

Puppet production July 6 & 7

The Oregon puppet Theatre will bring its new production of a classic Japanese folktale to Heppner Wednesday July 6 at 2:30 p.m. and Boardman on July 7 at 2 p.m. Both productions will be held at the public libraries. "Urashima Taro and the Sea Princess" is the story of a poor young fisherman who travel on the back of a huge tortoise to the underwater Dragon Palace. Welcomed by the Sea King with a banquet, elegant clothing and the most beautiful gardens in the world, Urashima also finds love. He and the Sea Princess (the tortoise transformed) spend three enchanted days together. But Urashima returns home only to discover that, in fact, 300 years have passed. At his home village Urashima opens a memento from his beloved princess and ages instantaneously.

The production is an international collaboration. Bruce Chesse, Oregon Puppet Theatre artistic director, created the carved rod puppets using designs suggested by the classic Japanese printmaker, Utamaro. Japanese puppeteers Mieko Katagiri and Mineko Arashi created the



Puppet show to be in Heppner

authentic costumes. They and other members of their Sapporo based theater group also painted the traditional scroll scenery which unfolds across the stage background. Authentic music, props, full stage lighting and additional scenery in the form of Shoji screens help to bring the story to life.

Chesse first met his Japanese colleagues while touring in Japan in 1988. He says "Working with these exciting artists is something I have wanted to do for a long

time. Their own shows are very impressive, and this production blends two classic puppet theater traditions."

Chesse and his partner Susan Barthel founded the Oregon Puppet Theatre in 1983. They have performed throughout the United States, Scandinavia, Micronesia and Puerto Rico. Besides a repertory that includes "The Ugly Duckling", "The Elves and the Shoemaker" and "The Lion and the Mouse", they produce giant parade puppets and theme puppets used in video and commercials. They have carried out major projects for the Carnegie Art Museum, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service.

The two performances in Morrow county are sponsored by Oregon Trail Library as part of its "Catch the Wave-Read" summer reading program. Library director, Wendell Buck, says, "I am delighted that the library can bring such an exciting event to our communities. It promises to be one of the highlights of our summer program." In Heppner the summer reading programs begin at 1:45 p.m. and the puppet show will begin about 2:30.

WCCC Golf

Ladies 9 hole Invitational June 28

Low gross of the field: Sharon Gordon, Canyon Lakes and Eileen Padberg, Willow Creek.

Flight A: low gross, a five way tie at 39 between Marilyn Willems, Canyon Lake, Merl Hayes, Lower Valley, Lois Hunt, Anita Boyer and Pat Edmundson, all Willow Creek.

Low net: a tie between Marvene Lovato, Sun Willows and Jan Paustian, Willow Creek. Flight B: low gross a five way tie between Johnny Berst, West Richland, Helen Mitchell, Canyon Lakes, Janet Taylor, Pendleton Country Club, Pearl Koch, Lower Valley and Karen Thompson, Willow Creek.

Low net: a tie between Mamie London Canyon Lakes and Laurie Duncan, Tri-Cities.

Flight C low gross: Pear Hamilton, 46, Walla Walla; low net-Judy Ackley, 17, LaGrande.

Flight D: low gross, Marla Fox, 47, Canyon Lakes.

KP Flight A: Jan Paustian; flight B-Helen Fenner, Walla Walla.; flight C-Doris Graves, Willow Creek.

Long drive Flight A-Meryl Hayes.; flight B-Eldera Cross, Canyon Lakes, flight C-Gwen Hayes, Sun Willows.

Chip ins: #2, Freda Herron and Helen Mitchell; #3 Anita Boyer; #7 Lorena Jones and Bea Wingent; #8 Marla Fox; #9 Johnny Berst.

