

# AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Lilac time is surely one of the prettiest times of the year in Morrow County. The fragrant blooms of this lovely member of the olive family are so gorgeous in their many variations. Did you ever visit the Lilac Farm near Woodland, Wash.? There, a great lilac fancier has propagated more than a hundred different types with single and double blossoms in so many different colors from pure white to almost black-purple. After lilac time the green tones will fade away and brown and golds will become dominant on Heppner's surrounding hills.

Next Sunday, May 11, is Mother's Day. Many mothers appreciate a good letter or a friendly telephone call as much as any gift—and letters and 'phone chats are always appropriate.

The national observance of Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May was begun in 1914 by President Woodrow Wilson after a vigorous campaign by Anna Jarvis. It became a tradition to wear a colored carnation if one's mother is living, or a white carnation in memory of a departed mother.

If you want interesting facts about volcanoes, especially the latest crater-top, Mt. St. Helens, you should seek out Barbara Cutsforth. Barb was interested in volcanoes long before she learned of the first rumblings at St. Helens. She and her husband, Orville, are world travelers, and they have observed several volcanoes in several parts of the globe very closely. As soon as Barb learned of the action at Mt. Helens she encouraged Mel Boyer, the Lexington aviator, to fly in close and take pictures. Barb has a good collection of news clippings about the smoking mountains.

Last Saturday's Historical Society bus trip to Milton-Freewater and Walla Walla was enjoyed by 31 county residents. Dorothy Heard met them at Milton-Freewater and conducted them to the Heard headquarters on Peach Island. After leaving there the travelers saw many interesting and historical sights along their way to and from Fort Walla Walla and the Whitman Mission.

The Creative Arts and Crafts showing at the West of Willow last Saturday and Sunday did not draw nearly as many viewers as it deserved. It surely substantiated the fact that there is a good deal of artistic talent in this county. Oil paintings dominated the show, but there was work in pastels and in pencil, too, as well as a table of china painting and one of tile painting. We have just learned that courtesy of proprietor Jim Rogers the show will be held over through Mother's Day.

Viewing work by one's neighbors brings a different thrill than seeing masterpieces in a renowned gallery. There were very brief notes about 20 county artists on the interesting introductory sheets presented to visitors.

The Morrow Rodeo Court and pennant bearers won first place in competition with eight other courts in Arlington on Saturday at the early-season rodeo and parade. The girls were judged during their grand entry and during the parade on their appearance, their general behavior and their horsemanship. The court enjoyed luncheon with royalty from other rodeos. Faye Seitz and Maryann Palmer also attended the luncheon.

On Sunday, May 18, a very special piano student will be presented in a public recital here by her teacher Ola Mae Groshens. Jojean Stevens, a Heppner High senior, has

studied with Ola Mae for 10 years. Her proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevens, Hardman, and her joyful grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens, Hardman, and Verna Brinda, Heppner. Jim Ackley will be a guest vocalist. The Heppner Soroptimists will assist with refreshments after the recital which will begin at 2 p.m. in the basement of the United Methodist Church.

Active folks under 101 years of age are being encouraged to make a super-walk on Mother's Day. They are to leave Hager Park for a leisurely 20-mile walk to Lexington and back, and they will contribute money gained by their efforts to the March of Dimes campaign and to the American Field Service.

Saturday, May 17, the annual Alpha Theta Sorority's bike ride will see more active persons out earning money to send off to fight Cystic Fibrosis.

The committees responsible for the Whale of a Sale at the Methodist Church last Saturday wish to thank all who attended and also the businesses that helped with the advertizing.

Several persons commented on the exhausted pigeon story in last week's paper. It was pleasing to have Dot Halvorsen share that story. This columnist really appreciates hearing interesting news by telephone, or on the street, or at a community event.

My late husband, Bill, enjoyed sipping coffee and chatting at stops along Main Street. He occasionally shared choice tidbits of news with me. How I miss his help!

Although my telephone, 676-5504, may not be answered every time it rings, please keep trying.

## Cheerleaders elected at Heppner High

Polly Fortenberry will be the head cheerleader next year at Heppner High School, it was announced recently.

Other cheerleaders will be Patty Devine, Cindi Bowman, Jenny Estes and Elizabeth Zita. None of the cheerleaders this year tried out for the squad.

The junior varsity cheerleaders are all eighth graders who had to come up to the high school and try out at a recent assembly in front of the school members. Lovena Marlatt, Susie Olson and Malinda Hawkins were chosen.

