

Close to Home... Mary Ann Cerullo

By a stroke of luck my husband's mother and father, Eleanor and Duke, were able to grab an excursion flight out to visit us from the East Coast early this summer.

They came from a city of four million where a large spread is a 200 x 200 foot lot and a typical farm holds maybe 500 acres, so it was perhaps understandable that my mother-in-law's first reaction of Morrow County was with panic. (We came in on Morgan Road from Arlington.)

"But where are the people?" she cried. The first several miles were all dry rangeland, sage and scrub brush over what seemed to be endless rolling hills.

Slowly, evidence of life began emerging. A few head of cattle appeared by the road, eyeing us lazily as the car kicked up dust in their faces. Then the fields began, acres and acres of green.

"What is it?" my inlaws exclaimed. It was wheat, growing tall, waving slightly in the warm breeze.

"It's so lush," remarked Larry's dad. Many miles of wheat and cattle passed before Duke and Eleanor began relaxing over the view.

Finally the words began: "Oh Duke, it's gorgeous," and "Beautiful simply beautiful."

Eleanor later complained that "gorgeous" and "beautiful" were the only two words she knew.

One day Eleanor made a passing mention that she was interested in thunder eggs and other rocks from Oregon to take back with her. For two days friends were calling, trying to arrange for us to meet some area Rock Hounds. Mother was amazed at people's kindness.

In the midst of all the thunder eggs, Larry and I learned about the Opal Butte area at the southern end of the county. So the four of us went driving.

We discovered Tupper, Lone Rock, Anson, Wright Park, and of course they saw the areas bonafied ghost town, Hardman.

While we were leaving the woods of Anson Wright Park, Eleanor shook her head.

"This is pretty, Mary Ann," she said, "but let's go back to the rolling hills. They're so much more peaceful and relaxing."

For two weeks Larry's folks saw North and Central Eastern Oregon. Duke and Larry went target shooting, 4-wheel driving, and just plain investigating. I tagged along on some of their expeditions. But when Mother was invited to go along, all she would say is, "I'm not going on any crazy dirt roads!"

It wasn't until the day before they had to leave that we managed to shove her into the truck, switch into 4-wheel drive and head for the back roads.

You have never heard such a blood-curdling screech in your life! Four of us were packed into a three-person cab. Mother was propped up on Duke's lap, her feet against the dashboard, and her hands trying to cover her eyes and mouth simultaneously. Larry was driving and I was wedged somewhere in the middle.

By the time we had reached the top of the rise, Eleanor had collected enough courage to peep through her fingers and look out over the folding golden hills.

"Why, they look just like sofa pillows!" she cried. And sure enough, they did.

The following morning Larry's parents said farewell to several new friends. And as we drove away they turned to us and said never had they met so many warm and friendly people than in Morrow County.

"It's God's country," Duke said. "You should be glad you're in it."

We are, Dad, we are.

Heppner man discovers huge puff ball mushroom



Ed Tarnasky and son A.J. with a giant puff ball mushroom found Friday, June 26 near Gurdane.

Tarnasky said it was the biggest one he's ever found. The mushroom tipped the scale at Court Street Market 17 lbs. 14 ozs.

When asked what he planned to do with the mushroom, he replied we're "going to eat it."

County celebrates Fourth

Fourth of July celebrations are scheduled this Friday, July 3 at 9:30 p.m. at lone and Saturday, July 4, at Boardman starting at 8 a.m. and concluding with a fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

The Boardman celebration includes an 8 a.m. "Footstival Fun Run," a noon parade, kids' games at 1 p.m., a 2 p.m. softball game and horseshoe tournament, a 4 p.m. pet show, an 8 p.m. dance and the 9:30 p.m. fireworks display.

The lone fireworks display is sponsored by the American Legion and the Boardman celebration is sponsored by the Boardman Commercial Club.

Heppner News

William B. (Bill) Hughes, a teacher at Sutherlin High School and his son Scott, a junior at Oregon State University were recent visitors at the home of Bill's mother, Mrs. Olive Hughes, and his brother, Tom Hughes. While here, they also attended the Heppner Elks picnic.

Weekend guests at the Mildred Padberg home were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ross, two daughters, Heidi Lynette and Holly Marie, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sampson and their two boys.

