

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

Oh what a variety of weather April brought to all of the U.S. Fortunately we had no tornadoes or earthquakes here. South Morrow County saw many activities taking place, such as the Rolling Hills Run, the Four-Wheel Drive Rally, the finger printing of many children, the Heppner High Music Department's Spaghetti Feed, a remarkable Easter Week, the Soroptimist Senior Girls and Moms luncheon, some exciting athletic contests and a variety of other events.

Everyone was delighted by the Open House in the greatly expanded new location of the Heppner Auto Parts, Inc. and Heppner Cylinder Head and by the great new space added to the Burkenbine-McCabe's Central Market.

Important people came or will be coming to this area: Joseph DeVito began his duties on April 2 as director of the Mental Health Services, Otto L. Burden began work as county Public Works Director, and we learned that Doyle McCallin will assume duties as new School Superintendent on July 1. It is sad to see Matt Doherty leaving the county and to know that Sheridan Tarnasky is leaving the Home Health Agency on June 1.

How good to know that the Heppner community is very concerned about the safety of children and is eager to see a fence erected along Willow Creek in Hager Park. When people speak out about local needs they demonstrate that they are thinking of community betterment. When citizens of the world really focus on peace, and speak out loudly for the elimination of nuclear and other weapons, perhaps world leaders will listen.

After church Easter Sunday, while the sun was still shining Mary Goheen and I again climbed up to the cross on Heppner's east hill. We were so delighted by the various wildflowers we walked among—yellow, pink, lavender, blue, white. Beauty grows on that rocky hillside quite a climb above Rock Street.

How sadly weather-beaten and neglected the landmark cross is. The wheel track we followed upward indicated that some vehicle had recently been driven right up to the fencing around the cross. How fine it would be if some group would again repair and repaint that old rugged cross that is more visible to many since the relocation of the Willow Creek Road.

As we looked down on the Willow Creek Dam and the enlarging lake, I was thinking that it seemed strange that more folks don't make the hike up to that viewpoint which might be a good spot for a small park someday. When we started down we happened to walk in a partially circular direction below the cross and were surprised to come upon a large concrete "H" with "57" cut into its crossbar. So, about 27 years ago some group must have made quite an effort getting concrete up that far. The "H" is not visible very far—it is unpainted and is crumbling some.

It seems like many moons have passed during the big improvement effort on the highway connecting Lexington and Ione. Many tires have been cut badly by the sharp rock needed in the road building process. Now that most of the worst is over, in due time we can all look forward to smoother journeying between these two important south-county towns.

I am already hearing reports of good spring fishing. The Carl McDaniels generously shared some of their early proof with me.

Oregon's Primary Election on Tuesday, May 15, is a big date for all citizens to keep. The cover of the Voters' Pamphlet states that voting is the responsibility of every concerned and well-informed Oregonian. We have a group of well-qualified Morrow County candidates running in this election.

We need to indicate our feelings on two measures and to mark our preference for candidates for the President of the United States, for a U.S. senator, a representative to Congress, for Oregon's secretary of state, treasurer and attorney general, for our state senator and state representative, for two state supreme court judges, for a judge of the court of appeals, a judge of the circuit court, for a county commissioner and a county clerk and for party committee-persons. Now we have reached May when the lilacs bloom in Morrow County and when all of the north temperate zone bursts with new life. It is easier for me to realize that the world south of the equator is getting ready for winter since I visited there during their very warm January summer.

This month will see the Heppner Methodists putting on their Lawn Sale on the first Saturday. All mothers will be honored on Sunday, May 13. Many school ending activities, such as graduations will take place. A final all-county event will be the Pioneer Reunion and Picnic to be held at the county fairgrounds on Sunday, May 27. Everyone is invited whether or not they are of early pioneer stock—everyone's family must have pioneered somewhere at sometime.

June will begin with the annual Ione Church of Christ Auction on Saturday which always brings a crowd to that pleasant community.

Upholstery shop opens



Cherrie Clark

Cherrie Clark, 840 Fairview in Heppner, has opened her own upholstery shop. She calls it Cherrie's Upholstery and will be doing furniture, "of any kind." She has approximately 13 years of experience in upholstering furniture, about eight months locally when she worked with Jim Ackley Upholstery.

She says that she will be taking on an apprentice and teaching upholstery and will also be glad to answer questions for people doing their own upholstering who run into a problem. Her business phone is 676-5222 and she will offer a 10 percent discount for senior citizens.

M.C. Historical Soc. aids in search for descendants

The Morrow County Historical Society has received a letter from Sailing Ships Pacific, a non-profit Oregon organization which acts to revive interest in maritime heritage.

The organization sponsors an annual Maritime Festival in Portland's Waterfront Park this year scheduled from June 28 to July 4.

The purpose of Sailing Ships Pacific's letter to the historical society is to solicit their help in locating descendants of pioneers who came to Oregon before 1859 all, or part of the way by ship and to invite those descendants to the festival reunion.

Further information is available from Sailing Ships Pacific, P.O. Box 910, Portland, Oregon 97204.

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The Friday, April 27, District 10 Garden Club spring meeting in Hermiston drew six members of The Ione Garden Club and three from The Heppner Garden Club (Theta Lowe, Jane Rawlins, and Adelle LaTrace). Everyone was pleased with the day's program "Preserve the Columbia Gorge."

In the Flower show in conjunction with the meeting, Jane Rawlins won a blue ribbon for the outstanding horticulture exhibit and the sweepstakes award for the most blue ribbons in the horticulture division.

News from the Neighborhood Center

By NEOLA MACKAY

Steve Hickman the new job counselor for Adult and Family Services will be available each month on the second and fourth Wednesday's from 1-4 at the Heppner Neighborhood Center to work with young mothers helping them to learn job training techniques.

Pat Brindle will be attending Women Infant and Children Nutrition program training sessions in Pendleton. By late summer she should be able to hold the W.I.C. Clinics here in Heppner at the center. In the meantime applications and referral cards are available at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

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