

AROUND ABOUT

By Justine Weatherford

I really disliked missing last Friday night's coronation and Moonlight Sale in Heppner, but last weekend was the only possible time, for several months, that I could schedule a trip to Cheney to visit my daughter and family. She had written that the wildflowers in their wooded acres are so nice now, but she didn't mention that there are hordes of hungry mosquitoes about, which were the one unpleasant feature of the visit.

Eastern Washington is especially verdant now — lots of wheat and lentils coming on. We went looking about in nearby Spokane on Saturday afternoon, especially to see the tremendous volumes of water tumbling over the Spokane Falls in the River Front Park. Never in the six years that I have been visiting there have I seen so much rushing water.

Several friends who made the Morrow County Historical Society overnight trip to the Burns area report that Oregon's southeast area has much more water than usual. Those of us who plan to go to the Malheur Bird Refuge with Steve Brownfield's B.M.C.C. group over the weekend of May 22, hope that we can get around through the refuge, some of the roads there were submerged last weekend, I understand.

The April 30-May 1 days were exciting in the Cheney-Spokane area. On April 30, everyone seems to have bought as many groceries as possible because on May 1 all of the residents of Washington are paying an almost six percent sales tax on food. On Saturday morning we watched a May Day Parade along Cheney's Main Street which was not nearly as good a parade as Heppner's Rodeo Parades. It passed through the downtown very quickly because it contained only the high school band and girls' drill team (both performing nicely), four young persons on horses, three cars bearing community summer royalty, a few children and pets.

I know our Heppner parades have 10 times as many horses, lots more people, good floats, interesting old cars, and they take much longer to pass by. I was surprised that no representation from Eastern Washington University was visible. But of course, the campus is such a busy place in May. We drove up on the hill and looked around, stopping only at the great Red Barn where I picked up an April 29 issue of "The Easterner", the school newspaper, and a good picture brochure about the centennial celebration which former President Ford had attended recently.

The brochure tells that EWU is the oldest four-year institution in the state; that its first class of three students was graduated in 1882; that it is estimated that nearly 98 percent of the school's graduates are living, and that forty different countries are represented at Eastern by the 400 foreign students attending.

The attractive campus contains older and very modern buildings, the first of which were erected when the school was called the Benjamin P. Cheney academy. Some were built during the years it was known as Cheney State Normal School, more while it was Eastern Washington College of Education, more during the Eastern Washington State College years and the newest erected since 1977 when the school became Eastern Washington University.

An interesting statistic states that Eastern's 20 acres of roofs and 315 acres of grass and pavement collected 35,000 tons of ash following the May 18, 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens. All along the edges of highways from Connell through Cheney, there is still a lot of white ash reminding everyone of the great eruption. Ritzville, where we stopped for our evening meal on Friday, seems well recovered from its state of disaster following the horrid ashfall.

As we began our drive homeward on Sunday, about 10 a.m., we listened to the car radio broadcast of Spokane's Bloomsday Run which drew a terrific number of participants. This first-Sunday-in-May event has taken place for six consecutive years now, and each year it is more popular. I believe there were over 25,000 runners this year. My son-in-law, architect Ray Chenhall, ran several years ago and really enjoyed the experience.

Our big stop on Sunday was at Columbia Center, which we reached just past noon, and where we did lots of looking around and enjoyed our Sunday dinner before coming back to our favorite state. I was pleased to view the garden club showing of cut spring flowers and to see the prize-winning flower arrangements featured in the mall's center walkway.

When we drove west from Umatilla to the Bombing Range Road, Bouapeth was busily trying to count the hundreds of parked, maybe abandoned, railroad cars between the highway and the river. We wondered why so much equipment was out of use.

For two weeks, the matter of possibly naming the being built dam and lake near Heppner in memory of Oscar Peterson has been brought before the Chamber of Commerce. I am surely in favor of this idea. Oscar gave much time and energy in the promotion of waterways, generally and of Willow Creek Dam specifically. It seems that if groups here can get a move started, it might be possible to have the lake named after a local person. I agree with the Rev. John Maus that it would be a fitting memorial to name the lake, Peterson Lake.

