

Heppner kids gain knowledge of city life



Back (left to right): Camille Sykes, Danielle McDowell and Marissa McCabe; front (left to right)-Mary Saenz, Shad Hisler, Craig Scott

Were Heppner area teenagers lured by the big city and bright lights of Portland? You bet, but the kids, who participated in the annual Centennial Middle School-Heppner Junior High School eighth grade exchange program also came back home with expanded horizons, a better knowledge of city life and a renewed appreciation for their own home town and school.

In addition to regular classes, the 23 Heppner eighth graders who participated in the exchange April 26-May 3 learned about the Columbia River Gorge; toured the Vista House; hiked on the Horsetail/Oneonta Trail to Multnomah Falls; picnicked at Blue Lake Park; visited Portland businesses, including R.R. Donnelley Norwest, Inc., Stream International and Trailblazer Food Products; toured OMSI, which featured "The Living Sea" and "Giants of the Gobi Desert"; visited Clackamas Town Center; swam at the North Clackamas Aquatic Center; learned about the Willamette River, the port and international trade while they were aboard the Sternwheeler "Columbia Gorge"; took MAX to Old Town where they saw examples of urban renewal, visited museums, Nike Town, the transit mall and Pioneer Square. Whew! And some Centennial families who hosted Heppner students also planned activities of their own.

So what do the local kids really think? Following are observations from a few of the students.

"I had a good time," said Danielle McDowell, 13, daughter of Bill and Merilee McDowell of Heppner. "I want to go back for a longer period of time." Danielle says she liked the water park and the mall best of all. "We needed more time at the mall, though," she said. "We only had 40 minutes at the mall." Going to school itself wasn't so much fun, added Danielle. "I didn't like going to school," she said. "We just sat in the back of the class and did nothing. The teachers didn't have anything for us to do and the librarians wouldn't let us go to the library." Danielle also went to the aquarium at Newport with another Centennial area family.

"It was like one of the best weeks I've ever had," said Craig Scott, 14, son of Alan and Debbie Scott of Heppner. "I could have stayed another week." Craig says that the best thing during the week was the visit to the aquatics center. "The most boring part was when we went to the print shop," said Craig. He says he prefers the system at Heppner Junior High over Centennial. "They split the school into groups and if someone was on the other team, you wouldn't see them until after school."

"It was a lot of fun," said Marissa McCabe, 14, daughter of John and Sonja McCabe, Heppner. "It was really different-the school was a lot different. I didn't like how they had teams. You just didn't get to see everybody from the school." Marissa said that the best thing about the trip was her host family. "I liked my family the best," she said. "They were really nice."

"I liked it," said Shad Hisler, 14, son of Susie and Paul Hisler, Heppner. "But the school was a

tad bit too big for me." Besides "the girls" at Centennial, Shad liked swimming at the aquatic center, but wasn't too crazy about walking in Old Town. "I didn't like walking downtown as far as we did," he said.

Mary Saenz, 13, the daughter of Cayetano and Rosario Saenz, Heppner, says that "School was good. It was big." She said she especially liked swimming and going down the slides at the aquatics center. "We went to a place where they printed books," she said. "It was boring." She also accompanied her host family to church and a youth group meeting and went out for hamburgers.

Scott VanWinkle, 13, son of Georgia and Jim VanWinkle, Heppner, said he really liked the school and the kids at Centennial. "I liked just hanging around with all the people in the classroom," said Scott. "There were some cool kids. The school was awesome. It wasn't a lot different from here other than there were a whole bunch of kids. The classes were kind of the same." Scott said he thought the students had to be "more responsible" at Centennial, "because there are so many kids, the teachers couldn't help each one."

"School was okay," said Camille Sykes, daughter of David and April Sykes, Heppner. "It was kind of strict." Camille went to Saturday Market, to the mall and skating with her host family. "I liked my family," she said. "And I liked the aquatic center best out of the whole week."

A.J. Perez, 14, son of Adam and Ginger Perez, Heppner, went to the Smithsonian exhibit, a candy store with a real chocolate waterfall and played paint ball. "Paint ball was cool, really fun. It hurt when you got hit, just for a couple seconds." A.J. didn't enjoy the long bus rides, but did like his family. "They were pretty nice people," said A.J. He also liked the school. "The school was really interesting," he said. "It was fun, but if I would

have gone there without my (host) kid, I would have been lost. I wouldn't have known where to go."

