

Country kids adapt to city life



L-R: Dan Burnside, Jossie Evans, Tina Kemp, Heather Ripple, Brian Struckmeier.

Heppner Junior High students seemed to adjust to big city living just fine. The students, part of the eighth grade Centennial Middle School Heppner exchange, returned to Heppner April 18 after a week-long stay with a Portland area family. The exchange is in its twelfth year. Centennial Middle School has between 800-900 students compared to around 70 at Heppner Middle School.

The Heppner kids attended school with the Portland kids at the Centennial Middle School and were treated to field trips including the Zoo, OMSI, and the Viet Nam Memorial.

Dan Burnside, 13, Heppner student who participated in the exchange, said that he liked his host family, Shari and Butch Johnson and their son, Sam, but didn't enjoy the school. "The worst part was the school," said Dan. "There are too many kids. The dance was really boring." He said he liked going to the movies and Chuck E Cheese with his hosts.

"I liked it," agreed Brian Struckmeier. "People were pretty nice and talked to us a lot. We got asked if we were from Heppner about 300 times." Brian, 13, also liked his host family, Jack and Elaine Simms and their son, Justin. They went to the movies and to a sports club to play basketball. Brian thought the school was crowded with around 30-35 kids per classroom.

Heather Ripple, 13, said that

the hardest part was adjusting to a big family. She stayed with eighth grader Gloria Doud, her mother, Diana Baker and three brothers, 11, 16 and 19. "I liked it though," said Heather. She thought the worst part was walking downtown for a field trip. The kids came across what they tactfully called "colorful characters" on their downtown excursion. Heather said that school was "lots of fun, lots of people."

"It was a bunch of fun," concurred Tina Kemp, 14. Tina stayed with Dan and Patti Riddell, their eighth grade daughter Melissa and 11 year old son. "The first day of school was scary. The kids were mean," said Tina. "But by the end of the week, everybody at school was sweat to me. The best part was school and all the people there." Tina thought the worst part was the weather. "It always rained, but I had a great time." Tina went shopping and to a movie during her stay.

Jossie Evans, 14, had a less enthusiastic response to her Portland visit. "I had an all right" time," said Jossie. "It was different. It wasn't bad. School was the worst part. It was too big and really crowded." Jossie's hosts Ann Roberts and her mother Sue, took her shopping "a lot." Jossie wasn't able to spend much time with the Heppner kids while she was there. Although Jossie didn't get homesick, she said she was ready to come home to Heppner.

Sr. Center plans plant exchange

A community plant exchange at the St. Patrick's Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, offers all gardeners in the area an opportunity to bring plants to share and or exchange with other gardeners. This is the time of year to prune, divide perennials, transplant, find seedlings, plant seeds, tubers and corms so gardeners are invited to bring their "extras" and share with their neighbors.

Green and color bright yards are an asset to any home and to

any town. This exchange is sponsored by Heppner Garden Club as part of a "Gardening Clinic" designed to provide information and discussion of all kinds of gardening in this area.

"In an exchange, all plants will be free, and who knows? You may find plants to try you haven't grown before. That's part of the fun of growing things," said a garden club member. "We especially invite those just starting their gardens as well as the more experienced."

Laity to preach at Lutheran church

The laity will lead the congregation in worship service at Hope and Valby Lutheran churches this week. Donna Bergstrom will teach the 8:15 a.m. class at Valby, in the absence of Pastor Hoobing. The topic will be on the book of Esther. Paul Tews will begin the 9 a.m. worship service at with Sarah Carlson giving the children's sermon and Dave Barnett will deliver the sermon entitled "O God, Can You Explain This Mess?". His sermon is based on the scripture reading of Revelation 5:11-14.

At the 11 a.m. worship service at Hope Steve Hill will serve as liturgist. Irv Rauch will read the lessons and Linda Shaw will give the sermon.

Pastor Hoobing attended the ELCA Region I Pastoral Conference held in Seaside this past week. Ministers from Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon. This weekend Hoobing will be at Camp Elkana with his confirmation students and other students from Lutheran Churches of the Blue Mountain Cluster. This is an annual confirmation event of the clusters.

Thursday evening April 30, the adults of Hope-Valby congregations will gather to study a three to four week session on the church and health concerns. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a soup supper and discussion on health concerns starts at 7 p.m.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to the 50th wedding anniversary honoring Carl and LaVerda Cox on Saturday, May 9, 1992 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Monument City Park, Monument, Oregon.

No gifts please

Garden club plans open meeting

The Heppner Garden Club will hold their open meeting May 4 at the St. Patrick's Senior Center beginning with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. A guest speaker, Nona Johnson, a commercial grower, will present a program on "Scented Geraniums" following dinner.

Eva Lou Greiner, Condon, director of the Blue Mountain

District of Oregon State Garden Clubs will also be a guest.

The dinner will feature a table-setting arrangement show, where guests will be seated at the show tables.

Anyone interested in entering the table-setting arrangement contest should call Pat Brindle, 676-9684, Bebe Munkers 676-9677 or Jane Rawlins 676-9435.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 110 present for the Senior dinner April 22. Six meals were taken out. Members of the Catholic Church served. Bill Cox won the meal ticket, the door prize went to Cal Healy, and Tom Harman of New Mexico received the guest prize.

The menu for the Mother's Day dinner May 6 will be oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, salad, hot rolls, and dessert. Members of the Baptist Church will serve.

On Thursday, April 23, 17 people rode the senior bus to Hood River, where they took the scenic train ride. They reported a very enjoyable and informative day.

Saturday evening nine seniors went by bus to Hermiston for the dance. Sunday a car load went to the dance at the Senior Center in Pendleton.

The Garden Club will hold a garden clinic and plant sale in the Senior Center dining room on Saturday, May 2. They will also meet at the center Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m.

The senior bus is scheduled to go to Boardman May 5. Those wishing to attend the Cinco De Mayo celebration may sign up at the Senior Center.

Dates to remember: Monday 1-4 quilting; Tuesday and Thursday, 10-10:30 a.m. exercise; Friday 10:30 a.m. Bible Study.

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Mustangs win one, lose one to TigerScots

By Andy Ashbeck

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Athena on Saturday April 18 to begin league play against the Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

Heppner took the first of a doubleheader game, 10-5 and

Barbecue planned

A family barbecue and play day at Willow Creek Country Club will be held on Sunday, May 3 at 4 p.m.

Hosts for the afternoon are: John and Pat Edmundson, chairmen, Bob and Suzanne Jepsen, Duane and Robanai Disque and Gary and Barbara Watkins.

Each family will bring their own meat to barbecue. Those whose names begin with A through I should bring dessert and J through Z a salad.

dropped the second 5-4.

In the first game Jim Kindle started on the mound getting the win, striking out 12 TigerScots. Kindle threw strong through five and two-thirds innings, giving up three hits and five runs.

Jim Tellechea took over on the mound for the rest of the game,

striking out two, giving up no runs. The Mustangs swung the bat pretty solid, combining for 11 hits, lead by Tellechea, Trent Hughes, Scott Coe and Chris Dickenson each with two hits apiece.

Scott Coe took the loss on the mound in the second game pitching all seven innings. Coe threw well, giving up three hits and five runs while striking out eight batters. Heppner combined for just five hits and scored four runs.

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