

## New York-bound cyclist impressed with West



Dave Siskind

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

It took Dave Siskind, 22, less than a day to come from New York City to Portland, but he is planning on taking around six weeks to get home again. He flew west with his bicycle and travel gear, reaching Portland on June 28. This electrical engineer, just graduated from Cornell University, had visited on the West Coast before with his parents and felt more acquainted with Washington and California than he did with Oregon, which he is really getting to know now.

Siskind's stay in Portland was brief as he headed east the day after he arrived and spent two days and nights along the Columbia River, admiring the gorge and other scenery. He said he was very impressed by the great river, by the hydroelectric dams and by the expanse of land he saw.

On Wednesday, July 1, the third day of his eastward journey, he turned off I-84 at Arlington and bicycled his way to Cecil where he expected to do a little shopping. However, he found the closest store after Arlington was at Ione.

Dave got to Ione's "supermarket" just as Irene Swanson happened to stop there. Friendly Irene called to her son, Jim, whose insurance office is next door, and they all visited. Because Jim was spending that evening at home with his small son, he invited Dave to come to the house for more visiting. This turned into a most pleasant evening for both men.

When he reached Heppner about 10 a.m. Thursday, Dave said how delighted he was that Jim Swanson had taken him up on a hill to view the acres of ripening wheat and to see Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams silhouetted against a gorgeous sunset. He said that his friends recommended that he plan to travel through small towns and rural areas because "that is where people are most friendly and helpful. Those friends were so right—I couldn't have had a more pleasant visit than I had last night with Jim Swanson at Ione, Oregon."

So after checking out his best route to Ukiah and on to LaGrande with Ed Gonty who travels that way often and after buying some luncheon supplies here, carefully helmeted Dave Siskind started up Willow Creek on his loaded bicycle to experience Morrow's mountains. He said he wanted to "get the real flavor of our country by traveling some backroads."

Bicycling 75 miles each day, Siskind calculated he will reach his home in Spring Valley, north of New York City, in six weeks. Then after a visit at home he will be coming west again to attend Utah State University where he will be working toward his master's degree in physics. His future is research orientated and could, maybe, lead him to the NASA program.

## Four die in Irrigon

From the Pendleton East Oregonian

IRRIGON — An Irrigon man, his daughter and two nephews died Sunday afternoon when fire swept through a mobile home while the occupants slept within.

Dead at the scene were Franklin D. Lewis Jr., 42; Sherry Lynn Lewis, 3; Jason Alan Jet, about 4; and Joshua Lynn Jet, about 3.

The parents of the dead Jet children live in Selma, Ore., Oregon State Police in Hermiston said.

Lewis' wife, Artis J. Lewis, 22, was in good condition this morning (Monday) at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. Police said she received a 10-inch cut on her leg while escaping the fire.

The blaze began about 1 p.m. in space 10 of the Country Garden Estates Mobile Court, one mile west of Irrigon. By the time 30 members of Irrigon's volunteer fire department arrived, the home was engulfed in flames.

Bill Cooley, an officer in the volunteer department, said the first of Irrigon's four fire trucks arrived within three minutes of the alarm.

"As with all older mobile homes, once they start burning, they're gone unless someone is standing there with a fire hose to put it out," he said. No other homes were damaged. The value of the home is unknown. A repre-

sentative of the State Fire Marshal in Pendleton will inspect the scene today (Monday).

Police said members of the family may have been sleeping Sunday afternoon because of late working shifts. Franklin Lewis was a farm employee, state police said.

Dr. L.D. Tibbles of Heppner, Morrow County medical examiner, does not recall a fire in the county that claimed more than one life.

"It's the first time we ever had four people die, and I've been medical examiner for 30 years," said Tibbles. Tibbles said the victims were badly burned, but the cause of death was probably asphyxiation. Autopsies were scheduled in Hermiston today, but results may be weeks away, he added.

## Second session at Ione pool to begin Tues.

The second session of swim lessons at the Ione pool will begin on Tuesday, July 14.

Lessons for intermediates will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Swimmers classes will start at 11 a.m. and last until noon.

Anyone interested in junior or senior lifesaving should contact Terri McElligott at the pool.