Saturday dinner guests were Pete McMurtry, Heppner, and Mildred's son, Eldon Tucker of lone.

Dinner guests Monday at the Padberg home were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Teigs and their two boys of Palouse, Wash., Mrs. Padberg's great granddaughter, Sabrina White and Teresa Henderson, both of lone.

Potato could be villian at Fourth of July picnic

The old standby - the baked potato - could be one of the villains in your kitchen at your Fourth of July picnic if not stored properly.

"In two cases, the U.S. Center for Disease Control reported that restaurant patrons became ill with botulism after eating potato salad," said Marys J. Woodburn, head of foods and nutrition at Oregon State University. "In one of the cases, potato salad had been made from baked potatoes which have been stored up to five days in a kitchen closet."

In a third outbreak, Type A botulism toxin was identified in potato salad, one of two foods associated with the illness.

"The question arose, could botulism toxin be produced in

the potatoes stored after baking before being used to make the salads?" said Woodburn.

"Researchers have reported that Clostridium botulinum spores are found in soils in most parts of the United States so their presence in the raw potato is likely."

The spores could be expected to survive during the baking process since the temperature of the potato reaches only 99 degrees Centigrade (210 Fahrenheit). Potatoes also have a favorable low acidity and supply the necessary nutrients.

Woodburn worked with H. Sugiyama, a member of the Food Research Institute at the University of Wisconsin, to test the effect of botulinum spores on baked potatoes.

Since foil-wrapping before baking is frequently used, the scientists wrapped potatoes in precut aluminum foil squares before baking. They inoculated the potatoes with 10 to 100,000 spores of C. botulinum by stabbing or dropping the spores onto a potato eye.

"One condition necessary for multiplication of C. botulinum is an atmosphere without oxygen," said Woodburn. "This was provided in stored potatoes wrapped in foil because botulinum toxin was produced in potatoes which had been baked at either a high or low oven temperature."

The baked potatoes did not have to be stored at room temperatures long before they became toxic.

"When we added 10,000 spores of C. botulinum, two or three days was long enough."

said Woodburn. "With lower numbers of spores, a longer time or a hotter room was needed for potatoes to spoil within this time."

Unfortunately, the potatoes when unsafe to eat, did not appear spoiled. There were only minor changes.

And the amount of toxin formed was high.

"In the most toxic potato tested, there was enough toxin in a gram of potato near where the spores had been added to kill 200,000 mice, the test used to determine toxicity," said Woodburn.

But there is an easy answer to the toxic baked potato problem.

"After baking, store left-over potatoes in the refrigerator," said Woodburn. "This also will prevent other spoilage problems."

1981 salmon seasons set

Though the ocean salmon regulations within the three-mile limit have been official for a number of weeks as a result of action by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, the rules beyond three miles were in doubt until last week. At that time, the Secretary of Commerce signed into law the rules suggested by the Pacific Fishery Management Council. The suggested rules are the same as the ones adopted by the Oregon Commission earlier this year.

Following are the official 1981 Ocean Sport Salmon regulations. (These regulations are subject to in-season changes.)

OPEN SEASONS: North of Cape Falcon - May 23 through September 7 for all salmon. South of Cape Falcon - May 15 through September 20 for all salmon. September 21 through Oct. 31, all salmon except Coho.

BAG LIMIT: 2 salmon per day

WCCC to celebrate July 4

Saturday, July 4 will be celebrated at the Willow Creek Country Club by a scramble play and barbecue.

Play will start at 3 p.m., followed by the barbecue.

Each family is to bring its own meat for the barbecue. All last names beginning with A-I should bring a salad, J-Z last names should bring a dessert.

Hosts for the afternoon will be Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jepsen, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron McDonald.

SIZE LIMITS - Chinook

minimum legal length north of Cape Falcon - 24 inches; Chinook minimum length south of Cape Falcon - 22 inches; All other salmon minimum length - 16 inches.

All legal sized salmon are considered to be adults and must be recorded on the Salmon-Steelhead tag.

SPECIAL OCEAN ZONE REGULATIONS: Not more than one lure, bait or baited lure may be used for salmon.

use of a handline or line without a pole is prohibited when angling for or landing salmon; possession of fish dressed or mutilated so that the size or species cannot be determined is prohibited.



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