

Irrigon Chamber holds ice melt contest



Mike Pearsall and Graig Gallien keep cool by a four ton ice cube. At one dollar a guess, contestants are asked to guess when the hunk of ice will melt, down to the last second, during the Chamber's Iceberg Melt-down contest.

By Joyce Hensley

How long does it take an 8,000 pound of red, white, blue and green ice to melt?

The person who answers that question during the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce Ice Melt contest will win their choice of a professionally guided fishing trip for four on the

Columbia River, valued at \$400, or \$250 cash.

An around the clock crew will be watching the 4x4x8 foot ice cube when it gets down to the last frozen drop.

"We have raised close to \$1,000," said Jim Netteland, vice president. "The wind slowed us down a bit."

The funds raised during the event will go towards getting the three month organization on its feet. "We have lots of plans, but the projects we are most concerned about now are getting rest rooms for the City Park and overnight camping for this area," said Angie Foidel, secretary.

The guided fishing trip was donated by Tales & Tackle Gunsmithing and Mike Weinkauff, Guide Service. Twenty-one other prizes were donated by Irrigon Chamber of Commerce; Oscar Smith Automotive; Brown's Auto & Truck Stop; Irrigon Stone; Sunridge Homes; Paul's Inn of the Road; Greg's Tavern; Rod's Market; Irrigon Market; Bonnie's Bowser Boutique; Last Chance Fruit Stand; Stokes Landing Sales; Horners Green Spot Fruit Stand; Steve Lewis, Pioneer Pride; Craig's Cafe; and Anderson Orchard.

The Irrigon Fish Hatchery froze the ice for the newly formed Chamber.

Peck attends boys state

By Mindy Nix

Dan Peck, 17, the Riverside ASB President, had the opportunity to attend Boys State at the University of Oregon June 12-19.

Boys State in Dan's words is "one year of state government packed into a week."

The top 550 in the state of Oregon were chosen by select interview. Those selected had excellent leadership abilities, in-school activities and knowledge of American government and history. Dan was the only Riverside student attending Boys State.

Dan felt it was a great experience and appreciates the American Legion for sponsoring the camp and encourages other students to try out for it next year. He learned an excessive amount of judicial, legislative and administering government and met some of the top minds of Oregon.

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US 730 road work slows traffic



photo by Joyce Hensley

Flagger, Doug Hasting, Springfield, directs traffic on U.S. Highway 730 between Irrigon and Umatilla for the \$1,351,914.55 asphalt overlay project.

By Joyce Hensley

Take a newspaper to read or a crossword puzzle to do if you are planning on traveling Highway 730 between Irrigon and Umatilla.

A \$1,351,914.55 asphalt overlay road project began recently and there are mutual murmurings from both the travelers and the overlay crew. The motorists have to wait 20 or 30 minutes at a stretch and the asphalt overlay project construction crew are having to deal with the traffic.

"This is the worst traffic I've ever

seen," said flagger, Doug Hasting, Springfield.

"I'd advise anyone traveling from Heppner to please use the freeway," said superintendent Tom Jarvis. "The traffic is horrendous. The worst I've ever seen."

"I had to wait 20 minutes going to town and thirty minutes coming home," said one Irrigon resident.

The state funded project, awarded to Bob Angell, Inc., Coos Bay, should be finished by the end of July, according to Jarvis.

The project employing 46 people, including five women, consists of grinding out the base, putting in new asphalt, then overlaying the entire section.

A six-man state inspection crew will be on hand to test material for quality and to test the finished product for gradation and compaction. "They'll make sure the signs are up in their proper places," said Jarvis, "and that we are complying with the safety rules."

New VCR store opens in Boardman

By Mindy Nix

While driving through Boardman, you'll notice a new business has popped up between Circle K and Kegler's Sentry Market.

Many may wonder how they'll survive without the convenience of Circle K movies to rent since the closing July 1.

Mike and Darlene Snyder and Pat and Paul Dinsmoor have come up with an excellent solution for movie renters-Columbia Preview.

Columbia Preview opened July 1 with over 500 videos and a 7 day a week, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. schedule, many movie renters are thrilled. You can also play one of the four video machines inside, and buy some popcorn and pop to enjoy with your

movie.