Student body officers were also named. John Bier will be president, John Murray vice president, Paula Palmer secretary, Nancy Miller treasurer, Ann Lindsey assistant secretary and Sandra Ward business manager.

## Highway Dept. sets open house

Oregon's Department of Transportation will observe National Transportation Week, May 11 to 17, with a series of open houses at its installations across the state.

An open house is scheduled in Hermiston on May 13.

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Lisa Nix (center) is chased by Frankenstein's monster (Doug Holland) while Hugo (Andy Gorman) awaits the outcome.

## 'Follies' cast draws laughs' squeals

By Justine Weatherford  
Laughing, squealing, full houses of playgoers of all ages greeted the Heppner High thespians who put on the school's first musical production in about 20 years here last week Thursday and Friday evenings. The players in "Frankenstein Follies" seemed to be enjoying the evenings' fun along with their audiences.

The rock-walled castle of the Frankenstein Family was the somber background for this ghoulish and foolish production. The large cast of 18 characters moved promptly in entering and exiting. Probably few of them will ever achieve grand opera or musical comedy careers, however,

they captivated their families and friends.

The pretty, young, lost skiers and their handsome guide were all charming. All the resident Frankensteins were very peculiar hosts. The entrancing schoolgirls of the "Frankenstein Is Still Here" fan club were cuties in their F.I.S.H. T-shirts and blue jeans.

If there were any serious portrayals, they were given by Andy Gorman as Dr. Frankenstein's crippled butler, Hugo, and by Polly Fortenberry and Karen Howe as Sara and Olive, the two very concerned, rather piliated aunts of the monster. This reviewer will remember their three performances much longer than

those of the castle's attractive guests or of its strange resident family.

The show was certainly greatly enhanced by the musical accompaniment from the off-stage, live orchestra—Jojean Stevens, pianist; Geneva Mathews, guitarist; Gene Sartain, trumpeter; clarinetists, Bruce Martin, Sarena Panter and Lottie Laughlin; Steve Grace on his baritone and Paula Palmer and Kay Benson on their French horns were all directed by Kitty Coon and Bruce Martin.

The efficient stage crew included stage manager, Mardel James; lighting supervisor, Kevin Chick, and sound effects director, Shawn Cowett. Bonnie Nix, Tim Hedman and Ron Forrar shared responsibilities for the effective



'Follies' star Lisa Nix is tied by castle visitors Sherry Cowett (left) and Bonnie Arrington.

## Heppner couple grandparents

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Rieger of Hood River had a baby boy, Jamie Lee, April 29.

He has an older sister, Valerie Kay, at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Schwarzin of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Rieger of Harper, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Vinson of Heppner, Mrs. J.B. Rieger of Harper and Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Walker, also of Harper, Texas.

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## NEWS FROM BLUE MOUNTAIN

### '80 graduates invited to a dance

All graduating seniors in high schools in Umatilla and Morrow counties are invited by the students of Blue Mountain Community College to a special dance Friday, May 9, from 9 until midnight in the McCrae Activity Center.

There is no cost for the dance, although seniors must have their high school student body card to be admitted.

Music will be by Dan Burns of 3-D Production. He will present a light show and disco music.

### Business workshop

Management of small businesses will be covered in a special Pre-Business Workshop to be offered by Blue Mountain Community College in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The workshop will be offered May 15 in Pioneer Hall Theatre on the BMCC campus. The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.

Individuals considering a new business or persons interested in the workshop are asked to preregister by writing Blue Mountain at P.O. Box 100, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

Participants may also call the college at 276-1260 to reserve a spot.

### 'Tartuffe' change

Production dates for the College Community Theatre presentation of "Tartuffe" by Moliere have been modified to include a Sunday matinee according to Bob Hirsch, director of the play.

The play will open Friday, May 16, and run May 17 and 18. On Sunday, May 18, a matinee performance is set to begin at 3 p.m. The play will then run evenings the following week including May 22, 23, and 24.

### Radio class

Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton will offer a course that will prepare participants to take the Second Class Radio Telephone License Examination.

The class will meet May 14

at 7 p.m. in Morrow Hall room 116. All interested students

must attend the first meeting to register and begin the program. After the initial meeting, the class will set its own meeting time, one night per week for three hours.

The course will run three consecutive quarters starting this summer and continuing through fall and winter.

## Heart attack prevention class topic

"Heart Attack Prevention" will be the topic presented at a health education program on May 15 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

Marc Mann, M.C., an internist, will present this program. The public is invited. There will not be a charge.

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