

# AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Last week, on Tuesday, you may have noticed the corona around the sun which was vivid about 9:30 a.m.; however, by afternoon its visibility had faded away.

The corona, which looked like a faint, circular rainbow when it was strongest, is composed of a layer of gases that makes up the outer atmosphere of the sun. Usually the unaided human eye cannot distinguish the corona's light from surrounding space because the sun itself makes the corona unnoticeable.

I was so pleased to have a friend call my attention to this phenomenon, which I had never seen except during an eclipse when it looks completely different than it looked last week.

That evening, Tuesday, May 13, Heppner's sixth, seventh and eighth graders performed exciting gymnastic routines during a "Character Building Exhibition Evening." Their physical education teachers, Sheri Brock and Paul Stringer, arranged the program and the students went through a variety of special exercises which they seemed to enjoy and which delighted their parents and grandparents.

Last Wednesday in Irrigon and Thursday in Heppner, the candidates for county offices appeared before citizens to introduce themselves and to try to answer any questions about the positions to which they aspired. The candidates and their family members outnumbered the citizen-voters who indicated enough interest to attend the sessions.

Having a graduating senior in the house makes one more aware of the special events and special remembrances for seniors here. One especially nice memento, which was sent to every graduate of this year's classes at the four high schools in Heppner's trading area, is a very attractive golden chain with a golden pendant marked "Class of '80," which came with a hand-signed card bringing best wishes from Marlene and Randall Peterson.

As you drive or walk about Heppner, surely you notice the blooms along the curve which connects Gale and May streets, across the parking lot adjoining the First National Bank? A few weeks ago that space was brightened by tulip blooms; now varieties of iris are in full bloom there. This beautification project is on city property that has been planted, weeded, trimmed and watered for many years by the Ed Gonty family. What a labor of love and fine demonstration of civic pride; what a generous gift to the community this attractive space has become.

Perhaps the recent Heppner-Lexington Walkathon has stimulated more walking. Rather early one morning last week we viewed Lynnea Sargent, Cindy Green and Ginger Keithley pacing south on Court Street. A very regular walker on that street is banker, Gene Pierce, who often walks it four times a day.

Almost everyone walking our block takes a long look at the well-tended Becket vegetable garden on the west side of Court.

If you drove or walked past the Library-Museum Building before 9 a.m. last Saturday morning, you may have noted an impressive collection of bicycles and their riders getting set to take part in the annual Alpha Theta Sorority Bike Ride to earn money to send to fight against Cystic Fibrosis.

This busy election and graduation week will nearly end with a big Saturday night "roast and toast" affair at the Heppner Elks Club. Following a potluck dinner arranged by his family and friends, Orville Cutsforth will be roasted and toasted ala Hollywood under the direction of Master of Ceremonies Glenn Ward.

When the plan to honor O.W. was first conceived, it was to be a "big secret" and was planned to take place at the Lexington Grange Hall. However, such secrets are difficult to keep, and the interest in the event grew rapidly causing its relocation to the Elks. Everyone is welcome to take along food to share it at 6:30, and to stay and hail the honor guest.

It is always rather sad to bid farewell to departing high school graduates. In years past many of the fellows went right to work at the local mill. This year, jobs will be harder to locate. What good news it is to learn that the large mill at neighboring Pilot Rock has re-opened.

Hopefully all the area graduates will enjoy looking about some far places on this globe; those who want work will find it; those who plan to study further will enjoy that studying; none of them will forget the community where they grew up and the families and friends here who have loved them and wished them well.

## Baccalaureate fills Heppner church

Heppner's largest church, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic, was completely filled on Sunday evening, May 18, for the Baccalaureate Service for the Heppner High School Class of 1980. The Rev. S. Michael Sheridan delivered the baccalaureate address after the host priest, Father John O'Brien, had greeted those attending.

The theme "Dawn of the New Decade" was carried out in the decorations and on the program covers, designed by Mike Lott. Much of the evening's program featured student participation. The public was invited to join the students in singing "Beyond a Dream" and "Pass It On."

The Rev. Mr. Sheridan's sermon, based on the Biblical story of God's long-ago call to Moses through the burning bush, stressed the need for the graduates to keep alive the youthful fire of their lives. They need, he said, to develop endurance and to "never become lukewarm." He stated that God calls each to some special task, and the He gives each the means to carry out

this task.

Student readers participating were Jackie Gentry, who led the call to worship and read the scriptures, Marie Van Schoiack, who gave the invocation, and Tim Hedman, who presented the benediction.

The group of students and adults who participated in the musical aspects of the program included Carley Drake at the organ, guitarists Mike Sheridan, Karen Howe, Jean Strange, Betty Kachelmier, Mike Lott and Kathy Lindsay, and flutists Anne and Kathy Lindsay. Michelle Portmann and Dale Holland led the congregational singing, and Dale, along with Shelly Mann, presented a vocal duet, "We've Only Just Begun."