The prices to rent the movies are \$2 regular, \$3 for new releases, \$3 for adult videos and \$5 for VCR's. They plan to run more specials in the future. You can now get a free video on your birthday with proof of age. Another special now running is the Family Pack Movie Card, where you pay \$21.95 for 12 videos in advance, so when you're broke someday, you'll still be able to rent a movie whenever you wish, since they're already paid for.

They hope to have an Open House sometime in the near future and looking ahead, would like to eventually expand to a rent-to-own store, and hope to build up to 1,000 videos. They currently have a new VCR to sell and will sell the used VCRs also.

Boardman enjoys chilly 4th of July

By Mindy Nix

It was a chilly fourth of July in Boardman this weekend as many families wrapped in blankets viewed the fireworks at the Marina Monday night.

The Marina was busy all day from the 8 a.m. outdoor breakfast to the fireworks at sunset. Activities that filled the day included the parade, Tin Man Tri-Athalon, dunk tank, talent show/lip sync contest, along with bingo, health booth, carnival rides and games, concessions and the

continuation of the baseball and horseshoe tournaments.

Results of the talent show/lip sync contest had Lonnie Spray with \$25 in first place; and Michelle Toman with \$15 in second place for the 8-12 category. In the 13-18 year category,

Kelly Spray won first place for \$50 and April Morgan placed second with a \$25 award for lip sync. In the other talent category for music, Shauna Bates placed first with a cash award of \$50 and Bob Creason placed second and won \$25. The adult category was awarded \$50 for Ken Grieb and his group.

Many ribbons were awarded in the parade. In the Auto category, first place went to the Obsolete Fleet-a group of antique chevrolts from Milton-Freewater; second place went to the Boardman Bombing Range. In the Comic division, the Boardman Health Division won first. First place in the float category went to the Irrigon Watermelon Festival; second went to Keglers Sentry Market for their salute to the Olympics; and third went to Boardman Community Church for their "God Bless America" theme.

In the Clubs division, first place went to the Boardman Fire Department; second to the Greenfield Grange, which tied with the Square Knots. The Desert Pegases placed first in the horses category, followed by the Riverside High School Critter Fritters in second and third place went to Bonnie, Brice and Vynetta. In the Marching division, first place went to the color Guard Navy. "BULA" won the funny cars division as a Republican Central Committee. The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court won in the Royalty category.

The Boardman Tillicum Club sponsored the Children's parade. Ribbons in the 0-3 year old category were presented to Tara Pratt for first place and Thomas Bauska for second. In the 4 years-kindergarten category, first place went to Andrea Orcutt; second to Jay Scamber and third to Kyle Stubblefield. Marcia Simpson placed first in the first and second grade category and Kristi Mason placed second. In the third grade and up category, first place went to Kristi Cox and second to Rosanne Daltoso.

Participant ribbons were awarded to all the children.

Columbia River Heritage Assn. forming by-laws

By Joyce Hensley

The newly formed Columbia River Heritage Association is drafting by-laws.

The association was formed to develop marketing and to organize tourism along the Columbia River, from the lower river mouth; to the middle section, including the Columbia River Gorge; to the Tri-Cities. "We'll include anyone above the Tri-Cities, if they express an interest," said Don Eppenbach, acting chairman from Irrigon.

The association hopes to stimulate the residents along the river to assist in promoting tourism. "We want to generate enthusiasm in the cities," said Eppenbach. "We want to be proud and to encourage people to visit."

The Columbia River was part of the first Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805 and was also part of the Oregon Trail. "There is as much historical interest here as any piece of water in the nation," said Eppenbach.

The river was not only used as a landmark by explorers scouting the Oregon Territory, but it was a lifeline for interior trade.

"Until the railroad went through in 1881, the river was the main artery for trade," he said. "Actually, the river was a major artillery for transport until the highway came through in 1921."

Brochures and booklets of local information will be distributed, tours will be formed, and the Oregon Historical Society is planning a floating museum of river history as part of the 1992 bi-centennial celebration of when Captain Grey discovered the Columbia River.

The museum barge will stop at cities along the river during the tourist season as part of the celebration.

The association will be a sub-

siary of the Oregon Historical Society.

Appointees to the Board of Directors for the Columbia River Heritage Association are Lisa Mittlesdorf, Port of Morrow; Eve Foote, City of Umatilla; Administrator; Christine May, Kennewick, Chamber of Commerce, Washington; and Marion Meisinger, Tri-Cities River Enhancement, Washington.

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