

Fun at Outdoor School....

Tupper Outdoor School is like the camp songs that run through the hearts and minds of youthful campers. It just won't die.

Despite the slings and arrows of Ballot Measure 5, teachers and parents, some of whom attended Outdoor School themselves, are determined to keep the experience alive for future sixth-graders.

Outdoor School could have been a casualty of Ballot Measure 5 budget cuts. This will be the last year that the week-long camping experience and many other school programs will receive school district funding. Outdoor School has been partially funded through 5th and 6th-grade fund raisers, such as ticket sales for a television in Heppner and bake sales, bottle drives, free throw contests and other money-makers for schools. This year Heppner raised around \$2,900. "We usually make more than we spend," said Heppner Elementary School sixth-grade teacher and Tupper veteran Dave Gunderson.

Gunderson, alias "Hoosier", his camp nickname, is a strong proponent of the program. "It gets better every year," he said. Gunderson says that the real benefit of the program is the responsibility, camaraderie, cooperation and teamwork that the camp instills in the children, in addition to a great deal of knowledge about the outdoors.

The Outdoor School has been in existence over 20 years. The staff is a real melding of the Heppner and Ione communities. Gunderson is in his 8th year. Jannie "Cricket" Allen, Ione, also a sixth-grade teacher at Heppner Elementary, has been a camp teacher for six years and Dean "Rowdy" Robinson, Heppner, language arts teacher at Ione Schools, has been a Tupper teacher seven years. Fifth-grade HMS teacher Bill "Honker" Ewing has taught at the camp four years and sixth-grade HMS teacher Vicky "Bro" Broden is on her second year. Greg "Woody" (short for wood duck, his favorite bird) Likens, Ione science teacher, is a three-year veteran. Gunderson, Allen and Robinson were full time Tupper teachers, while Ewing, Broden and Likens taught part time. Bobbi Angell has been camp cook for the past five years.

This year during the Heppner-Ione week, the camp housed 52 Heppner kids, 15 Ione kids and 15 high school counselors in addition to the cook, staff members and assorted parents who come up during the day to help out in the kitchen. A handicapped student, Eric Rollis, was able to at-



Heppner and Ione sixth graders learn to make tracks Wednesday as part of the Outdoor school at the Tupper Guard Station.



Students enjoy free time during a break in the day.

tend camp this year during the daytime. Boardman and Irrigon students attended Outdoor School the previous week.

This year the district budgeted \$4,111 for the camp, which will have to be raised by other means next year. Costs include wages for substitutes to replace the teachers who are at Tupper, bus transportation and food, which is around \$30 per student for the week. The Forest Service has discussed the rental of the Tupper Guard Station and may agree

to waive their normal campground fee next year. The last two years the Tupper teachers received extra duty pay, but, says Gunderson, "We have done it for years without extra pay."

The Heppner Parents Club has already planned a car wash to raise funds for Tupper, this Saturday, May 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., behind Les Schwab. The car wash will also feature hot dogs, popcorn, pop and baked goods for sale.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

--Alice Majeske has returned home after a stay in the hospital in Walla Walla, WA.

--Mr. and Mrs. Ken Marshall

from Yakima Valley, WA., visited in Lexington one day last week.

--Mr. and Mrs. Franklin

Messenger are spending some time in Lexington to be near his father Truman E. Messenger, Sr., who was a patient at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

--Graveside services were held Saturday in Illwaco for Myrtle J. Miller. Mrs. Miller was the mother of Earl Miller, former Heppner resident and a sister of Cecil Jones. Kenneth Jones attended the service on Saturday.

--The last of the series of card parties held at the Oddfellow Hall was Saturday evening. Winning prizes were: women's high-Carol Norris, second-Kathy Tellechea; men's high-Vern Keithley, second-Bob Taylor; traveling-Sue Vinson and Delpha Jones. Refreshments were served by the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor.



Pulling rye hard work

Approximately 35 kids and five adults pulled rye for seven hours Saturday at the Ken Turner ranch outside of Heppner. Money earned from rye pulling will be applied toward the students pay-to-participate job bank program. Extra money earned will be donated to the Wildhorse Club, which in the past has been used to build a weight room at HHS, buy a VCR and much needed extra equipment used for the students that has not been budgeted for. Along with Turner students and parents have pulled for Tommy Martin, Jerry Doherty and Irv Rauch. Students have two more weeks to pull rye. The program was started by Greg Grant about three years ago.

Flood awareness week set

The Morrow County Emergency Management Center, in conjunction with the National Weather Service and the Army Corps of Engineers, has scheduled Flash Flood Awareness Week from May 31 to June 3, Casey Beard, Emergency Management Center director, has announced. June 3 is the 91st anniversary of the catastrophic 1903 Heppner flood.

Beard says that the Army Corps of Engineers has planned tours of the Willow Creek Dam May 31 and June 1 and 2, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. For group tours, call 676-5161. Those interested in taking the tours should meet at the base of the dam on the side opposite the baseball field.

Representatives from the weather service and Corps will tell how flash floods occur and explain why Heppner is vulnerable.

On June 3, a practice flash flood drill will be held in the morning to test the current flood plan. A critique of the drill has been planned for the afternoon.

To schedule a speaker for groups or meetings on the flash flood awareness program, call Beard, 676-5161.

Bike-a-thon May 22

By Anne Morter

The Ione St. Jude Bike-a-thon has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 22. The event was postponed due to rain last Sunday.

Registration begins at noon near the Ione Fire Hall. Two courses are available: a 22 mile ride from Ruggs to Ione and a one mile circuit route within the Ione City limits. Rides to Ruggs will leave at 12:30 p.m. for anyone needing transportation. Bicyclists may also register at Ruggs. Both rides will begin at 1 p.m.

The Ione St. Jude Bike-a-thon raises funds for the St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN., the leading childhood cancer research center in the country.

Anyone needing further information should contact coordinators, Anne Morter at 422-7429 or Janet Thompson, 422-7549.

WCCC Golf

WCCC Womens May 17

Flight A: low gross-Pat Edmundson; low net-Anita Boyer; least putts-Luvilla Sonstegard; K.P. #1 Anita Boyer; K.P. #8 Pat

Edmundson.

Flight B: low gross-Linda Schultz; low net-Carol Norris; least putts-Karen Thompson.

Flight C: low gross-Joyce Dinkins; low net-Dorris Graves; least putts-Doll Campbell, Betty Christian, Dorothy Hawkins.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 106 people present for the senior dinner May 11. Eight dinners were taken out. Elsie Huston won the meal ticket, Bill Cox the door prize and Shirley Currier received the guest gift. Members of the Christian Life Center served. The senior board met following the dinner. Eva Mabbot and Carol Mitchell of CAPECO were present for the meeting.

The menu for the birthday dinner May 25 will be baked ham, corn, potato rounds, carrot raisin salad, rolls, gingerbread and ice cream. Members from the Seventh-Day Adventist and Nazarene churches will serve.

There will be a Health Choices meeting on May 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. These meetings are held to explain the Oregon State Health Insurance program. There are many changes that everyone should know about. Only one person attended the meeting in April.

The Health Fair "Wellness Through the Ages" will be held at the senior center Thursday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All ages are invited to attend.

One table of pinochle was played Friday afternoon. Eight seniors were present for the movie Sunday, "A Cry in the Wild".

Dates to remember: Monday, Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Tues. and Thurs., exercise, 10 a.m.; Friday, cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday, movie, 7 p.m.

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