## Golf clubs attend ladies visitation at Willow Creek CC

Despite about a dozen last minute cancellations, forty-four women showed up to play golf at the women's visitation at Willow Creek Country Club June 30.

Women from Willow Creek, Condon, Kinzua Hills, Echo, and Meadow Springs Country Club of the Tri-Cities participated. Linda Shaw was in

charge of play; Eddi Skow, Gladys Van Winkle, and Betty Christman were in charge of refreshments.

For Meadow Springs, low gross for nine-holes was won by Stella Smoot with a 43. May B. Oldson finished second. Low net was Georgia Staples and second net was LaVeda Brumfield. Smoot also won

long drive for her club and KP on no. two for the field.

Dee Hollen of Condon had low gross for her club and Bethyl Burns won low net. Aerial Wall played with the Willow Run nine-hole groups and won second low gross. Dee Hollen had the longest drive.

Lenore Carter had the best gross score among the women from Echo, an 83. Pansy Murray finished second. Lena Poffenberger won first net and Earlene Miller was second. Ms. Poffenberger had

the longest drive and Lenore Carter won KP on no. two for the 18-hole group.

Helen Boyles won low gross for the field, shooting an 82. Also from Kinzua Hills, Georgia Loomis won low gross and Helen Ostrander low net. Ms. Loomis also won for longest drive.

Among the Willow Creek nine-hole golfers, Pat Edmundson won low gross with a 39. Linda Shaw had first low net, Lorena Jones was second, and Marilyn Bigelow, third.

Linda Shaw won long drive for all Heppner golfers and KP on no. four for the field.

The Willow Creek 18-hole group was the largest, with 16 in this division. Eddi Skow won low gross with a score of 86. Lois Hunt was second, Kay Anderson, third, and Muriel Palmer, fourth. Eileen Padberg won low net. Bev Wilson was second, Dorothy Hawkins third, and Barbara Cutsforth, Martha Peterson, and Dorris Graves tied for fourth.

## Boardman youth named to EOOSC honor roll

William Patrick Sharkey, Boardman, has been named to the Eastern Oregon State College spring quarter honor roll, according to an EOOSC news release.

To qualify for the honor roll, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

## Heppner students to compete in rodeo at Eugene Round-Up

Oregon high school students, including Jeff Bailey, Lee Rice and Earl Hammond, Heppner, will compete for rodeo youth scholarships in the 1981 Nestea Teenage Top Hand Challenge during the Emerald Empire Round-Up in Eugene, July 9 - 11.

The special teen competition, sponsored by the Nestle Company's Nestea, takes place at some 45 selected PRCA sanctioned rodeos nationwide prior to the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Dec. 5-13). Contest events are barrel racing, steer wrestling and bareback riding.

Student winners at the Eugene rodeo will each earn a \$200 scholarship from Nestea and the PRCA, plus the eligibility to advance in the competition which may lead them to scholarships of \$5,000 each at the conclusion of the NFR.

Scheduled for Nestea Scholarship competition at the Emerald Empire Round-Up are the following Oregon youths:

**BARREL RACING:** Natalie Walker, Mitchell; Dana Boch, Milton-Freewater; Lindsay Claver, Hermiston and Lesa Fisher, Eugene.

**STEER WRESTLING:** Dave Maley, Prineville; Chris Dahl, Redmond; John Maley,

## Book Trek begins Fri. at Ione

The Ione Elementary Library summer reading program "The Book Trek for the Lost Planet Search" will get underway this Friday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ione Elementary Library, according to spokesperson Betty Carlson.

The program will continue every Tuesday and Friday throughout the month of July.

On Friday, July 31, the last day of the program, a party will be held at the Ione United Church of Christ for those participating in the Book Trek and the Story Hour programs. At the party each child participating in either program will receive a Frisbee, courtesy of McDonald's. Children receiving special awards will receive hamburger gift certificates from McDonald's.

Story hour is held at the Ione City Library at 3:15 p.m. and is sponsored by the AAUW.

Redmond and Brett Nordman, Redmond.

**BAREBACK RIDING:** Scott Wright, Dayville; Jeff Bailey, Heppner; Lee Rice, Heppner and Earl Hammond, Heppner.

The scholarships, which total some \$47,000 in 1981, are part of a grant to the PRCA from Nestea. The PRCA rodeos where the teenage competition takes place also receive a purse money increase from Nestea in the professional contest events.