Small town grows on exchange student

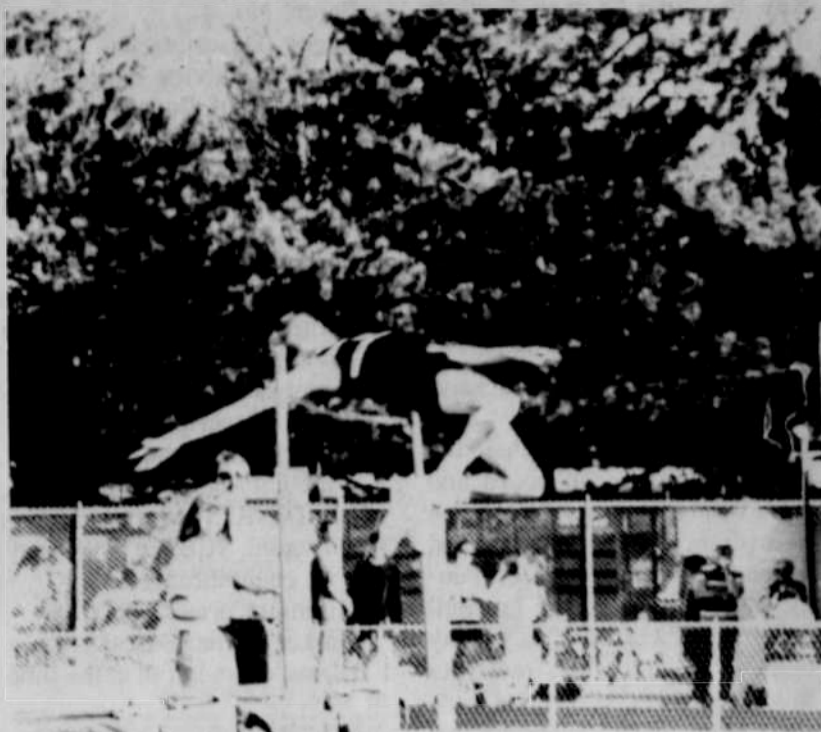
By Anne Morter

In one of the first conversations between exchange student Lars Krecthing and his hosts for the past year, Butch and Helen Heideman, Lars inquired about the population of this strange, new place called Ione. When Helen replied "300", Lars waited several seconds for her to finish, and much to his surprise she already had. The population was not 300,000 but just plain old 300. And he noted with a grin that the official population is stated as a mere 245 on the "Entering Ione" signs, hinting that Helen had fudged slightly on her population statistics. "I didn't know there were towns this size. I've never seen one this small," says Lars. But with a couple of months to prepare before leaving for Ione last August, he says he was as ready as he could have been for a year in rural America. Now as he returns to his native Germany this week, he allows that maybe, just maybe he grew to like it here. "I don't know if I want to go home or not," he said.

Lars, age 17, spent the last 10 months as an ASSE exchange student, attending Ione High School and learning about farm life. He comes from the town of Nottuln, Germany, which would be considered small by German standards with a population of about 15,000 people. Nottuln is located about 17 miles from Munster, the city where Ione student, Heidi Orem, spent the 1992-93 school year. Munster is a fairly major city with a population of a couple hundred thousand.

Back in Germany, Lars has two brothers, Jens, age 19 and Sven age 11, and a sister, Nina, age 15. His parents Rita and Ludger own a trucking company that moves freight all over Europe. With two years of schooling remaining and a mandatory one-year stint in the military waiting for him, Lars doesn't know if he will follow the family footsteps into the transportation business, but it seems it's a definite possibility. For the time being his plan is "to go to school as long as possible."

Lars decided to become an exchange student after reading about the program in a magazine that he found. "I asked my parents and they said it was OK," he says. He then remembered that it was only OK with half of his



Lars clears the high jump bar

parents. He says that the plan sounded good to his dad but his mom took some major convincing. He applied to the ASSE Student Exchange program with a couple of friends, one who went to Texas and the other to Illinois. Lars noted that being assigned to different parts of the country was good because they were more inclined to get out and meet people in their host communities. He was also thinking that if he was within visiting range of his friends, he might be inclined to speak German all the time and not work on his English. As it turns out, at least two people at Ione High School, Heidi Orem and another exchange student, Thomas Voegeding, could converse in German. But Lars used his year well and improved his already fluent English even more.