Heppner students attending Centennial include: Krista Adams, who stayed with Dan and Karen Daugherty and their daughter, Cheyenne, Gresham; Beth Baker-William, Deidre and Meara Henley; Jennifer Dilley-Greg, Julie and Stacie Howell; Sarah Eckman-Sue and Lainea Walters; Amber Flairz-Dennis, Carol and Stacey Burnett, Gresham; Marissa McCabe-Ron, Becky and Melena Erler, Gresham; Danielle McDowell-Harley, JoAnne and Jenny Jentzsch, Gresham; Tara Ozment-David, Susan and Stephanie Schneberger; Mary Saenz-Roger, Stephanie and Allison Sliter; Mindy Smith-Frank, Debbie and Sarah Culbertson, Gresham; Mandi Sneddon-Dan, Kathy and Ashley Holcombe; Camille Sykes-John, Amy and Wendy Peterson; Lindsey Ward-Peter, Julie and Claire DeChant; Nick Anthony-Vo and Brittany Sharp, Gresham; Shad Hisler-Jim, Mary Jo and Michael McIntosh, Boring; Blake Knowles and Kyle McDaniell-Cal, Lynne and Bronson Abts, Gresham; Ryan Matteson-Casey, Susan and Patrick Corliss, Boring; Joe Papineau-Don, Sandy and Chaz Bump; A.J. Perez-Scott, Jody and Justin Bringhurst, Gresham; Craig Scott-James, Linda and Becky Emstrom; Scott VanWinkle-Don, Beverly and Carissa Mylin; Brandon Young-Doug, Laura and Josh Friant. (Centennial families listed live in Portland unless otherwise indicated.)

Heppner area host families are as follows: Charlie, Marsha and Claire Anderson; Ken, Kaedene and Meghan Bailey; Don, Judy and Brett Barber; Verlin, Andrea and Leah Denton; Greg, Janet and Kelsey Greenup; Kim, Gayle and Jessica Gutierrez; Mike, Kay and Julie Proctor; Mark, Tami and Shelley Rietmann; Bob, Pam and Olivia Sagely; Bill Kuhn, Ann Spicer and Paula



Scott VanWinkle



A.J. Perez

Spicerkuhn; Sam, Mary Kay and Travis Bellamy; John, Sonja and Mike McCabe; Tim, Shannon and Brian Rust; Karla and Kyle Waterland; Cecil, Molly and Leland Rill; Doug, Carley, Amy and Kevin Drake; Gary and Martha Munkers; Dave, Patty and Stefan Matheny; and Alan and Debbie Scott.

W.C.C.C. Golf

Ladies' Play, May 6

Low gross of the field: Pat Edmundson with 40.

Flight A: low gross Karen Wildman; low net Jan Paustian; least putts Susan Atkins; long drive Pat Edmundson.

Flight B: low gross Luvilla Sonstegard; low net Bernice Lott; least putts Betty Carlson; long drive Bernice Lott.

Flight C: low gross Lorrene Montgomery; low net tie between Cam Wishart and Doll Campbell; least putts Jenny Reynolds; long drive Lorrene Montgomery.

K.P.: Pat Edmundson #15.

Chip in: Pat Edmundson #17.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

Seventy-seven people were present for the senior Mother's Day dinner May 7, and 11 meals were home delivered. Members of the Christian Life Center served. Orchids were won by Mildred Eubanks and Sue Vinson as mothers with the oldest child. Rose Marie Buschke, Lynn Bibby, Eleanor Gonty and Mary Goheen also received orchids from Corol Mitchell. Hearing aid assistance was given and blood pressures taken before the meal. A Nutrition Site Committee meeting followed the meal.

Monday, May 5, Mary Jean and Ernie McCabe decorated the dining room with flowers made by Jannie Allen's sixth grade class. Tuesday afternoon nine volunteers folded newsletters for the Extension Service.

The bus with 11 passengers and Mr. Thomason of Boardman as driver made the trip to Spray for the Mother's Day dinner at the Spray meal site. Each lady attending received a potted plant. The meal was delicious and the country side was beautifully green and there were many wildflowers in bloom.

Friday seven seniors played pinochle. Five watched the movie, "The Truth About Cats and Dogs." Saturday evening an appreciative crowd listened to the Cowboy poet, John "Jay" Kulm. The Morrow County Arts Council and Morrow County Museum sponsored him.

The bus is scheduled to go on a county tour Saturday, May 24, at 10 a.m.. Those going will need to bring a lunch. There is a sign up sheet in the office.

The Friday breakfast was very good with around 25 people present. These breakfasts will continue every Friday with a different menu each week. Come try it, you'll like it.

The menu for the Wed., May 21 dinner will be chicken patty on a roll, potato rounds, pea salad, and strawberry shortcake. Members of the Catholic Church will serve.

An afghan will be raffled by the site committee to raise funds to provide new aprons and other things for the kitchen. Tickets are available at the senior center.

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The Morrow County Health District is pleased to announce that Shanilka de Soyza, MD, will be providing physician services at the Boardman Medical Clinic beginning May 5, 1997. Dr. de Soyza is a General Practice physician.

The Boardman Medical Clinic is located at 203 Kincaide Ave. Dr. de Soyza's office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 12-5 PM. Phone 481-2267 to schedule an appointment.



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