

College visitation program planned

Parents of high school students are invited to attend a college visitation program by representatives from Oregon's four-year public colleges and universities at Heppner High School, Thursday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. Lone students are their parents are also invited to attend.

The program is an opportunity for interested students and parents to receive first hand information about academic program offerings, admission requirements, student support services, housing, costs to attend, financial aid, scholarships and other information important in planning for college.

A general presentation on the public colleges and universities will be followed by individual college sessions presented by representatives from Eastern

Oregon State College, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon State College, University of Oregon and Western Oregon State College.

The Oregon State System of Higher Education college visitation program reaches almost all public and private high schools in the state. The program's goal is to stimulate good post-high school planning and decision making by students and to provide them with an introduction to the educational and career opportunities available through Oregon's four-year public colleges and universities.

Parents are urged to discuss post-high school plans with their sons and daughters before and after the visitation program.

Phil Nesse resigns from Extension

Morrow and Gilliam County Extension crops agent Phil Nesse has resigned his position to take an Extension position in Minnesota.

Nesse, a crops agent first in Gilliam County then later in both Gilliam and Morrow counties, has been with the local Extension for the past six years. Effective immediately, he has taken a position as a manure utilization specialist at the Staples Irrigated Experiment Station in north-central

Minnesota. Extension funding issues are unresolved at this time and it will be later in the fall before it will be determined if Nesse's position will be filled.

Questions related to agricultural crops, in the meantime, may be directed to Sandy Macnab at Sherman County Extension 565-3230, or Wasco County Extension 296-5494; or Mike Stoltz, Umatilla County Extension 278-5403. Both Macnab and Stoltz are cereals agents.

Singspiration Sunday, Sept. 10

"Rock of Ages", "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art" are just a few of the favorite hymns that may be sung at the Singpiration service planned for Sunday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. "We hope to have special music by individuals

and groups as well," said the Reverend Stan Hoobing, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church.

A free-will offering will be taken during the service for the ministry of the South Morrow County Ministerial Association. After the service, there will be refreshments and opportunity for fellowship.

Nazarene church begins Sunday School

The Nazarene Church will begin a new series of Sunday School classes this Sunday, Sept. 10. The classes have been designed for four age groups: primary, junior, teens and adults.

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee will be served from 9-9:30 a.m. before Sunday School.

Bible classes will begin at 9:45 a.m. for children and teens. Adult Bible classes will begin at 9:55 a.m. All classes will end at 10:45 a.m.

Morning worship hour starts at 11 a.m. "Feel free to join us for either Sunday School or worship this Sunday or any Sunday thereafter," said the Reverend Duane Jones.

Sunday evening services will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 17, and on Wednesday, Sept. 20, Teen time and adult Bible stories will begin at 7 p.m.

Sunday evening, Sept. 10, everyone is invited to attend the community Singpiration at Hope Lutheran Church, starting at 7 p.m.

Tony Currin wins calf roping event

Tony Currin of Heppner won \$1,997 at the Horse Heaven Round-up Rodeo in Ken-

newick, WA, Aug. 23-26. Currin won the calf roping event with a time of 19 seconds in two rounds.



Attendance at a 50 year class reunion should be rewarded with a badge of courage or survivorship. Underneath those wrinkles and gray hair it's sometimes difficult to recognize those teenagers that you once rubbed elbows with on a daily basis or punched in the nose or even dated.

It's demoralizing to once again connect with former classmates who never seem to gain weight or change. Unfortunately it's usually the men. That's because macho guys never undergo childbirth, become worrywarts or manage to ignore the strife of rearing a family. How unfair that those scruffy, pipsqueak boys turn into distinguished-looking men.

Though I wasn't a member of the class of 1945 celebrating their 50th reunion recently, I perceived this occasion as a time to remind those attending that regardless of their worldly status, I should still be revered as an upper classmate, if only by one year, as well as a hometown survivor.

Class reunions are a time to find out about accomplishments, especially from those who are the biggest braggarts. When it comes to grandchildren's pictures I suspect that some of those photos are borrowed-my generation couldn't have handed down that many high-quality genes.

It's also a time for some folks to revisit their roots except those of us who never got far from the tree. Unlike metro areas, most Heppner kids came up through the grades together, pimples and all, while picking our noses and finding ways to make sure that others got into trouble.

Some of these alumni returnees even demonstrated their physical stamina by playing golf. There wasn't a local golf course in those "good ol' days". But we could sure kick a ball around a vacant lot when we weren't busy kicking each other. We also played a mean game as hotshot baseball players on the rocky, rough ground called lower field except when the ball ended up floating down Willow Creek.

