

# AROUND ABOUT

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

By last weekend we knew summer had, at last, really arrived. This was good timing as many came visiting in Heppner, mostly because of the four-class (1960 through 1963) Heppner High School reunion.

The farthest away from home I have been for over a week now was out on Balm Fork to the Pete Lennon's auction on Saturday afternoon. Lots of folks gathered there to look over the collection of items that auctioneer Severe began coaxing them to bid on just after 1 p.m. Although I knew I didn't need anymore possessions, the items that interested me most were two trunks that had "U.S. House of Representatives" stenciled on them. I wondered about the story of how those trunks came to Balm Fork, but did not make an effort to find out.

Within the last several weeks the number of loaded log trucks coming in to Heppner has certainly increased. Since my tour of the new mill facility I can now visualize most of the steps that these tree-backbones will need to go through before they become trim, graded, saleable lumber.

The Lennon Auction really brought home the fact that construction of the Willow Creek Dam is beginning. After the present roads up Willow Creek and Balm Fork have their Heppner ends submerged and all traffic from their extremities needs to join the Spray-Condon-Heppner Highway just south of town, there will really be heavy travel from that junction onto Main Street.

Traffic out in my neighborhood, along south Court Street, will probably pick up during dam construction, but then will surely become quieter with no more log trucks coming through anymore.

Since Heppner's senior citizen meals ceased here last spring, there has been much discussion about the program. The friendships made there and the good meals enjoyed are greatly missed by many. These folks realize that this community has, hopefully only temporarily, lost a nice thing.

However, before the mealsite ceased there was not the whole-community support and the enthusiastic attendance by senior residents that there needs to be. It is very difficult to find a location, the hours, and even to have the menus that please everyone. Praise strengthens any program; fault-finding weakens every endeavor.

There were those who objected to going to the Elks Club for meals; then when the site was moved to the remodeled Green building, there were those who objected to its being held at the Neighborhood Center. Although the old 4:30 p.m. meal pleased some; it was objectionable to others.

The percentage of seniors responding to the Area Agency on Aging Program here has been poor. People must realize the program is not a handout arrangement but wants to be a senior-run, self-supporting program. Attendance and enthusiasm in other communities, such as Irrigon, Condon, Arlington and Fossil, has been a great deal better than it has been here.

Those who have visited the senior centers at John Day and Milton-Freewater where seniors have acquired and operate their own buildings, know how really well-supported, hard-working, community seniors can thrive and enjoy sharing benefits.

If the senior program is begun again here, it had better begin with much better attendance and support. I have heard a rumor that if Heppner seniors don't turn out in larger numbers, and cut out fault-finding, the five-county area directors may just give up trying to carry on here. Some people are saying that Boardman is eager for a mealsite, and the funds and efforts directed here may be transferred there unless this community proves it really appreciates and truly wants this program.

Because I took time to catch up on some reading last week, I found a new hero. The July Reader's Digest (p. 163) tells the story of Andrew L. Bavas, "the first federal employee to turn down a pay raise -- that is, to attempt to turn down a pay raise. For, as Bavas found out, it isn't merely unusual for one of Uncle Sam's minions to want less money; it is also illegal."

This hero tells about his constantly increasing salary and states "The job wasn't worth it. My raise was just another example of how we have institutionalized inflation by legislation and government programs that automatically increase spending. In general, I had not felt that many people working at the upper levels of the federal bureaucracy were earning their salaries."

So Bavas wrote to his superiors saying he was turning down the automatic raise and was told he couldn't do that and that there has been no other case like his, and furthermore, a 1900 federal-court decision forbade federal employees to reject pay increases. After his case attracted considerable attention, and when he received orders demoting him in grade and transferring him, the 51-year-old Bavas resigned.

My new hero's final statement is "There was probably no more futile gesture in the history of economics or bureaucracy than my own. It was only symbolic; I knew that going in. But somebody along the line, somebody has to break the chain. Somebody has to say no."

Bravo, Mr. Bavas.

## Heppner swimmers place 4th at 1st meet of season

By CINDI BERGSTROM

Sunday, June 21, swimmers from The Dalles, Pendleton, John Day, Hood River and Heppner participated in the Heppner Invitational.

The 12 Heppner swimmers placed fourth out of five teams. The Heppner team will now begin to travel all over North Eastern Oregon. Each week will bring a new team, stronger and faster than the week before. The Heppner team is young and this is the first season for many of the swimmers.

The five teams placed in this order: 1st - Hood River, 2nd - Pendleton, 3rd - John Day, 4th - Heppner, and 5th - The Dalles. Each team received a trophy for their efforts.

Team results are as follows:

13 - 14 Girls  
Shelly Biddle: 120 m breast, 2:14.9 - 4th; NP - 120 m free, 1:52.7; NP - 120 m back, 2:17.5; NP - 120 m IM, 2:03.9;

Kelli Bergstrom: 90 m fly, 1:18.07 - 1st; 120 m free, 1:34.05 - 1st; 120 m back, 1:50.0 - 1st; 120 m breast, 1:59.05 - 1st; 120 m IM - 1:43.07 - 1st.

13 - 14 Girls free relay: Ellen Arbogast, Dana Reid, Shelly Biddle, Kelli Bergstrom, 3:15.05 - 1st.

13 - 14 Exhibition Medley Relay: Ellen Arbogast, Shelly Biddle, Kelli Bergstrom, Christy Rathbun - 3:42.09.

9 - 10 girls  
Michelle Wallis: 60 m free, 57.0 - 3rd, NP - 60 m back, 1:24; NP - 60 m breast, 1:247; NP - 30 m fly, 35.5; NP - 120 m IM, 2:52.3.

