

Kinzua news

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The Wheeler County Fair brought several former residents back to visit old friends and attend the fair. Betty Murdock who is now living in Tygh Valley, was here all week getting the exhibit area ready to be enjoyed by all the fair patrons. I must say that

Betty and her staff were very successful—from art to vegetables everything looked very nice. Red and Rayette Watts and Noren were here from The Dalles. The Billy Joe McMinn family and the Troy Day family both now living in Heppner were present as was

Jack and Margie Ball from Lexington.

Two more families have finished or nearly finished their move to new homes. Steve and Roberta Conlee and sons are now getting settled in their house in Fossil. Arden and Marian Tripp and Bill are new residents of Lone.

Nina Castle accompanied Sue Mattison and daughters to John Day Wednesday on business.

Don and Rose Hardwick, Donnie Hardwick and Linda Vorres went to Baker Friday

to attend the Shrine football game and visit Rose's father, Frank Stoll. The Hardwicks and Linda returned to Camp Five on Sunday.

Chuck and Patti Constantin, Portland, joined several local residents at the Umatilla Speedway Saturday night. Interest in the races has been high with three cars now running from this area. Chuck Mitchell and Bruce Pike from Kinzua and Jerry Bird who works for Grant Logging at Camp Five are all driving at the Hermiston track. The

Constantins spent Sunday and Monday in town with her parents, Don and Barbara Pike.

Rita Bowman went to Prineville Tuesday to pick up her granddaughters, Natalie and Erika, from Portland. The little girls, Rita and Cindy Bowman returned to Kinzua that evening, Friday the same group was joined by Jiggs for the trip back to Prineville to meet the children's mother and to watch the Bowman's daughter Sara Riney play in a softball tournament.

Volunteers are sought to aid grade school students at Heppner

Adults who are interested in volunteering a few hours of time each week are being recruited for the third year by lower grade teachers at Heppner Elementary School.

The volunteer program was initiated in January, 1976, and proved so successful that it

has become an on-going project in grades K-4. It is called the LAPP program, as the volunteers Listen, Appreciate, Praise the children, all of whom progress from the special attention.

Visitors to the primary building often see the volun-

teers in easy chairs or at desks in the hall, working one-to-one with a child or listening to a little reader. Sometimes the volunteers help the teacher directly in the classroom, with class projects, or with individual instruction.

Volunteers were honored guests last May at the lower grade spring music program, given corsages and various kinds of thank you cards and letters from the children.

Among those especially appreciated were a number who had been LAPP volunteers for two years. They include Faye Ruhl who has helped two morning each week; Eleanor Gonty, Daisy Collins, Beth Bryant, Marilyn and Ruth Bergstrom, Ida Lynn and Judy Maas.

Volunteers joining the program last year included Shelly Quimby, Shanny Miller and Renee Simnoe. Others who contributed time included Joyce Hughes, Irene Swanson, Kyra Query, Phyllis Kroll, and Lynda Crane.

Because of the large kindergarten enrollment, parents were asked to help as aides. Those who volunteered for many hours included Rita Sporseen, Nancy Brownfield, Sherree Mahoney, Bobbie Angell, Vicki and Steve Tollefson.

For the past eight years the elementary school and high school in Heppner have cooperated in another valuable aide program. High school students may schedule one period each forenoon to act as an aide assigned to one teacher. A shuttle bus furnished by the district transports the students. Aides are assigned as much as possible in accordance with whether they wish to work with children or help the teacher with secretarial and general non-teaching tasks.

Both of the aide programs are appreciated by the teachers and children in many ways. Special attention is particularly important to some youngsters, and individual help, or listening, has made schoolwork easier and more interesting for all.

Teachers are being asked to contact the LAPP aides who have helped them before. New volunteers for the program may call the school's office, 676-9128, or Mrs. Rachel Dick, 676-9920.

Early in the school year indoctrination tapes and filmstrips will be used to prepare the aides. The material was produced by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and is an excellent refresher for returning aides, as well as an introduction to the general volunteer aide program for newcomers.

Launer attends EOSC music honor camp

Mark Launer of Heppner attended the Eastern Oregon State College Summer Music Camp with 40 other outstanding musicians from Oregon, Washington and Idaho last month. The students were led by a faculty of 15 Oregon music educators.

Activities in which the students participated included a student recital in which the most outstanding students studying at the camp presented solos or ensembles, a combination all-school picnic and band concert at which EOSC-LaGrande Summe Band entertained; several movies and dances, and the camp's final concert. At the final concert, each of the major performing groups performed and many of the students were in band as well as choir, jazz ensemble a swing choir.

This year the camp was held from July 23 through 29, and held each summer on the campus of Eastern Oregon State College.

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