Betty Coxen Hoyt, still married to that handsome hunk from the class of '43, reminisced about Heppner's changing face. Betty's apparent fondness for sweets brought back memories of Scotty's ice cream parlor in the old Heppner Hotel building and the demise of the building where her father once barbered wiggly heads.

Somehow the class of '45 ended up with more male graduates. Our class was down to about four boys by graduation time. For our senior prom the girls often relied on male cousins, grabbed a soldier on leave or stooped to dating an underclassman. Perhaps our male classmates were run out of town by us gregarious girls or else we were known for giving the best going-away parties as boys entered the military during World War II. It's a wonder that any of us were allowed to graduate after student body members banded together, goose-stepping in unison, and gave Supt. George Corwin a Nazi-type salute.

How many of those class prophecies written in annuals came true? Guys like Jack Edmondson, Portland, talked about military service and playing on championship football teams. As most of that class gravitated to other areas, perhaps they've tacked on some impressive titles as heads of corporations. Who would have thought that the once-scrawny Jack Pickens, Spokane, would spend 23 years in the Air Force and have another career with the government? He certainly did grow up.

But then everyone in this class couldn't become notorious in local circles like County Commissioner Raymond French or the illustrious former Pendleton mayor Joe McLaughlin. Anyone who ever knew Ted Ferguson would question his statement that he maintains a low profile in Gold Beach, after retiring as the owner-operator for 36 years of a men's clothing store. And how about that "gone native" Freddie Rugg, who lives in Juneau, Alaska. It was also heart-warming to hear former country bumpkins, Jean Turner Runnion and Pat Kenny Erwin, complain about the congestion and traffic in their Willamette Valley area. Serves them right for deserting my neighborhood. Nevertheless, it was great to renew old acquaintances, even though they've aged better than I have.

Youth advisory committee planned

In an effort to obtain youth input for the Commission on Children & Families, two Youth Advisory Committees will soon be established, one in the north and one in the south end of the county. The committees will be made up of youth volunteers between 14-19 years of age coming from all ethnic, cultural, socio-economic and educational backgrounds, said a commission news release. The committees will be supervised by the commission staff but in a "shadow leadership" advisory role only. The teens will develop their own by-laws, goals and objectives, plan their agendas, run the meetings and will provide representation to the Commission on Children & Families.

According to Dar Merrill, executive director for the commission, there are several benefits that will come from these youth advisory committees. "The committees provide opportunities for youth to advise the commission and other agencies on issues, policies and programs concerning children and youth interests in Morrow

County," said Merrill. "They provide a forum whereby youth may have an input into policy issues decided on by the commission that directly impact youth. This will give commission members a greater perspective of the issues at hand and allow them to make better informed decisions. Secondly, the youth advisory committees bring county youth from various walks of life together to work on issues that they are jointly concerned about. They will be able to influence policy and really make a difference in the community. Thirdly, by participating on the committees, the youth learn skills in leadership, decision-making, group participation, planning and community involvement. The skills learned in the committees will augment and put into practice those things learned in school."

Further information and applications for the Youth Advisory Committees can be obtained from school counselors or through the Commission on Children & Families by calling 676-9675.

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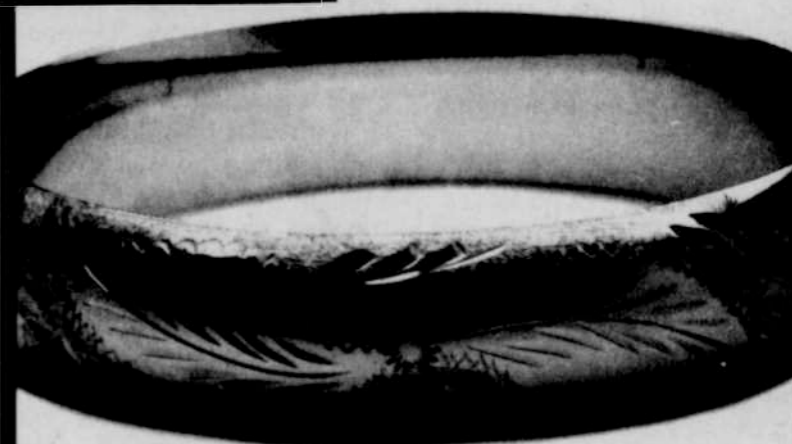
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Performance in The Dalles Sept. 16

The Northwest Senior Theatre, who performed "Thanks for the Memories" in Heppner have scheduled a performance for Saturday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. at The Dalles High School auditorium.

The show is a tribute to USO shows during World War II.

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