

Lexington news

Delpha Jones 989-8189

The Lexington Garden Bugs met at the home of Delta Huber for a regular meeting recently with Chairman Kathy Tellechea presiding. The main business of the day was the new City Park adjoining the Oddfellow Hall. The chairman reported that community cooperation is really great, with people offering supplies, help and money. The group is really pleased with the cooperation.

The group has taken in two new members, Tom McConnell and Shirley McCarl.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peck received the Yard of the Month award.

Delta Huber talked on the making of dry arrangements, and gave some instruction with each member being able to take home an arrangement. The door prize was won by Luella Taylor, which was home grown peaches from the Tellechea yard.

Those present were: Dorothy Burcham, Kathy Tellechea, Marie Steagall, Shirley McCarl, Luella Taylor, and Delta Huber and a guest, Elsie Huston. The next meeting will be held at the home of Shirley McCarl and the program will be on caring for summer blooming bulbs; how to store them for the winter months and care needed in preparing them for storage by Jean Brazell. The next meeting date is September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buchanan have returned from a few days stay in Portland. Returning with them were a daughter, Kathleen Reilly, and son, Trevor, of Hillsboro and Rachell Reed from Seattle, Wash. The group were guests on Saturday afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Buchanan in Kennewick, Wash. Larry Patterson, a brother-in-law, from Desert Hot Springs, was also present for the day. On Sunday the group motored to Dufur where they attended some of the festivities of the Threshing Bee held yearly there.

Mrs. Floyd Graham (Irene) of Sun City, Arizona and daughter Karen Larson, former state grange Ceres, were weekend visitors at the Cecil Jones Ranch. They spent Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berli Akers in Ione. Other visitors there were the Akers' son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Akers from Portland, and a daughter, Bonnie Linnell, and family from Arlington. All enjoyed a day at the Ione Swimming Pool.

The Three Links Club met at the home of Kenneth Palmer on Thursday with Mrs. Palmer, chairman, presiding. Fall activities were discussed. A quilt is being finished and chances will be sold at a later date. The blocks were cut and ready to sew by a deceased

member, Florence McMillan. The progress in the new City Park, a project of the Lexington Garden Bugs and the Rebekah Lodge, was reported on. Donations toward the park are greatly appreciated and anyone wishing to donate may contact either the garden club chairman or the Rebekah Lodge.

A door prize was won by Venice Hendrickson.

Those present for the afternoon were: Kathy Tellechea, Dorothy Burcham, Ruth Robinson, Josie Peck, Delpha Jones, Venice Hendrickson, Donna Papineau and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Papineau spent several days recently at Garibaldi where they enjoyed some fishing and sightseeing.

Ruth Robinson and Marion Robinson were recent Portland visitors. The ladies motored there to bring Frank D. Robinson home after a stay in Emanuel Hospital where he received treatments for a back injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Glover Peck were visitors at Dufur Sunday where they attended the Threshing Bee and visited the other activities of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall and Scott Balfe are spending a few days in Anchorage, Alaska with Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Balfe.

Gilman's yard selected for August award



Dean and Mary Eleanor Gilman

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Dean and Mary Eleanor Gilman have the yard which has been unanimously selected as the August 15 to September 15 Heppner Yard of the Month. If you would like to enjoy viewing their colorful efforts, drive by their neat home at 870 Fairview Way, just south of the Pilot Rock Highway.

The window box beneath their large livingroom window is brilliant with beautiful tu-

Boeing lands near Boardman open to public hunting

After more than a year of discussions the door has been opened for public waterfowl and upland bird hunting on more than 100,000 acres of previously closed land in the Columbia Basin near Boardman, the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife announced Monday.

An agreement between the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Boeing Agri-Industrial Company has been signed which permits public recreational use beginning with the hunting seasons of 1983.

The Boeing lands agreement was the major key to a hunting package developed to disperse massive concentrations of waterfowl which have shifted into this area in the past three years. Increased corn production in combination with large sanctuary areas, abundant water and minimal harvest, have drawn as much as 70 percent of Oregon's total wintering waterfowl population to the Columbia Basin in northcentral Oregon and southcentral Washington, the department said.

Also included in the total package are U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to expand hunting opportunity on adjacent Umatilla and Cold Springs national wildlife refuges, and a proposal to open a 25-mile portion of the Columbia River Refuge from Boardman to Arlington.

Under terms of the agreement with Boeing, the Department of Fish and Wildlife will control the public hunting program, administer the areas open to hunting and

enforce no trespassing provisions in areas designated safety zones and other areas excluded from the program due to active farming operations.