## Heppner swimmers travel to Pendleton

By CINDI BERGSTROM

Thursday, July 2, the Heppner swim team traveled to Pendleton for a dual swim meet against Milton-Freewater, John Day and Pendleton.

At dual meets no total points are given - ribbons are awarded kids.

Results follow:

**8 & UNDER GIRLS**  
Kerry Brunch: 7th - 25 m free - 33.3; 8th - 25 m breast - 47.4; 6th - 25 m back - 49.6.

**8 & UNDER BOYS**  
Eric Connors: 7th - 25 m free - 25.8; 2nd - 25 m breast - 35.8; 6th - 25 m back - 36.5.

Charlie Rathbun: 14th - 25 m free - 1:09.6; 7th - 25 m breast - 1:29.0.

**9-10 BOYS**  
J.J. Shaw: 14th - 50 m free - 1:14.1; 50 m back - 1:34.3.

## Kelli Bergstrom 2nd in LaGrande swim meet

By CINDI BERGSTROM

The first annual sextathalon invitational, the first meet of its kind in Eastern Oregon, took place in LaGrande July 4 and 5.

Kelli Bergstrom, the only Heppner swimmer to attend this meet, swam in six events: 320 m I.M., 200 m freestyle, 120 m freestyle, 120 m backstroke, 120 m breaststroke and 120 m butterfly.

The time of each event was added together to come up with an overall total. Kelli had the second fastest accumulated time in the 13-14 year old girls group. A trophy was given to the top twelve people in each age group.

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## WC Country Clubbers gather for Fourth

Many members of Willow Creek Country Club gathered July 4 for an afternoon of golf and a barbecue. Play followed a scramble format rather than the traditional flag tournament procedure. Forty-four participated in play and about another dozen more came for the barbecue. Bob and Sue Jepsen and Darrell and Bev Wilson were in charge.

Special prizes were won by Pat Edmundson and Linda

Shaw, who tied for women's long drive, and Pat Edmundson for KP. Fuzz Schwiesberger won long drive for the men and Rick Johnston had KP.

Two teams finished tied for low score with rounds of 27: Charlie Starks, Inez Erwin, Elmer Palmer, Muriel Palmer, Fuzz Schwiesberger, and Gene Pierce. Annetta Padberg, Rick Johnston, Trish Toll, and Jim G.

Three teams tied for second, at 28: the team of Matt Clark, Norma French, Doug Smith, Marilyn Bigelow, Marie Struthers, Pat Struthers, Bob Jepsen, and Ken Wilson; and the team of Dean Hunt, John Edmundson, Howard Denton, Ned Clark, and Linda Shaw.

## CowBelles, Cattlemen plan party

The barn on Jim and Carleen West's ranch will be the scene of a "Summertime Stomp" on Saturday evening, July 11, beginning around 8 p.m. Livestock folks are invited to come and bring friends.

## 4-H host families prepare for arrival of LABO students

Ten host families in Morrow County are preparing for their LABO exchange students to arrive July 28, according to county coordinators Liz and Rick Curtis.

Involved in the month-long 4-H exchange program are host families - Bob McLaughlin, Archie Ball, Ken Wright, Rick Curtis, Roger Palmer and Ned Clark, all of Heppner; Del Piper and Bill Doherty, Lexington; and Dave Seel and Max Helberg, Irrigon.

Four girls and six boys, ranging in ages from 12 to 17, make up this year's delegation according to Mrs. Curtis. The

last LABO delegation visited Morrow County in 1978.

Events planned for the delegates include a family picnic on August 2 at 1 p.m. at the Irrigon Park, a visit to a chamber of commerce and a trip to the Umatilla County Fair.

Of the ten host families, the Palmer, Piper and Curtis families have hosted LABO delegates before.

"All of the host families have heard from their LABO student and are really looking forward to July 28," commented Mrs. Curtis.

Other LABO exchange students will be staying in Baker County and counties in the Willamette Valley and on the Oregon Coast.

## G-T deadline

Gazette-Times readers are reminded that the deadline for all news and advertising is Monday at 5 p.m. for that Thursday's paper.

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