

Memorial built in Irrigon for family

By Michele Ball

Libby Bovent has found a special way to express her love for her beloved husband and daughter.

Libby, resident of Irrigon-Umatilla, and owner of Radio Shack in Hermiston, and George Grisby, owner of Irrigon Stone in Irrigon have designed a memorial that is under construction at the City Park in Irrigon.

The memorial will be quite an art display and tourist attraction when completed. Three deer, Sacajawea, interpreter and guide for the Lewis and Clark Expedition will be mounted on a cement slab. A fountain with colorful lights and a lagoon will accent the deer family and Sacajawea. Benches with the names Reynold Webber, Libby's husband, and Sharon Webber, Libby's daughter, are carved in the stone to be placed on the landscaping by the memorial.

Ray (Reynold) served three terms in the Viet Nam War while in the Navy for ten years. Libby considers

him to be a devoted man to his country. The big ribbons, small bars and medals were never described to Libby by Ray because he fought for the love of his country not for the honor of receiving the awards.

Fishing and hunting were his favorite sports.

Ray was a guard at the Umatilla Army Depot and a lieutenant before he passed away from cancer at the age of 45.

Sharon Webber was the youngest of six children and the only girl. She enjoyed drawing, composing poems, concerning the vast love she had for her family, basketball, fishing, camping and the great outdoors. Sharon attended the ninth grade at Umatilla High School.

Her life came to a sudden end at the age of fifteen while walking to the local store from her home. Sharon was abducted in December of 1978 and remained missing until 1985. A cattleman near Cold Springs reservoir found her body. A few weeks later her step-father Ray died.

George is donating his time for labor because he originally was planning to donate a rather large fountain to the city as a gift to promote his business. Libby has given about \$10,000 for this memorial but it will not be enough to complete the project.

She is asking people in the area to donate some time to do landscaping. She is also in need of a licensed electrician for wiring the lights and someone with a pickup truck for hauling gravel and materials needed for the pool liners from the Coal Fire Plant.

A dedication is tentatively planning for Saturday, June 17, the day before Father's Day.

Libby is seeking a military organization to give her husband an honor guard.

Anyone with information about the organization or willing to donate labor, time or a truck may contact Libby Bovent at 567-2057 or George Grisby, at 922-3759 before 7 p.m. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Be a Kidosaurus at Day Care

All you dino lovers between the ages of three and nine are invited to be a "Kidosaurus" and have some fun with dinosaurs at Heppner Day Care during the month of June.

Craft projects during June will revolve around dinosaurs. Activities will include painting a mural, making your own fossils, drawing, tracing, cutting, reading, making cookies and watching movies, all about dinosaurs. The fun will conclude with a swamp party June 30.

Daily activities will begin at 9 a.m. with snacks at 9:30, activity

time at 10, lunch at 11:30 and swimming at the local pool (for those six and up) at 1 p.m. Quiet time for the younger kids begins at noon.

Children may attend morning activities only (from 9 to 11 a.m.) for \$2.70 a day or \$13.50 a week; or may attend for the whole day at \$1.35 an hour or \$11 per day (for 8 or more hours). Please call at least a day in advance to sign your child up. Day care hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Stay tuned for "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" in July and "Down on the Farm" in August. Call 676-5429 for more information. Family rates are available.

Track meet and picnic scheduled at A.C. Houghton

By Michele Ball

The annual picnic and track meet for A.C. Houghton Elementary will be held Wednesday, May 31. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. and the track meet will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students will participate with sixth graders acting as captains in different stations. Ribbons will be given out for awards. All parents are encouraged to come and enjoy the day.

Columbia Jr. High plans year-end activities

By Michele Ball

The sixth graders from both A.C. Houghton, Irrigon, and Sam Boardman Elementary in Boardman will be trying out a visitation day at Columbia Jr. High in a different way this year. Friday, May 26, the students will be attending certain periods instead of each elementary school sharing a complete day. Sam Boardman students will begin the day and A.C. Houghton will have the afternoon classes.

Hosts will be students from Columbia Jr. High.

Irrigon Police Report

The Irrigon Police department reports the following activity during the week of May 8 through 12:

May 8: report of a lockout of vehicle at Wilson Trailer Court; Report of loose horses on Hwy 730 & Division St.; assist Umatilla Police Department man with a gun at Walla Walla St. in McNary.

May 9: Funeral escort to Desert Springs Cemetery; assist Oregon State Police with a family disturbance at Irrigon Mobile Court.

May 10: Mental problem at Division St. & California. Problem was referred to local minister.

May 12: Assist Umatilla Police department. Stopped suspect vehicle in Irrigon, suspects in burglary in Umatilla.

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Children enjoy Pioneer Day at A.C.H.

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Pioneer Day at A.C. Houghton started last Friday morning in the gym and outside. Senior citizens were stationed at several tables to share their talents and stories of the old days. Buggy rides were given by Brian Cook and horse rides on a spruced up horse were enjoyed due to the effort of Barbara Thomas.

Mrs. Cooley, teacher, rang an old cow bell every few minutes for children to change stations.

Chili beans, biscuits, trail mix (nuts, raisins, dried fruits), carrot sticks, Apple Betty pie and milk was the pioneer lunch chosen by the fourth graders.

With full stomachs, the children, teachers and mother's helpers returned to the gym for some old fashioned games. Mrs. Olsen, one of the teachers, taught the students "Spin the Top" and "Red Rover, Red Rover".

Square dancing followed and children took turns coloring western style posters and churning butter.

The day ended with a film strip about the pioneer days.

This special pioneer day will be remembered with great joy by the fourth grade students for a long time to come.



Jason Moore is churning butter at the Pioneer Days celebration at A. C. Houghton.

ACH holds spring concert

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"We Sing and Play for Spring" was the A.C. Houghton Elementary theme for the Spring Concert held last Tuesday night. The fifth and sixth grade bands opened and closed the evening. Little musical recorders were played two different

sessions by the fourth graders. A cute song that went "I've got the Chocolate Blues" was sung by the fifth and sixth grade music class. "Found a Peanut" was the highlight of the evening with its choreography and ending conclusion of throwing their newly found unwanted peanuts at the audience.

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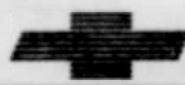
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