11 - 12 Boys  
Duane Ball: 60 m back, 1:02.3 - 5th; NP - 60 m fly, 1:14.6; NP - 60 m breast, 1:11.3; NP - 60 m free, 54.2; NP - 120 m IM, 2:19.5.

11 - 12 Girls  
Christy Rathbun: 60 m back, 1:08.2 - 5th; 60 m fly, 1:09.08 - 5th; NP - 60 m free, 55.5; 60 m breast, 1:14.09; 120 m IM, 2:26.8.

13 - 14 Girls  
Ellen Arbogast: 120 m IM, 2:00.8 - 3rd; 120 m back, 2:06.9 - 4th; 120 m free, 1:44.5 - 5th; 120 m fly, 1:38.5 - 5th; NP - 120 m breast, 2:23.8.

Kelli Bergstrom: 120 m IM, 1:47.0 - 1st; 60 m free, 45.009 - 1st; 60 m back, 51.0 - 1st; 60 m breast, 53.5 - 1st; 60 m free, 41.4 - 1st.

Results from the Heppner Invitational on June 21 are as follows:

8 & Under Boys  
Charlie Rathbun: NP - 30 m free, 1:24.3  
Jacob Maben: NP - 30 m free, 1:46.2

Eric Connor: 30 m free, 30.0 - 1st; 30 m fly, 40.0 - 1st; 120 m IM, 3:20.8 - 1st; 30 m back, 41.6 - 2nd; 30 m breast, 47.8 - 2nd.

8 & Under girls  
Kerry Bruce: 30 m free, 1:00.07 - 10th; NP - 30 m breast, 56.05.

9 - 10 Boys  
Jason Maben: NP - 60 m free - 2:27.2;  
J.J. Shaw: NP - 60 m free - 2:09.83.

11 - 12 Girls  
Christy Rathbun: 60 m fly, 1:10 - 1st; 120 m IM, 2:34.05 - 2nd; 60 m breast, 1:09.07 - 2nd; 60 m free, 56.09 - 2nd; 60 m back, 1:09.1 - 3rd.  
Beth Forrar: 120 m IM, 2:19.5 - 1st; 60 m breast, 1:05.0 - 1st; 60 m free, 52.0 - 1st; 60 m back, 1:01.4 - 1st; 60 m fly, 1:10.4 - 2nd.

13 - 14 girls  
Shelly Biddle: 60 m fly, 58.8 - 3rd; 60 m free, 48.04 - 4th; 60 m breast, 1:02.4 - 5th; 120 m IM, 2:08.5 - 5th; 60 m back, 1:01.9 - 6th.

Ellen Arbogast: 60 m back, 56.0 - 2nd; 60 m free, 47.6 - 3rd; 60 m breast, 1:10 - 4th; 120 m IM, 2:03.07 - 4th; 60 m fly, 59.5 - 4th.

Results from the Milton-Freewater dual meet with Heppner on June 22 are as follows:

13 & Under Relay

120 m free: (1) Ellen Arbogast, Kelli Bergstrom, Christy Rathbun, Shelly Biddle.

120 m Med. Relay: Bergstrom, Biddle, Arbogast, Forar.

8 & Under Boys

Charlie Rathbun: 30 m free, 1:20.4 - 6th; 30 m breast, 1:26.3 - 5th.

Jacob Maben: 30 m free, 1:17.5 - 5th.

Eric Connor: 120 m IM, 3:12.81 - 1st; 30 m fly, 42.01 -

1st: 30 m breast, 43.04 - 2nd; 30 m free, 29.09 - 2nd; 30 m back, 44.05 - 3rd.

8 & Under Girls

Kerry Bruce: 30 m back, 1:29.7 - 1st; 30 m breast, 1:18.4 - 1st; 30 m free, 56.5 - 2nd.

9 - 10 Boys

Jason Maben: 60 m free, 2:08.8 - 3rd.

9 - 10 Girls

Michelle Wallis: 60 m free, 59.02 - 1st; 120 m IM, 2:56.08 - 1st; 30 m fly, 40.03 - 2nd; 60 m breast, 1:22.05 - 2nd; 60 m back, 1:23.6 - 2nd.

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## Swimmers face over 300 competitors at Hood River

By CINDI BERGSTROM

The Heppner swimmers faced over 300 swimmers at Hood River June 27 and June 28.

The eight swimmers showed many improvements in their times and stroke techniques.

The Hood River swim meet was a 'B' meet, meaning that

### Boise Co. buys housing div.

Carol Anne Clough of Clough Homes Arlington, announced recently that the Boise Company completed the purchase of the Housing Division from Boise Cascade Corporation.

The Boise Company manufacturers and distributes Boise homes through Clough Homes in this area. Clough stated that the Boise Company was recently formed by management personnel of Boise Cascades Housing Division. They purchased substantially all of the divisions assets and will continue its operations which include eight sectional and panelized home manufacturing facilities throughout the United States. Clough Homes will continue to market Boise Homes in this area.



Kelli Bergstrom shows off medals and award she won last week at Hood River

photo by Cindi Bergstrom


anyone swimming over the set time would receive a certificate stating that they swam an 'A' time.

Kelli Bergstrom from Heppner to do this receiving an 'A' time in the 133 m IM with a time of 1:54.64. She also received a gold medal in the 100 m breast, 1:36.37; a silver in the 100 m back, 1:31.16, and in the butterfly, 1:27.39; a bronze in

the 100 m free style, 1:15.97; and a sixth place ribbon in the 200 m freestyle, 2:48.49.

Charlie Rathbun and Kerry Bruce, Heppner, the two youngest swimmers, proved they could swim 33 m without stopping. Two weeks ago neither could swim 10 m with gasping for air.

The Heppner team ended up with a total of 22 points for the weekend.



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