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Ione class has special 'bee' program



Photo by Pam Minster

Jo Pettyjohn shows Ione's fourth grade students fresh honeycomb.

Ione fourth grade students have been celebrating National Honey Month by studying honey bees, their metamorphosis and habits, throughout the month of September. They have also read books by A.A. Milne. Winnie the Pooh, the main character, loves "hunny" as he spells it.

As a culmination to the unit, Jo Pettyjohn visited Diana Kincaid's class with her apiarian equipment.

Mrs. Pettyjohn, who keeps bees as a hobby, demonstrated hat and gloves and sheets of filled honeycomb. Following the interesting program she cut pieces of honeycomb for each child to taste. Everyone enjoyed the fresh honeycomb and chewing on the beeswax. Special guests were Barbara Collin and her third grade class, Betty Carlson and Pam Minster.

City to receive funds to plant trees

The city of Heppner has been notified that it has been selected to receive funds for a beautification project to plant trees in downtown Heppner, according to Gary Marks, city administrator.

The America the Beautiful program, a federal program ad-

ministered by the Forestry Department, however, awarded more projects than it has funds, said Marks.

The amount of funding for the Heppner project, which is over \$4,800, will depend on the program obtaining additional funds.

Women's salad supper Oct. 9

The annual Christian Women's salad supper, sponsored by ladies of all area churches, will be held Wed., Oct. 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Speaker for the evening is Virginia Whitaker, former Heppner resident. She and her husband Hal owned the LeBush Shoppe store. Hal also taught Vo-Ag at Heppner High School.

All women are invited to attend.

Brazilian exchange student likes US

With enthusiasm that bubbles right up to the twinkle of her eye, Brazilian Roberta Luciano just can't seem to get enough of America.

Roberta, who just turned 18, is visiting the U.S. for the first time as an American Field Service (AFS) exchange student. The dark-haired, brown-eyed beauty, who is staying with the Ralph and Sally Walker family in Heppner, first arrived in Los Angeles CA. on Aug. 13. From there she traveled to Tacoma, WA. to attend an orientation with other exchange students. The Walker children, Carrie, 22 and Stuart, 20, met Roberta and the three even managed to squeeze in a rock concert before Roberta traveled on to Heppner. She says it took her 11 hours to get to LA, three to Tacoma and seven just to get to Heppner.

Roberta speaks English quite well, for studying the language only a year, but says she has some trouble with American slang. Her family hosted an exchange student from New Zealand, who helped Roberta with her English. She speaks Portuguese at home. Her father, who has passed away, was Portuguese, her mother, Italian. She lives at home with her mother, Norma, who is a beautician, her sister, Rose, 12 and brother Ricardo, 24, who operates a pizza business. She also has a large extended family.

As for her adoptive home, Roberta is adjusting well. She already "loves" volleyball, American food, clothing styles, small towns, the Morrow County rodeo and the Pendleton Round-Up and just about everything else she has encountered since her arrival. Sally says she fits right in and has been a help around the house. "If I have a problem, I can talk to Sally," added Roberta.

Roberta says that the food in Brazil is much like the food here, except they don't have so much of a variety and not so many sauces. They don't have ranch dressing in Brazil, which Roberta says she



Roberta Luciano and Sally Walker

loves, but use vinegar and oil for their salads. They also don't have candy bar machines, the joys of which she also has discovered since her arrival in the U.S.

Students attend high school in Brazil for only three years and only for a half a day, either morning or afternoon. The rest of the day is spent at a job. There aren't as many school activities and no dances at school, although they do attend dances at night clubs. "Here school is more fun," says Roberta. "There are more things to do. You can spend more time with your friends." The kids do not dress up as much for school, but do for evening dances. Driving is not permitted until the age of 18 in Brazil, although there are no age limits on drinking.

Roberta says she really notices the number of blue-eyed blondes in the U.S., a minority in Brazil. She was impressed with the American Indians at the Round-Up, and commented on their traditional dress. There are Indian tribes in Brazil, however, she says that they generally live in the forest, do not wear much clothing and often wear decorative things in

their lips. Roberta says she was surprised that there were rodeos in Oregon, expecting them in the Midwest, but not elsewhere. They also have rodeos in Brazil.

Roberta is on the "C" team in volleyball at Heppner High School. "I just love volleyball," she says, wishing she could play the whole year. She said she had some volleyball experience in the junior high level in Brazil, but physical education was mostly aerobics. She has also tried windsurfing and golf since coming to Heppner.