Oh what a busy month May will be. This week, Mrs. Kimball's BMCC class in genealogy will take a field trip to LaGrande all day Saturday to visit the Eastern Oregon University campus, and especially to do research in the library there. Next Sunday, everyone will honor mothers. So soon comes May 13, the spring Extension bus trip to Portland; and on Saturday, May 15, the Methodist Church Lawn Sale.

All such activity is good for us. It is just those three or four meetings each week and the always-waiting yard and housework that really makes my personal schedule overflow. Yet, I really need to keep busy, both mentally and physically. Don't you?

McNerney to speak at Willows Grange meeting

Richard McNerney of Irrigon, candidate for Morrow County District Attorney, has requested speaking time at a Willows Grange meeting, to be held Wednesday, May 12. Though the grange does not endorse any candidates, his request was approved, said a grange spokesperson.

The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a program, including McNerney's speech, will begin at 8 p.m., the spokesperson said. All members of granges and friends are invited, she added. A regular grange meeting will follow the program.

Heppner resident to display jewelry at arts festival

Dr. Jim Norene of Heppner is one of many northeast Oregon and southeast Washington residents scheduled to participate in the ninth annual

Arts Festival May 7-9 at the Pendleton National Guard Armory. Norene will be displaying jewelry at the festival, said a spokesperson.

Ione girls, mothers honored C.W.C. slates annual family-guest night

Senior girls of Ione High School were honored by members of the Ione Topic Club at a tea in the social rooms of the United Church of Christ on April 28.

Guests present were Mrs. Don McElligott and daughter Liz, Mrs. Del LaRue and Michelle, Mrs. Harold Holtz and Tami, Mrs. Lewis Thompson and Sandra, Mrs. Perry Morter and Diann, Mrs. Charles Doherty and Margaret, Mrs. Lee Palmer and Anita, Cindy Hill, Cathy Cheney, Mrs. Charles Starr and Barbara Stefani.

Frances Smouse and Rikka

Tews presented a violin and piano medley to the delight of the group. Katherine Lindstrom gave a reading entitled, "Dictionary of Higher Education" by Bunk and Fagnalls. Helen Proudfoot explained the sacraments as understood by a ten year old from "Ye Old Jigs and Juleps." Jean Nelson gave the history of the topic club and its involvement with the Ione City Library.

Following the program, refreshments were served from a tea table by Loree Hubbard, president and Frances Carlson, secretary and each girl was presented with a red rose.

The Christian Women's Club will hold a monthly meeting on Saturday, May 15, 6:30 p.m. at Heppner High School. This meeting will be an annual family guest night, said a spokesperson. All adults and children 10 years old and older are welcome to attend, she added.

A Mexican fiesta dinner will be served by the Soroptimist Club at \$4 per plate.

Theme for the May meeting

What's Your Opinion?



Question: "Do you agree with President Reagan's proposal to make balancing the federal budget mandatory?"

"The president tends to talk in riddles and I don't really know what he's up to. Sometimes, I think he says what he's told to say and not what he really feels. But yes, I guess I agree. He is the president and we should stand behind him," said Jim Lankford, Heppner.

Heppner woman receives award at CSU

Krynn Robinson of Heppner, a senior at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado, was recently chosen as outstanding senior agriculture journalism student for the year. The award was presented at a recent annual awards banquet.

Robinson is president of CSU's chapter of National Agriculture Marketing Association and also is on the staff of a newspaper published by the ag journalism department.

is Loveboat to Mexico. A special travel feature will be presented by representatives from a Hermiston travel agency who will present a program on making arrangements for a boat cruise to Mexico.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Larry Gordon of Albany. Gordon is a former athlete, actor and sportscaster. Presently, he is manager of an Albany radio station the

spokesperson continued. Gordon's wife, Lindy, will provide musical entertainment. She is a former model and actress and will sing and play the autoharp, added the spokesperson.

Reservations may be made up to May 11 by calling Rhonda Winters, 676-9294. Free babysitting will be available by calling Winters, or Joyce Hughes, 989-8412.

Heppner woman has poem published

Judy Paine of Heppner has written a poem entitled "Evening Performance," which has been published in "The Family Treasury of Great Poems."

The book, edited by Eddie-Lou Cole, is now available at the Heppner City Library. Paine's poem appears on page 156.

