

Around About By Justine Weatherford

Many of you know that mushroom hunting has been pretty great recently. What fun - getting out in the mountains, seeing the flowers and ferns and then bringing home a super food item, too. Some late spring and early summer I really want to experience a big, successful mushrooming expedition. This last week though, I have been happy to have several cookings of fairy-ring champignon that grow in my front lawn.

It seems that our community is dividing over the naming of the dam. Guess I may as well put forth my opinion. I feel it would be good to name the lake behind the dam for former Judge Oscar Peterson - either Peterson Lake or Oscar Peterson Lake would please me. When I got to know Oscar Peterson I came to sincerely admire him. His work for conservation and the wise use of water resources should be memorialized. However, I, too, agree that the dam should stay Willow Creek Dam, with a weak second choice being Heppner Dam. I am not planning to appear before the county court to plea for my feeling on this matter.

One of the amusing aspects connected with the building of the dam, to me, is the fact that many who were so opposed to its construction now are going to take a look at its progress every day. They may still be opposed, but they seem to have become interested, nevertheless. I really enjoyed engineer Herb Bessey's talk about the construction details at last week's Chamber of Commerce lunch.

An aspect of the construction work that I find most exciting is the visitors and temporary residents who have come here from so many states and even distant lands, such as the two bus loads of Korean engineers. Because quite a few of the non-permanent persons patronize the laundromat where I spend some time each day, I have had the chance to talk with some of them and to learn about their home locations.

Last week I really was delighted to meet engineering technician Sinan Chindavat who spent the first twenty years of his life in Thailand. Suddenly Heppner has become almost cosmopolitan with various visitors, with the Laotian refugee family, the Thondys, and Sinan and his sons. Of course we all also enjoy Cathy Jensen from England and Patricia Campbell from Ireland. I recall that when I applied for a teaching position here long ago, a school board member told me that although salaries were lower here than they were where I had taught, I should feel joy because Heppner was an "all white community." He couldn't have known how that bragging turned me off. Skin color has always been, to me, one of the most minor characteristics of any individual.

Several of the construction men have told me "The main work here will probably be done by or in next October. We will try to finish it before a freeze." So as the crews and their families move out of town next fall, I wonder if Heppner will again become the nice, self-centered, little town it was when I arrived? Having television has helped greatly to expand the visions of permanent residents, many of whom are not avid readers, but getting to know folks from other areas is the most realistic way to expand one's understanding, I think.

Last Thursday I was lucky that through the miracle of TV, I could hear and see President Reagan speak before the U.N. General Assembly at the special session on disarmament. He did a fine job of delivering his excellent text. His conclusion "deeds, not words" was forceful. The fine letter from Alice W. Harper and Cathy Barker in last week's G-T was so significant. Those two ladies really presented the current, frightening, world situation well. How I hope the nightmare of nuclear war can be erased before the nations which have kept on constructing nuclear weapons somehow get to using them. As Alice and Cathy wrote, we the people of the earth must see that the nuclear race is ended before the human race is ended.

My daughter, Ann Chenhall, who holds her masters degree in Anthropology from the University of Arizona, has been invited to participate in an archaeological exploration at Irrigon. She will not come for the exploratory digging but will consider coming if the first crew finds that serious exploration should continue. When the university contacted Ann, they asked if she knew where Morrow County, Oregon is - She quickly replied that she visits the county quite regularly.

This is reunion and wedding season. Inez Erwin recently told me about attending her high school reunion at Dixie, Washington. There were seven in her high school graduation class and four of them returned on Saturday, June 12. This was a very special reunion at Dixie because it was the school's centennial. Four hundred persons attended on Saturday night along with Inez and her sister. What fun they had.

Several folks from here attended Kathy Wolff's wedding in Hillsboro last Saturday; however, I traveled to Jantzen Beach for the first class reunion where I've been an insider. It was the 50th reunion of three U.S. Grant High School classes and was attended by about 500. The beautifully organized affair was most joyful. I suddenly felt years younger while visiting with many friends from far away in time and residence but again close in spirit.

I surely hope many will go to Arlington's Governor Snell festivities this Saturday. Also be looking forward to the July 11 evening here of a summer AAUW humanities program featuring dramatist Jane Van Boskirk's presentation of "Northwest Women."

Mahoney sisters win top awards at weekend rodeo

Two sisters, Tara Mahoney and Trisha Mahoney, Heppner took top awards at a Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo held June 19 and 20 at Halfway. Tara was the Senior All-Around Cowgirl and tied with Kelli Edwards of Emmett, Idaho for the High Point Contestant Award, but lost a flip for a handmade Leonard Oster saddle. Trisha was runner-up for Junior All-Around Cowgirl.

Tara also won first place in polebending, second place in barrels, second in goat tying and second in break-away roping. Trisha took first in goat tying, breakaway roping and pole bending. Heppner cowboys placing in events were Mike Mahoney, first place in ribbon dogging; Pat Schwarz, fifth in calf roping; and Don Kindsfather, third in team roping.

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57 compete in first Willow Creek Open

The first Willow Creek Open was held in Heppner last Saturday and Sunday at the Willow Creek Country Club with 56 men competing, said a tournament spokesperson. Saturday night, golfers and their spouses enjoyed a dinner and dancing at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Results of the tournament follow:

Charlie Rawlins of Heppner led the championship flight with a low gross score of 119. Don Peterson of Pendleton with a 121 followed in second place. Treve Gray, also of Pendleton, took third low gross in the flight with a 123, followed by Don Lott in fourth place with a 138 for 36 holes.

First low net was won by Jim Stanton of Pendleton with a 108, followed by John Edmundson of Heppner with a 109. Dean Benschel of Hermiston took third low net in the championship flight with a 111 and Wayland Hyatt of Heppner with a 112, placed fourth.