The Rev. Doug Thomas, president of the South Morrow Ministerial Association, dismissed the gathering and invited the several hundred who attended to walk over to St. Patrick's Parish Hall where refreshments had been arranged by the ministerial association and the ladies of St. Patrick's Altar Society.



This group picture was taken by Gordon Munck at the Heppner 8th grade graduation ceremonies at the Elk Lodge.

## Ione Garden Club installs new officers

Ione Garden Club met recently at the home of Patty Pettyjohn with Nancy Miller as the assistant hostess.

The day was delightful and the potluck luncheon sumptuous.

## Pendleton Centennial Celebration continues

Pendleton is having its Centennial Celebration this year.

Del Piper showed slides of birds and animals indigenous to this area as well as scenic views of eastern Oregon. He described his camera attachments and the lens settings

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Mrs. Cecelia Lorenzen is researching the styles worn in the late 1870's and 1880. Mrs. Ruth Thorne will use the information when she makes the authentic costumes for a woman, a small girl and a small boy which will be on display in the lobby of the Western Heritage Savings and Loan Association building. Mrs. Carolyn Mayer and her son, Jeff, are making a man's costume that will complete the display.

The Pendleton Centennial Committee has invited families to dress "in any style but modern" for the celebration this summer. For the women, any long cotton dress will be as appropriate as the more elaborate dress that has a bustle or pannier.

Judging and prizes will be awarded at the Centennial Banquet scheduled for October 25.

## Wedding set

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt would like to announce the coming wedding of their daughter, Lolita Holly, to Clay Grace May 31 at 6 p.m. in the garden of her grandparents in Lexington.

All friends and relatives are invited.



Baccalaureate goers were entertained by a folk group consisting of (left to right) Mike Sheridan, Karen Howe, Kathy Lindsay, Ann Lindsay, Jean Strange, Mike Lott, Tim Jones, Dale Holland and Michelle Portmann.

## Grand Squares mark 12th anniversary

More than 78 people attended the recent Grand Squares Dance Club at the Ione American Legion Hall, the occasion being the club's 12th anniversary dance.

Guests represented the Rocker Squares and Country Cousins of Pendleton, Square Knots of Hermiston, Sundancers of Tri-Cities, Wash., and included officers of the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, such as

the president and his wife, who are of Corvallis; two couples who are "goodwill ambassadors" for the federation; and former Grand Squares members, Ernie and June Christopherson, who now reside at Telecast, Ore.

The hall was decorated with bouquets of May flowers.

Shirley McNary had baked a cake and decorated it with square dance figures. Home-made ice cream was provided

by the Darrell Wilsons and Bill Hutchinsons. There were also salads of many varieties, ham sandwiches, punch and coffee. On the committee for the dance were Lloyd and Shirley McNary, George and Lorene Griffiths and Darrel and Bev Wilson.

Darrel Wilson called the dances assisted by the Sundancers callers and one dance by Ron Davis of the Grand Squares.

## May is blood month

May has been designated as High Blood Pressure Month during which the Morrow County Health Department invites everyone to have his or her blood pressure checked either by the health department or a physician.

"Remember, you can have high blood pressure and still fine," a spokesperson said. "Once discovered, it can be controlled and lessen the risk of heart disease, stroke and kidney disease."

Free blood pressure clinics are held monthly at the following locations and one is invited to attend, regardless of age: Lexington Health Department Office—every Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (Closed at Noon); Heppner Neighborhood Center—first Wednesday and third Tuesday 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Irrigon County Offices—second and fourth Tuesdays 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; and Ione United Church of Christ basement—third Wednesday 4 p.m.-5 p.m.



Sandy Wright

## Wright is second in poster contest

Sandy Wright, daughter of Pat Wright of Lexington, placed second in a recent statewide Oregon Lung Association Poster Contest.

Her poster will be entered in further competition.

Wright, a fifth grader at Ione Grade School, has received a cash award and a recognition certificate for her work on the poster.

**Episcopal Church School Class**  
**Baked Food Sale**  
for  
**'Cambodian Relief'**  
**May 23 3:30 P.M. — Friday**  
In Front Of Murray's

## Congratulations, CLASS OF '80

### Riverside High School

#### Boardman

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| Rollin Stubblefield | Jason Gilcrease      |
| Greg Tarpenning     | Tamara Gillette      |
| Shinan Pisci        | Gary Gordanier       |
| Adam Tompkins       | Samuel Griffin       |
| Curtis Viall        | Suzann Haskell       |
| Jennifer Wenzholz   | Wesley Haus          |
| Lori Witt           | Larry Hugel          |
|                     | Trace Johnson        |
|                     | Deana Tate           |
| Thomas Abercrombie  | Pamlyn Leggett       |
| Barbara Anderson    | James Line           |
| Lonnie Anderson     | Jeffrey McCauley     |
| Jennie Arispe       | Robert McKee         |
| Kristie Baker       | Debra Michaels       |
| Abner Bolin         | James Mills          |
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| Stacy Coleman       | Richard Pettigrew    |
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