

2nd Annual Iceberg Meltdown in Irrigon

The Irrigon Chamber of Commerce will have their "Iceberg" at the Irrigon Watermelon Festival again this year on Saturday, August 19.

A block of ice weighing approximately 8,000-lbs., will be at the entrance of the Irrigon Marina (the first house on the left as you enter the Marina.) Chances will be sold for \$1 per guess to see who will determine how long it will take the "Iceberg" to melt. Chances will be sold at noon on Saturday and continue throughout the rest of Saturday and possibly Sunday.

The winner of the contest will receive his/her choice of either first or second prize. First prize is \$250

cash donated by the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce, second prize is a Walleye Fishing Trip, also sponsored by the Chamber. There will also be several additional prizes of items donated by local businesses.

It took several days last year for the "Iceberg" to melt; the ending is quite spectacular and lots of people will gather to see the last of the "Iceberg" become water.

Everyone is encouraged to come to Irrigon to guess how long it will take for the Iceberg to melt.

This is a fun event sponsored by the Irrigon Chamber. This year's "Iceberg" will be red, white and blue, just to add a little patriotism to the contest.

Hunter's Ed class begins in Sept.

By Beth Stephens

The Irrigon Lions Club is sponsoring a Hunter's Education class. A new class will start in September.

For more information call Roger Tueax 922-5188 or Greg Barron 922-4657.

Irrigon Items

Recent visitors of Ruth Bentley were her son and wife Georgia and Areta Russell from Waldport.

School time is here again. A.C. Houghton Elementary School schedule August 14-23 registration of new students (bring immunization records, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.)

August 22 Tuesday, meeting of parents of A.C. Houghton Kindergarten at the library at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29, first day of school. Early dismissal at 2:45 p.m.

Irrigon Lioness donate to center

By Beth Stephens

The Irrigon Lioness Club recently presented the Irrigon Neighborhood Center with paper products and laundry soap, dish soap and a bar soap to be given to needy families. The Lioness Club also voted to give proceeds from bingo games each month to the center. The bingo games will be after Social Night, which in the 4th Wednesday of every month. The public is welcome to attend the potluck at 7:30 p.m. Come and visit, get acquainted with people helping in your community. The next meeting is August 23, at the Lions Club old Highway 730.

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6th Annual Irrigon Watermelon Festival Saturday, August 19, 1989 Irrigon Marina Park

- 6 a.m. Watermelon Pickers' Breakfast
- 8 a.m. Irrigon Watermelon Festival Fun Run
- 10 a.m. Parade
- 11 a.m. Parade Awards
- 11:15 a.m. Welcome Address
- 11:45 a.m. Free Entertainment to 6 p.m. Featuring Stage Struck Theater Group & Sky Divers
- 12 Noon Bed Race
- All Day Games & Contests
- Baseball Tournament
- Food & Drink Concessions
- 6 p.m. Lip Sync
- 7:30 p.m. Sky Diving Bingo (\$500 Prize)
- 8 p.m. Lighted Boat Parade
- 9 p.m. Dan Burns & 3-D Productions Street Dance

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EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Bagett

Spending nearly two weeks in a forest fire camp can be somewhat interesting. Spending nearly two weeks in a garbage truck in a fire camp is more like a study of frustration. Complex fire broke out on the Malheur National Forest. I had been asked to take one of the garbage trucks belonging to long-time fishing and hunting buddy Calvin Clark up to the fire camps to relieve them of the mountains of refuse normally generated by such natural disasters. It seemed Cal had been called to run a Cat on the fire at the fire camp.

Glacier Fire Winding Down

Now, in the wee hours of the morning 13 days later, here I remain, scribbling on a coffee-stained notebook, trying to crank out yet another column from the confines of my smelly deli wagon as a yawning young camp crew delivers endless bundles of trash from a camp that never sleeps.

During the first few days the action and excitement was non-stop. From where we sat at Reynolds camp, on the back side of the blaze, frequent "blow-ups" on the ridge just above camp were clearly visible and equally riveting as flames erupted over 100 feet into the air.

As this is being written, the flames have all but died out, and crews are busy mopping up and cutting fire lines around unburned tracts of timber within the Little Baldy fire's 9,230-acre perimeter. My rolling refuse runner and me have since been reassigned to base camp at Summit Prairie. All that's left of Reynolds Camp now are a few scattered wood chips (put there to control the dust) which will later be mixed with concentrations of nitrogen and disked into the soil.

The speed with which Reynolds Camp both went up and came down can only be described as the epitome of modern camping procedures. Bishop Services, the food caterers there, were especially impressive. Thanks to these innovative folks I was witness to one of the quickest and most efficient ways of erecting a large wall tent I've ever seen. In truth, their method differs little from my own except they do it in the daylight—an interesting twist I have never attempted.

The food, commensurate with that of the finest restaurants (at least the finest restaurant a writer can afford), was prepared in an 35-to 40-foot semi-trailer and served cafeteria-style from a 30-foot trailer with windows running the length of one side. Another 40-foot trailer provides storage and dish washing facilities, while several other 40-to 50-foot "refers" kept foodstuffs fresh. So impressed was I with this setup that I immediately began considering ways to lash similar facilities to Decker pack saddles so as to be afforded such comforts in elk camp.

When it came time for Reynolds camp to break up, or "demobilize," at least eight huge tents, the entire kitchen unit, the showers, the operations and ground support offices, dozens of portable toilets and septic facility and one large white garbage truck was packed up and ready to roll by about 12:00 which, by military time is still 12:00 (after noon, however, it starts getting tricky).

Here at base camp, a somewhat larger facility which should also be winding down within the next few days (probably be history by the time you read this) all is fairly quiet. From this position on the mountain, not one wisp of smoke can be seen of the still-smoldering fire complex that employed over 1200 people, nine engines, eight water tenders, five dozers, four french hens, three helicopters, two air tankers and one large white garbage scow. In these remaining days I am content with enjoying delicious food, compacting and hauling staggering amounts of trash and keeping a daily count of the number of people who trip over tent ropes.

And who knows, perhaps next week we'll be back to the business of hunting and fishing.

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