John Boyer of Lexington won first low gross in the first flight with a 137, followed by Ernie Christiansen of Tacoma, Wash., who took second with a 141. Doug Smith of Heppner placed third with a 144 and Ed Gunderson, also of Heppner took fourth with a score of 149.

Dave Harrison of Cheney, Wash. won first low net with a 104, followed by John Shaw with a close 105. Dick Bigelow of Heppner took third with a 113 and Gene Pierce, also of Heppner won fourth with a 113.

Ed Hiemstra of Heppner won first low gross in the second flight with a low score of 138. Ed Struthers, another Heppner golfer, took second with a 142. Bob Jepsen, also of Heppner, placed third with a 146, followed by Steve Crawford of Fossil with a 153.

First low net in the second flight was won by Herb Wright of Fossil with a 101, followed by Chuck Crawford, also of Fossil, with a 104. Frank



Front row l to r: John McCabe, Terry McMichael, Eddie Gunderson, Charlie Rawlins. Back row l to r: John Shaw, Joe Bowman, Harry O'Donnell, Archie Munkers and David Hanna.



Front row l to r: John Edmundson, Dave Harrison and Vern Willis. Back row l to r: Ed Struthers, John Boyer, Herb Wright and Ed Hiemstra.

Bailey of Heppner took third place with a 107 and John McCabe, Heppner, won fourth with a 111.

In the third flight, Heppner golfer Dave Hanna won first place with a low gross score of

158. Vern Willis, Heppner, placed second with a 160, followed by Harry O'Donnell, Heppner, with a 160. Ted Toll, Heppner, took fourth place with a 163 for that flight. First low net was won by

Archie Munkers, Heppner, with a 101; Don Peterson with a 109 took second; Joe Bowman of Lake Oswego placed third with a 113; and Terry McMichael of Helix won fourth place with a score of 119.

Firewood permits available

Free use firewood permits are now available for those interested in gathering firewood from the Umatilla National Forest, it was announced in a news release from the Umatilla National Forest office, Pendleton. The permit authorizes the bearer to cut and remove up to ten cords of dead wood for personal use.

Permits can be picked up on a self-issuing basis, seven days a week at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Pendleton and at Ranger Stations in Dale, Heppner and Ukiah.

This year there will be two distinct permits for the forest - one printed on blue paper for the northern districts (Walla Walla and Pomeroy) and the other a pink colored permit for the southern districts (Dale, Heppner and Ukiah). Maps outlining the areas where the firewood can be cut will also be on hand. Those persons interested should determine

which designated cutting areas best suit their needs and then select the appropriate permit and map(s). The news release said. The permit will need to be filled out according to the printed instructions, including the license number of the vehicle to be used for hauling the firewood. The maps are considered a part of the permit. Both the permit and map must be in the permittee's possession (in the vehicle on the dashboard) when cutting and removing the firewood, the news release stated.

The permit and maps together specify the conditions and requirements that apply to firewood cutting. Two significant changes from previous years that permittees should be aware of are (1) cutting under this year's permits is authorized only from within the areas designated on the maps, and (2) firewood must be cut in lengths of six feet or

less prior to removal from the forest.

To assist the permittees in finding the designated cutting areas, the areas will be posted with "Firewood Cutting Area" signs adjacent to the access roads.

Because of the snow pack in the higher elevations of the forest, not all areas having good opportunities for firewood cutting will be shown on the maps made available at this time. As the snow melts and the forest roads dry out, new maps designating additional cutting areas will be prepared and released.

The possibility of the Forest Service continuing this firewood program in future years partially depends upon all people following the permit rules. "We are sure you will and we hope you have a safe, productive, and enjoyable woodcutting experience," the news release concluded.



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14 seniors enjoy trip

Fourteen Morrow County senior citizens left Heppner at 8 a.m. last Friday to spend the day viewing sights along the Columbia River and to see the Stonehenge and Maryhill Museum.

While at Arlington, the group saw the new gazebo which will be dedicated in memory of former Oregon Governor Earl Snell this Sat., June 26.

The Stonehenge, said a senior spokesperson, was dedicated to 12 Klickitat County, Washington men who died during World War I.

The seniors enjoyed the many collections at Maryhill Museum and some were intrigued by the 200 miniature mannequins dressed in 1940 fashions. Others liked the collection of Indian baskets and artifacts and the paintings, chess sets and sculptures drew the attention of most, said the spokesperson. "The

entire three floors of the museum are so neat and attractively displayed, while the outside grounds were a riot of colorful flowers," she added.

Following a lunch at Rufus, the bus traveled along the Columbia River parkways, which were full of campers and fishermen, to the John Day Dam where the group watched salmon and shad being counted, she said. The day preceding the trip, Thursday, June 17, 389 salmon and 15,818 shad were counted, she added. By 5:30 p.m. the group had returned to Heppner.

County seniors who went on the trip were: Carl and Sylvia McDaniel, George and Helen Hinton, Millie Evans, Sadie Parrish, Florence Green, Wilma Mabe, Adele LaTrace, Lydia Wilson, Frieda Mageske, Mary Nikander, Irene Anhorn and bus driver Bill Cox.

Two Morrow Co. students get degrees from EOSC

Degrees were conferred on 231 graduates Friday, June 4 at Eastern Oregon State College's commencement ceremony.

Eastern awarded eight master's degrees, 221 bachelor's degrees including two to Mor-

row County students, and 23 associate degrees, said a college spokesperson.

Diana Lynn Cutsforth of Heppner received a Bachelor of Science - education degree and Daniel Creamer was awarded a Bachelor of Science history degree.

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