Roberta commented that "1,500 people is not even a town in Brazil," where Sao Paulo, with 400,000 is considered a small town. She says she likes Heppner, however, adding that "every place is good." So far besides LA and Tacoma, she has visited the Tri-Cities for a shopping trip, Pendleton for the Round-Up, Portland and Yachats, where she and the Walkers took a weekend trip. "I want to see every place," she added, "especially San Francisco." Sally says they hope to take Roberta to San Francisco and Disneyland before she returns to Brazil next summer.

SWCD board to meet

The board of directors of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation district will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 1 at 7 p.m. in the Pettyjohn Office Building conference room. Items of business will include a review of the 1990-91 financial statement. The meeting is open to the public.

HIT to present 'mellerdrammer'

'No, No, a Million Times No,' or 'Only a Farmer's Daughter,' is coming to Heppner Oct. 12 at the Heppner High School Cafetorium. These hilarious old-time musical mellerdrammers are sponsored by the Morrow County Children and Youth Services Commission, who is involved in a new project to promote all generations working together on music and drama.

The plot unfolds as the villain, Stafford Blackman, played by Louie Carlson, lures Nellie Quackinbush, an innocent farmers daughter played by Sherry Bingham, to the big city for the purpose of wedlock, or so she thinks. When Nell gets there she senses Stafford won't do right by Nell and flees while she is still "pure as the driven snow" returning to the farm and arms of her country sweetheart Noble Hart played by Tony Becket. Several romances run through the story including the farmer, Chuck Nelson, and his old-maid housekeeper Birdie Seed, Vi Wilgers, and the young hired hand, Iffy Cann, played by Joe Healy and Heidi Nelson who plays the hired girl Emmeline. Three "city girls" Ella, Della and Kate, played by Lori Straley, Sherri Hiatt and Cindi Doherty, add their touch by pursu-

ing Noble Hart. Stafford Blackman's assistant in his dirty work is Jackie Bergstrom who plays the part of Gwendolyn Finefeathers. Solos, duets, trios and quartets are directed by Kathy Hoskins. Rikka Tews is the pianist.

The community choir will also present a short concert under the direction of Bob Isted.

Backstage chairmen are Jenny Bingham, stage set; Cindi Doherty, stage manager; Claudia Hughes and Merlyn Robinson, publicity; Marsha Sweet, make-up; Lea Calvert, costumes; Gerry Condon, box office; and Jane Rawlins, director.

Desserts, carrying out the villany versus virtuosity theme will be served at 7 p.m. in the cafetorium before the show. Theater goers will have the choice of "Sinfully Delicious" or "Virtuously Weight-conscious" desserts.

Tickets will be \$3 for adults or \$7 for a family. Those wishing reserve seats at the tables can purchase advanced tickets at Murray's Drug Store. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Heppner Day Care. "This type of drama requires audience participation with boos, hisses, ah's and other kinds of applause," said a spokesperson. "We're looking for an evening of fun."

City computer on line



Heppner City Administrator Gary Marks demonstrates the new city computer system funded through a grant from the Oregon Economic Development Department. Marks said that the computer will facilitate the city's accounting system, which had previously been done by hand,

and will also be used for word processing, correspondence, writing ordinances and resolutions and as a file of available properties for prospective businesses.

The \$6,200 system includes an IBM compatible computer, disk drives, software and a laser printer.

Man sentenced on firearms charge

A Boardman man received a 10 month prison sentence following his conviction on firearm and menacing charges in Morrow County, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Albert Valdez, 25, who resided at Sandpiper Apartments in Boardman, plead guilty to felon in possession of

a firearm and menacing before Circuit Court Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currin on Tuesday, September 17. The charges arose from a March 1991 incident in which Valdez, an ex-con, was in possession of a .22 caliber rifle and a knife while threatening a 10-year old juvenile during what started as a domestic dispute.

Judge Currin sentenced Valdez to 10 months in prison, as provided by state sentencing guidelines. Valdez is also facing burglary charges in Umatilla County as a result of an unrelated incident in Hermiston, according to Wallace.

Grays operate Beecher's Cafe

By Anne Morter

Beecher's Cafe in Ione reopened Tuesday, Sept. 24, under the ownership of Gale and Betty Gray, owners of the V & G in Lexington. The Grays plan to transfer the V & G operation to Ione, although they will continue to operate under the name "Beechers". Beechers will offer the same breakfast, lunch and dinner menu as the V & G. The dinner menu includes steak, seafood and chicken as well as prime rib on the weekends.

Gale Gray, a former owner of Beechers from 1979 to 1985, says that the V & G in Lexington will be operated as a tavern.



Rob Botefuhr of Heppner shows off the six point bull elk he killed while bow hunting Sunday Morning.

Botefuhr said he brought the big bull down with one arrow, but had to track it a long ways.

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