Lars had a busy year at IHS, playing football in the fall, basketball in the winter and track in the spring. With prior soccer experience, he held down the kick-off duties on the varsity team and tried a few punts on JV. His noteworthy 6'8" height came in handy in basketball where he saw both JV and varsity action. One highlight of the season was a dunk during a game. In track, he led the team in all of the meets, winning the pole vault, javelin and high jump at district and tying the state record in the high jump at the state meet with a jump of 6'6". Due to more misses, he finished second at state.

Besides sports, he discovered a love for fishing. He and host, Butch Heideman, enjoyed

numerous fishing outings. On most occasions, he caught more fish than Butch, a fact he liked to rub in if given a chance. While on the senior class trip to the coast, he also got the chance to go deep sea fishing, another experience that he enjoyed. Lars took part in other new adventures during his stay in Ione such as snowmobiling, water skiing and four-wheeler riding, but he managed to avoid the almost mandatory exercise of riding a horse.

Despite his initial misgivings, Lars enjoyed his year in Ione. After his experience, he thinks that small towns might be even better than big ones for exchange students because of the opportunities to become involved. "He thought it was very nice," commented Helen. She said Lars was amazed that everyone seemed to know him and would say hello on the street. She noted the hardest parts for him were getting used to the wide open spaces and adapting to driving everywhere. In Germany, Lars was used to walking a short distance to the grocery store or bakery. Living with the Heidemans 17 miles out of town meant nothing was a short distance away.

Living with the Heidemans might have seemed a little out of the ordinary at first due to their age difference. Butch and Helen have grandkids at Ione High School. But according to Helen, Lars adapted very well to their lifestyle and "fit right into our family." She did admit that getting back in the swing of catching the bus and fixing lunches was different at first but it didn't take long to find a routine. Lars returned to Germany this week, leaving behind the sagebrush for the breathtaking landscapes of his homeland. As the senior class he graduated with goes their separate ways, he returns to his old friends and two more years of school. But he takes many memories of the people he met and the places he visited. One can almost hear him now, telling his friends about this place that was almost too small to believe.

Lars visited Ione through the ASSE Student Exchange program. ASSE originally provided student exchanges between the U.S. and Scandinavia but has since expanded to 35 offices in 28 countries. They accommodate over 50,000 students and host families each year. Cathy Halvorsen is the area representative. She may be reached at 422-7107 or through the regional office at 1-800-733-2773.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



Ninety-six people, including four guests attended the senior dinner at the St. Patrick Senior Center June 22. Eight meals were taken out. Ed Hunt won the meal ticket, Julia Hill the door prize and Linda Heath received the guest prize. Members of the Episcopal Church served. The meal site committee met following the dinner.

The menu for July 6 will be lasagna, carrots, tossed salad, whole wheat rolls, peach cobbler with topping and juice. Members of the First Christian Church will serve. The Meal Site Committee will meet following the meal. The hearing aid representative will be at the center along with the health nurse to take blood pressures and Home Health for foot care.

Dot Halvorsen took seven ladies on a bus ride in the country Friday morning. Dot and Flossie Watkins made the trip interesting by pointing out interesting spots and telling who lived on each ranch the group passed by.

There were not enough card players among the eight people who gathered in the rec room Friday afternoon so the afternoon was spent visiting and working on the puzzle.

Eight people watched the movie "Wilderness Family" Sunday evening.

The bus will travel to Milton-Freewater Fri., July 1. Anyone wishing to go to lunch at the meal site there may sign up at the senior center office or call 676-9030. Suggested donation for the bus is \$2.50 per person.

The bus will travel to Arlington July 12. Suggested donation is \$2.50 per person.

Beulah Ogletree was the guest of honor at a surprise party at the senior center. She celebrated her 89th birthday Monday, June 27. The party was given by her brother and sister-in-law Bud and Harriet Batty. Floss Watkins made the cake. Approximately 40 friends and relatives attended.

Dates to remember: Tues., and Thurs., exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, dinner, noon; Friday cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie, 7 p.m.

Bridal Tables

Regina Mosen & Michael Mills
Wedding - July 9, 1994

Rachel Norton & Brian Roth
Wedding July 30, 1994

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Cleaning the mini park



North Lex Livestock 4-H club members picked rocks and raked the area of the new mini park recently. This was part of a community service project. Their leader is Stacey Wainwright.

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