Drama club postpones 'Fiddler on the Roof'

By MARY ANN CERULLO
The Heppner High School Drama Club and cast has announced the postponement of the musical, "Fiddler on the Roof."

The decision was made last Thursday, April 29, when a mandatory all-cast meeting was called. A discussion was held on the continual problem of school and community activities conflicting with rehearsal time.

"We have yet to have a rehearsal with everyone present" even tonight there were three people missing, a cast member stated after the meeting.

According to the play's director, Larry Cerullo, everyone in the cast needed to get together and run through the entire play two or three times. But people's schedules

Navy man graduates

Navy Equipment Operator Constructionman Recruit Gregory A. Groshens, son of Victor and Judy Groshens of Heppner, was recently graduated from Equipment Operators School. It was announced in a news release from the Department of the Navy.

The 12-week course was conducted at the Naval Construction Training Center, Gulfport, Miss. It was designed to provide students with basic technical skills in construction, earthmoving and roadbuilding operations, said the release.

Students received instruction on the operation, adjustment and servicing of hauling, loading, lifting and ditching equipment, soil compactors, crawler tractors and wheeled, tractor-drawn scrapers. Additionally, they studied the fundamentals of earthwork and internal combustion engines, including related fuels and lubricants.

A 1981 graduate of Heppner High School, he joined the Navy in October of 1981.

with other activities made that impossible.

"Fiddler on the Roof" is just too good a play to do half baked," said Cerullo.

The cast is currently

scheduling a fall production of "Fiddler on the Roof," with a preview of one or two scenes at a June 8 dinner show. Details of the show will be published at a later date.

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Heppner Water & Sewer Dept.

Lexington news

Delpha Jones 989-8189

Pat Wright and daughter Sandi returned from a trip to Newport where Sandi showed her rabbits and won a trophy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bloodsworth were visitors at Newport on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones met the Jones's daughter, Charlene Whitner in The Dalles recently and all enjoyed dinner. Charlene motored home to Portland later in the evening and Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan to Hood River, where they met relatives and all attended the Blossom Festival.

Mrs. Betty Marquardt entertained several friends on Monday afternoon with a bingo party. A very enjoyable afternoon with lovely vanilla and chocolate cream puffs were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall were Albany visitors over the weekend to visit Mr. Marshall's sister who is ill.

Doug Marquardt and Linda Biddlescomb were weekend visitors with his parents. He returned on Sunday to Portland, while she remained for a week's visit.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hunt in Irrigon and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt in Lexington were Mrs. Becky Hunt's sister, Mrs. Mike Simmons of Independence, Kansas and Mrs. Hunt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lush, who were enroute to their home in Anchorage, Alaska from Arizona where they spend the winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harrison and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Riehl of Heppner, flew from Portland recently to Disney Land and Knotts Berry Farm. They spent four fun-filled days.

Mrs. Becky Hunt entertained a get together of friends at her home Sat. Those from Lexington driving over were Lois Hunt, Suzanne Jepson, Eileen Padberg, Lois Hunt, and from Pendleton, Jeannine Hunt.

Mother's Day brunch to be held in Boardman Sun.

An annual Mother's Day buffet brunch will be hosted by the Boardman Lions Club on Sunday, May 9 at the Nomad Restaurant, Boardman. The buffet will be served from 7-10:30 a.m. and will feature several choices of hot entrees and fresh fruit, said Larry

Lockwood, chairman of the Boardman Lions Club.

All labor will be volunteered by the Lions Club and the employees of the Nomad Restaurant. All proceeds will benefit a Babe Ruth Baseball program, Lockwood said.

Heppner Elementary students present spring music program



Mrs. Dubuque's third grade class performs a western song

By CATHY PECK
Tall Tales and Dancin' Ditties was the theme of a Heppner Elementary School Spring Music Program presented by kindergarten through fourth grade students, April 30.

The program consisted of a well balanced variety of folk music, western songs and popular tunes. Several songs included audience participation and students used props in most of the selections. Music instructor, Kitty Coon

accompanied her students on the piano, and alto and bass wooden bells.

The program was the result of the combined efforts of the teachers of each class and the general staff, according to Coon, coordinator for the program.

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