

Cathy Halvorsen goes to Spain



Cathy Halvorsen with city of Toledo Spain, in the background

By Anne Morter

Cathy Halvorsen of Ione was recently awarded a week-long trip to Spain by ASSE, an organization that coordinates student exchanges between countries. Cathy is the area coordinator for ASSE.

Leaving Portland on June 10, Cathy arrived in New York City with high hopes of doing some sightseeing but instead saw rush hour traffic at Queens. She wasn't due to depart to Madrid until 4 p.m. on Friday but confusion over her ticket kept her at the airport most of the day instead of seeing the city.

Her sightseeing went much better in Madrid. A former exchange student from Vernonia, now studying at the University of Madrid, was helpful in lining out tour activities. Each day of her stay, she took guided tours of the city and surrounding area, soaking in much of the local history and culture.

A highlight of her trip was seeing the Pope drive by her hotel. He was in Madrid to bless a cathedral that had been 100 years in the making. He celebrated a Mass in a large square, where an estimated 750,000 to one million people attended.

Halvorsen toured several palaces and castles during her

stay. She visited a breathtaking cathedral in Toledo, and saw priceless works of art in Segovia. She also visited Avila, a city built within walls and the home of St. Theresa.

One of Halvorsen's main responsibilities on the trip was to chaperone a group of U.S. and Canadian exchange students back to JFK Airport in New York and get them on their connecting flights. The group of 20 students gathered at a hotel at the airport on Thursday and flew out Friday. Cathy said that they all seemed to have had a great time in Spain and, despite the fact that none of them spoke Spanish when they arrived, she had a hard time getting them to speak English.

About her trip, Cathy says, "It was really exciting. I hope to get a chance to do it again sometime. It was an interesting place and I met so many people from all over."

Now home, Cathy is still looking for host families for next year. She has several students looking for exchange homes in the U.S. including a couple of students from the Soviet Union. Interested families should contact Cathy at 422-7107 or call Mickie at 1-800-733-2773.

Riney runner-up in contest

Katie Riney, the 12 year old daughter of Dave and Sara Riney of Condon, finished as first runner-up in the statewide Pre-Teen of Oregon contest. The contest was held May 22-23 at the Hilton Hotel in Portland.

In competing with 59 other contestants, Riney also placed second runner-up in the speech contest of the competition. She presented a speech entitled 'Youth Pride of the Present, Hope of the Future'. She earned a trophy for both awards.

Judging is based on poise, appearance, personality and personal interview.

Riney has just completed the seventh grade at Condon and has been active in volleyball, basketball and various 4-H projects. She enjoys cooking, modeling, 4-H work and being with her friends.

Supporting her as sponsors through the contest have been Trim West, Fatland's Tires, Summit Springs Shirt Company and family and friends from Con-



Katie Riney

don, Heppner, Prineville and Bend.

Katie has one sister Megan. Her grandparents are Jiggs and Rita Bowman, Heppner and Al and Peggy Dean Riney, Mikkalo.

Wagenblast joins athletes in China



David Wagenblast

By Anne Morter

David Wagenblast, a recent graduate of Ione High School, has been invited to join a team of high school athletes traveling this summer to play basketball.

Wagenblast's team will travel

to Beijing, China, where they will compete in four games during the 10 day stay. The trip, which is coordinated by the International Sports Exchange, will also feature many opportunities for sightseeing as well as chances to mingle with Chinese students.

International Sports Exchange is an organization which offers athletes an opportunity to travel abroad and compete in sporting events with athletes of different cultures and languages. Each year ISE takes more than 100 teams abroad for competitions. Competition sites include such places as Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Austria, The Philippines, Singapore, Hawaii, England, Germany, Poland, Kenya, Australia and New Zealand.

Wagenblast had the misfortune of breaking his ankle in the state all-star basketball series last week but hopes to be sufficiently recovered to make the trip.

'Living in Gods Creation'



Approximately 50 children ages 3 through sixth grade, and 18 teachers and helpers were on hand this past week at the Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School. VBS, sponsored by the Methodist, Lutheran and All Saints began each morning with the children singing songs led by Geneva Matthews. The week ended with a picnic at the park.

Sheriff's Dept. awards scholarship

Paul McDonough, Irrigon, is the recipient of the Morrow County Sheriff's Association \$500 college scholarship. McDonough is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McDonough and graduated from Riverside High School. He has been a member of the Boardman Police Explorer post for the past three years and has been a leading participant in several police cadet competitions and has taken part in a variety of Police Cadet service projects.

The scholarship, which is funded entirely from dues paid by the deputies and dispatchers of the Morrow County Sheriff's office, is awarded to a Morrow county high school senior who is planning a career in law enforce-

ment. The winner is selected on the basis of an application, letters of recommendation, scholarship need and the applicants performance on an oral interview.

"Cadet McDonough proved to be the outstanding applicant from the three Morrow County high schools," said a press release. He plans to attend Blue Mountain Community College for his associate degree and then transfer to Western Oregon State College to complete his bachelors program in law enforcement. Paul says he wants to experience a broad spectrum of law enforcement activities but would like to specialize in narcotics enforcement.

Livestock club to hold drawing

The North Lex Livestock club has planned a drawing for an Oregon Trail blanket.

Tickets will be sold during the Ione Fourth of July activities and are available from club members and at the Cecil store through July 8. The blanket will be on display at the Cecil store. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or six for \$5. During the Fourth of July

festivities tickets will be sold during the continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Ione City Park; at the hoop shoot at 2 p.m. and before the fireworks from 7:30 p.m. to dusk at the popcorn sale by the Ione school tennis courts.

Proceeds will go toward community service projects.

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Nancy Morter earns scholarship

Nancy Morter, Ione, is the recipient of the \$500 Biological Systems Engineering Freshman Scholarship at Washington State University. The WSU freshman studies biological systems engineering. Morter is the agriculture and home economics student senate publicity director and an ambassador for the college of agriculture and home economics. The 1992 graduate of

Ione High School is also an active member of the American Society of Agriculture Engineers, student branch. She is the daughter of Perry and Kathy Morter, Ione.

Washington State University's College of Agriculture and Home Economics has awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarships to incoming and current students for the 1993-94 academic year.

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