The Boeing land fronts on about 12 miles of the Columbia River. Under terms of the agreement the riverfront area will be open for general hunting seven days a week during open waterfowl and upland bird seasons with no permit or check-in-checkout requirements. Other tracts within the Boeing complex will be controlled by permit, with check stations and hunting three or four days a week.

Ralph Denney, staff gamebird biologist with the department, credits V.L. Norton and Denver Grigsby, officials with Boeing in Seattle, Wash. for helping speed the process so the program can begin this fall.

Denney will ask the Fish and Wildlife Commission to approve opening a 25-mile portion of the Columbia River Refuge to hunting when it meets to set upland bird and waterfowl season regulations on August 26. The area has been closed to waterfowl hunting since the 1960s.

On the Boeing property, hunting will be by permit only (except for the portion bordering the Columbia River) and hunters will check in and out of the area at checking stations. Hunter control will be enforced by State Police game officers and department employees. Safety zones will be strictly enforced, hunting areas will be shifted week by week to accommodate farming operations conducted by

Boeing leasees, and camping will not be permitted on the area, Denney said. It will be important for hunters to cooperate in observing all regulations and restrictions, he emphasized, to insure that the area remains open in future years.

None of the areas included in the hunting program except portions of the national wildlife refuges have previously been open for public hunting.

According to the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, biologists have become increasingly concerned over the past three years as the waterfowl population has continued to grow in the Columbia Basin area. The area has always been important for wintering waterfowl, especially mallards and Canada geese. Traditionally, the basin area has hosted about 20 percent of the state's wintering waterfowl population. But during the past three years, this has increased sharply and the area now concentrates about 70 percent of the waterfowl found in the Columbia Basin area.

The Fish and Wildlife Department is now developing details of the hunting program, and further information, maps and permit application procedures will be established and publicized before bird seasons begin in mid-October.

Local players on winning Shrine team

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

The 31st annual East-West Shrine Football Game which features top AA, A and B football athletes from around the state took place Saturday, August 13. The West won the game 13-7.

Five area players were on the team, making their contributions mostly on the line. Wes Marlatt of Heppner played offensive tackle but was more impressive as nose guard on defense. Carlton Pease of McLaughlin High School in Milton-Freewater and Tim Eastman of Weston-McEwen High School in Athena also played on the line. Steve Bittinger of Arlington and Andy Bjazevich of Riverside High School in Boardman played offensive and defensive ends respectively plus both were on specialty teams.

The East squad had problems hanging onto the ball all night and fumbled away their chances to win late in the game.

POOL CLOSING

The Heppner Municipal Swimming Pool will close for the season on August 31 at 9p.m.

Block announces options for 1984 wheat program

Secretary of Agriculture John Block has announced options for the 1984 wheat program, pending program legislation presently under consideration by the Congress, the Morrow Co. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service reports.

Block listed general guidelines for next year's program on July 1 which permitted farmers to make preliminary planting decisions and financial commitments for their crop, while Congress continued deliberations on target price freeze proposals.

"Since legislative action on the proposed target price freeze is now before the U.S. Senate, it is up to the Congress to decide which option they want to choose," Block said. "It is important to get this issue resolved in order to assist farmers in making their management decisions."

He listed the following 1984 wheat program options:

— if new legislation froze the target price at \$4.30 per bushel, the acreage reduction requirement will be 25 percent and there will be a payment in kind program of 10 to 25 percent for farmers who divert additional land. The payment in kind compensation will be 80 percent of the program yield.

— if Congress does not freeze target prices and the target price automatically escalates to \$4.50 per bushel, the acreage reduction requirement will be 30 percent and there will be a payment in kind program of 10 to 20 percent for farmers who divert additional land. The payment in kind compensation will be 75 percent of the program yield.

Producers participating in the payment in kind program and having both reserve and regular loan grain would be required to make their re-

serve grain available for P.I.K. Those farmers who have neither will be eligible for participation in the payment in kind program by volunteering to harvest for payment in kind.

In addition: — Land taken out of production must be devoted to a conservation use. This land must be acreage that would have been devoted to small grains or row crops in 1984.

— The national average loan and purchase rate will be \$3.30 per bushel. The Food and Agriculture Act of 1981 permits the loan rate to be set at this level since the season's average price for the 1983 crop is expected to be less than 104 percent of current loan rate.

Block said the current loan rate is above market clearing levels and places U.S. producers at a competitive disadvantage in world markets. "This reduction will begin to restore competitive disadvantage in world markets and send a signal to our export competitors that we will no longer maintain a 'high price umbrella' which allows them to undercut us in the world market," Block said.

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