

City kids meet the country kids

Some big city kids got a taste of small town life this past week, and seemed to love it.

Around 20 kids from Centennial Middle School in the Portland area, exchanged places with Heppner Middle School kids for a week-long immersion in each other's culture. The Portland area kids stayed with Heppner families and attended school at Heppner Middle School.

This is the 12th year of the exchange. Centennial teacher Dave Olcutt has accompanied the kids in 11 of the 12 years of the exchange. Olcutt says the students benefit greatly by the exchange which allows them to experience a different way of life.

Besides attending classes at Heppner Middle School, the kids had a grueling week of tours and demonstrations which included field trips to Kinzua Corp. Mill, Willow Creek Dam, Hardman ghost town, Anson Wright Park, a wheat league demonstration at the Lyle Peck ranch, a Cattleman's Association tour to the Hughes ranch, a tour of Lindsay family feedlot, the Oregon Trail, tour at the Wells Springs site and the Morrow County Museum. In the Boardman area the students



Shannon Mahaffy and Shannon Kinser console the cow being branded at the Hughes ranch.

toured Doug Fritz' potato circle farm, the Boardman Portland General Electric coal fired plant, and the Lamb Weston Potato processing plant.

They also managed to squeeze in a hot dog roast, a barbecue, lunch at Riverside High School and a Friday night dance at Heppner Elementary School. The kids arrived in Heppner around 1 p.m. on Saturday April 11 and left around 10 a.m. the next Saturday.

Jason Greer, 14, who stayed with the John and Kathy Tellechea family, said that school seemed "a lot easier" in Heppner, but acknowledged that it was probably because of the exchange activities. "They seem to keep us busy," he said. Jason said that he had been to Eastern Oregon pheasant hunting before. Although he said there "wasn't anything to do" in Heppner, he was having a "good time." Jason lives in southeast Portland near Gresham.

The Centennial students said that between 800 and 900 students attend their school and the exchange students are selected by lottery. Many more apply that are able to come.

The Centennial students seemed to take everything in stride.

After insisting that they wouldn't be able to eat a thing after watching branding, dehorning, ear tagging and neutering at the Merlin and Claudia Hughes ranch Wednesday, they managed to wolf down a spread of hamburgers, salads, baked beans and brownies at a barbecue put on by the CattleWomen.

Activities at the Hughes ranch included several contests. Besides a lucky button contest, the kids were asked to name as many beef by-products as they could and guess the weight of a bull. Jason had the St. Pat's lucky button, Neal Young, 14, came closest to guessing the correct weight of the bull at 2,200 lbs. Actual weight was 2,180. Ashley Johnson, 13, named the most beef by-products.

While the exchange demonstrates differences between the city and the country life, it also points out the similarities.

Kelli Pokorny found the Heppner kids "really nice." "They're not hillbillies or anything," said Melaina Moorehead, 14. "They're normal." Susan Morsch 15, added that the Heppner school was "bigger" than she had expected. "It has been really fun," concluded Kristen Lemke, 13, "but dirty."

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Elks announce scholarship winners



Nancy Morter

Nancy Morter and Eric Orem, both Ione High School seniors, have been selected first place winners of the annual Elks Scholarship contest. They each won \$700.

Nancy placed fifth at the district contest, winning \$1,000 from the National Elks Foundation. According to a foundation spokesperson, the foundation gives out more money for scholarships than any other organization.

Nancy, who plans to study animal science at Washington State University, has maintained a 3.79 grade point average.

She is involved in volleyball, basketball, tennis, the Letter club, Drama Club, National Honor Society the OSSOM pipeline program as an instructor and the PEER helper program. She is student body secretary-treasurer and is on the 'A' honor roll. She is also involved in 4-H and the Ione Youth Group which has prepared food for the homeless.

Erin Crowell improving

Erin Crowell, an Ione girl who was seriously injured after being thrown from her horse on Easter Sunday, has been moved from intensive care. Her grandmother, June Crowell, says that Erin has shown a slight improvement.

Erin suffered a bruise and some swelling on her brain, both of which are being carefully monitored.

According to a friend of the family, Erin was discovered lying in the middle of the highway. She apparently received head injuries when she had been bucked from her horse, but she doesn't remember what happened.

Since Erin has been moved from intensive care into the pediatric ward, she may now receive mail. Her address is St. Mary's Hospital, 401 W. Poplar, Walla Walla, WA.

Erin is the daughter of Gene and Kristy Crowell, Ione.



Eric Orem

Eric has been student body vice president. He played football and basketball and is a member of the Letter Club and the Honor Society. He is on the 'A' honor roll and was selected for the publication of "Who's Who Among High School Students."

Eric plans to major in forestry at Blue Mountain Community College.



Amy Pointer

Second place winners were Amy Pointer and Brent Sheirbon, both Ione High School seniors. Amy played varsity basketball and volleyball and was named most improved player and player of the week in volleyball and tennis. She is a member of the Letter Club, was homecoming princess and queen, Honor Society president and class secretary. She was on the 'A' honor roll and class valedictorian. She is secretary of the Future Business Leaders of America and placed

Garden club to offer clinic

The Heppner Garden Club will hold its second annual public "Gardener's Clinic" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 2 at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. The clinic is available to all ages and stages of gardener's from beginners to advanced gardener's materials and experienced "Green Thumbs" will be on

fifth in the district skills contest in business English. She has also been a teacher's assistant for a fifth-grade student.

She plans to major in pre-med at either Oregon State University or the University of Portland and aspires to be a doctor specializing in sports medicine.



Brent Sheirbon

Brent has been student body president and has played football, basketball and tennis. He is a member of the Letter Club and the Honor Society and has been on the 'A' honor roll. He plans on attending Blue Mountain Community College and later transfer to a four-year institution.



Nina Tucker

Nina Tucker, Heppner High School and Mike Garrett, Ione High School were third place winners. Each received a \$200 scholarship.

Nina is the student body president and National Honor Society president. She has also been a

student council representative and class vice-president her sophomore and junior years. She was a member of the volleyball, basketball and dance teams and was a cheerleader her senior year. She is a member of the Outdoor Club and the yearbook staff and has participated in the local blood drive, Cycle Oregon III and 4-H programs. She plans to major in business at college.



Mike Garrett

Mike has been involved in football and basketball and was named to the state and district 1A first team. In track he won the state 1600-relay and 1500-meter. He has been PEER helper, a DARE rolemodel and has maintained a 3 point to be named to the 'B' honor roll. He was senior class president and student body vice president. He plans to major in physical education at the secondary level in hopes of teaching and coaching basketball.

Ione preschool registration begins

By Anne Morter
Creative Care Preschool in Ione has started the pre-registration process for the 1992-93 school year. Classes are available for three and four-year-olds with the three-year olds meeting once a week and the four year olds twice a week.

Sign up sheets are located at Del's Market in Lexington and Bristow's and the Post Office in Ione. Interested parties may also contact Debbie Holtz for further information.



Hello Easter Bunny! Four-year old Lynan Bingham was excited at the chance of getting to sit and visit with the Easter bunny for a little while after the egg hunt last Saturday. She is the daughter of DeRina Reid, Hermiston. Her grandparents are Raymond and Deena Reid.

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