

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Why do some weeks seem longer than others? If you've been a student or a teacher, think back to the weeks in May before school ends. Sometimes, inspite of or because of much activity, it seems like summer vacation will just never arrive.

Now consider the current week which held much of the County Fair, the Horse Show, the 4-H Style Revue, the rodeos and the big Saturday Parade. For some it may seem a long week—for some a short week. However, most everyone will agree that the last week of August and the Labor Day weekend always seems to whizz by. The Tuesday, September 4 school bells will be ringing soon.

Incidentally, did you see the super-sweepstakes sunset last Sunday evening? Super sunsets are one of the joys of autumn.

It is unreasonable not to sympathize with the powers that plan the County Fair and Rodeo. Along with the many problems they encounter and must reconcile, the matter of scheduling must loom big. Of course, the schedule has to be determined far in advance. This year it seemed that many other events, anxious to happen before summer faded away, conflicted with some of the fair's special events.

On Family Fun Night numerous sports fans caravaned to Baker to watch a rain-drenched parade and a very wet football game which was won by the more webbed-footed players from the West whose style of play included being more accustomed to splashing around than were our East players. Dr. Tibbles reports that all three all stars from this county participated valiantly. He says that most of the spectators left the game after the drizzle which plagued the opening quarters and turned into a heavy downpour.

The attendance from this county was the largest ever. They saw the West score 14 points in the first quarter and add another seven in the second quarter. The departing crowd felt sorry for the Shrine players who continued their battling with each other and with the downpour for two more scoreless quarters.

The event accomplished its purpose. It contributed nicely to the support of the Shriners' Hospital in Portland.

Back to conflicting scheduling, it seems that the Morrow County Grain Growers had a major function on Saturday night, musician Jim beguiled some folks into being elsewhere.

On Sunday evening, the 4-H Style Show played to standing-room-only. The attendance at the daytime horse show and among exhibit viewers may have been less than usual because of the Bucknum's Tavern Picnic that drew many to Cutsforth Park.

As usual, various ranch families that look forward to an after-harvest holiday, along with other non-harvesting families who had not yet gotten away for their annual change of pace and place, needed to venture forth just at fair time in order to beat the back-to-school deadline.

Some veteran fair workers and exhibitors feel that the new, longer schedule this year which stretched the Fair and Rodeo over 10 days is not as good as the older plan which compacted most events into a single week.

The fair's faithful division superintendents, who assume such responsibility, deserve much applause. They are there early to receive and record exhibits and to arrange them advantageously. They help new exhibitors and control harried veterans; they assist the professional judges; at fair's end they are still being helpful when exhibits are released.

We always loudly cheer the Fair Board and Fair Committee, but sometimes forget that it is the dear exhibitors that really make the fair. Big cheers for each one who brought something to show.

Surely the encouragement of youthful participation is a most significant aspect of the fair. How fortunate this county is to have such competent Extension Staff leadership that has enlisted and stimulated terrific, non-professional group leaders who in turn inspire such excellent work from their young charges.

All fair divisions displayed outstanding work this year. First, I can't resist mentioning Dan Nix and the tremendous photographs that brought him top honors. I think that Dan first attracted fairviewers' attention as an exhibitor of birds and small animals. Now he has become a top artist. His photographic masterpieces indicate that he has probably gotten some excellent instructions in Heppner High School's photographic classes. (Who can ever replace Dennis Toney as photographic instructor?)

As I lingered along the great art exhibit wall, I hear the comment, "This county certainly has lots of really talented residents!" Yes! Yes! and the talent is not only among its fine artists, but it is also among its food and needlework people, its gardeners, its craft workers, its grain and animal producers, its assortment of workers.

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Shelley Wolff to wed October 13

Dr. Wallace H. Wolff is pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Shelley M. Wolff to Mr. Rhodes H. Gustafson of Seattle, Wa.

Shelley is employed by Tektronix in Beaverton and Mr. Gustafson is owner-president of Rhodes Sales Corporation. An October 13 wedding is planned at St. Mathews Church, Hillsboro, Or.

Friends invited to Cutsforth wedding

Jim and Lucia Barrell extend a cordial invitation to all friends and relatives to share with them the exchanging of wedding vows between

her son Curtis Cutsforth and Kathy Lacey August 25 at 3 p.m. in the afternoon.

The wedding will be held in the Barrell yard at the Blake Ranch.

Special speaker set at Irrigon Assembly

The Rev. Paul Pipkins will speak at the Irrigon Assembly of God, next Sunday Aug. 26 at the 11 a.m. service. The Rev. Pipkins is a representative of the International Correspondence Institute in Brussels, Belgium.

Missionary appointee to Malawi, Africa, was the guest speaker at the church on Aug. 19. He, his wife Sally and two daughters plan to establish a Center of Evangelism in this African country with a population of over five million.

The Rev. Dale Zumwalt of Stanfield will minister at the Assembly church on Sept. 2.

Mr. Zumwalt has been working with Pastor Allen Gordanier finishing the interior of the new church. The new church building is nearing completion.

Pastor Allen Gordanier is spending this week as a counselor at the Assembly of God Boys and Girls Camp at Meadowbrook in the Blue Mountains.

Open House Monday for Ark Preschool

An open house is scheduled at the Ark Preschool Monday, August 27 from 7-9 p.m.

Parents with children aged 3-5 who are not attending kindergarten, are welcome to come explore the school and visit with Debra Britt, the teacher.

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Senior Citizen News

By Justine Weatherford

Senior Citizens have been keeping very busy enjoying the County Fair. Many have continued to work in fair divisions as superintendents and assistants; many more have contributed greatly by entering exhibits.

The senior meals on August 28 and 29 will be the last two for awhile, prepared by substitute head cook Ruth Bergstrom and regular assistant cook, her daughter Marilyn. Eleanor Gonty, the regular chief cook, will return to continue the leadership of the meal site crew on Tuesday, September 4.

Next week's menus include: at Heppner on Tuesday, turkey croquettes with mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, buttered, frozen peas, tossed green salad, bulgar muffins with jelly and rhubarb crisp pudding with topping.

On Wednesday, at Ione and Heppner: spaghetti and meat-

balls, tossed salad and sliced tomatoes, buttered corn, garlic French bread and surprise apple pie with cheese sticks.

Two receive U of Portland Master degree

Cecilia McElligott, Box 5, Ione, received a master of education at the August 10, University of Portland summer commencement in the gardens of Mago Hunt Center on the University campus.

Michael V. Smith, son of Robert C. Smith, Box 576, Irrigon, received a master of business administration. Smith attended Eastern Oregon State College and University of Oregon prior to coming to U. of P. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi and now resides in Portland.



Todd Harrison hosts Canadian youth here

If you saw Todd Harrison, Lexington, during county fair, he was probably accompanied by the young Canadian who was visiting the Harrison family that week. James Mikulasik of British Columbia, arrived late August 20 in time for the county fair.

Canadian youths hosted in neighboring counties, will accompany Ken Killingsworth to Salem to see our state fair.


The first part of the exchange which brings our Canadian visitor took Lottie Laughlin and Cindi Bergstrom to British Columbia for a fun filled week earlier this summer. Both Lottie and Cindi report having a terrific experience with plans to return to Canada to see 4-H friends gained during the trip.

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Admitted and still a patient is Juanita Sprouls, of Condon.

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