE THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION

TUESDAY, April 4, 1978
Polls Open 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The voters shall place an (x) or check mark (✓) in the voting square before the word YES or the word NO, whichever indicates his choice.

PROPOSAL

Shall the Board of Directors of Morrow County School District No. 1, Morrow County, Oregon, be authorized to levy for the fiscal year 1978-79, the sum of \$2,067,639 outside the limitation set forth in Section II, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Without the approval of the voters, the school board has authority to levy only the tax base of the district, which is \$523,773. This sum, together with available non tax revenues, is not adequate to meet the operating needs of the schools.

Because the tax base is inadequate, it is necessary to submit to the voters, on an annual basis, a tax levy request in excess of the tax base. The tax base would not be sufficient to operate the schools for a full school year.

If approved, the operating budget to be financed by local taxes for the year 1978-79 will be \$413,542 greater than for the preceding year.

Reasons for increasing the levy are: Increases in salaries, fixed costs, employee benefits, costs of supplies and materials, costs of services, costs for increased student enrollment and to equalize the educational opportunities in the district.

YES, I vote for the tax levy

NO, I vote against the tax levy

TO BE TORN OFF BY A BOARD MEMBER

Ballot No. _____

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, MORROW COUNTY, OREGON

ELECTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
POLLS OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, April 4, 1978

MARK A CROSS (X) OR CHECK MARK (✓) BETWEEN THE NUMBER AND THE NAME VOTED FOR

BOARDMAN MEMBER, ZONE 1, FOUR YEAR TERM

Vote for One

1 KENNETH BROADBENT

2 LARRY D. LEICHLITER

MARK A CROSS (X) OR CHECK MARK (✓) BETWEEN THE NUMBER AND THE NAME VOTED FOR

BOARDMAN-IRRIGON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, 3 YEAR TERM, POSITION NO. 1

3 EARL TRUDEAU

Vote For One

BOARDMAN-IRRIGON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, 3 YEAR TERM, POSITION NO. 6

4 FRANCINE EVANS

Vote For One

MARK A CROSS (X) OR CHECK MARK (✓) BETWEEN THE NUMBER AND THE NAME VOTED FOR

HEPPNER SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, 3 YEAR TERM, POSITION NO. 2

5 FRANK PEARSON

Vote For One

HEPPNER SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, 3 YEAR TERM, POSITION NO. 7

6 JUDY CURRIN

Vote For One

7 STEPHEN K. PECK

MARK A CROSS (X) OR CHECK MARK (✓) BETWEEN THE NUMBER AND THE NAME VOTED FOR

IONE SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, 3 YEAR TERM, POSITION NO. 4

8 MARY J. MARTIN

Vote For One

POLLING PLACES

Heppner Elementary School, Heppner
School District Office, Lexington
Ione High School, Ione
Riverside High School, Boardman
Morrow County Office Building, Irrigon