

Waterpark extends season pass discount

The Willow Creek Waterpark has extended their deadline for early-purchase discounts for season tickets.

Season pass discounts will be in effect until April 1. Family passes will be \$150 until that date; after April 1 they will increase to \$160. Individual season passes will be \$60 until April 1 and \$75 thereafter.

"I encourage people to get them while they are discounted," said waterpark manager Sarah

Carlson.

The office will be open for ticket purchases Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. at 6-7 p.m.

Carlson said that the waterpark is still taking appointments for use of the indoor spa Fridays through Mondays and some spaces are still available for the evening and afternoon exercise classes. Call 676-5752 for a spa appointment or class registration.

Yellow starthistle, a time bomb

The clock is ticking and the figures are staggering considering the current estimates of yellow starthistle in Oregon and the neighboring states, says Dave Pranger, Morrow County Weed Control. Oregon and Washington report approximately 150,000 acres each, Idaho reports 300,000 acres and California reports 10 million acres currently infested with yellow starthistle.

In Morrow County there is approximately 2500 acres of yellow starthistle. Since there are about 1.3 million acres in the county, this means that starthistle inhabits less than .2 percent of the county. Figuring just pasture and rangeland into the equation, starthistle still only inhabits .4

percent of its potential biological niche.

"It means that yellow starthistle can still be controlled and in some areas even eradicated," says Pranger. "Fifty years ago we could have said the same thing about diffuse knapweed. That time bomb exploded years ago though and today there are well over 100,000 acres of diffuse knapweed in Morrow County alone."

"Since starthistle can be every bit as damaging as knapweed," adds Pranger. "It makes sense that every effort be exhausted now to control and contain starthistle before it blows up."

For more information about yellow starthistle contact Morrow County Weed Control.

SWCD annual meeting slated

The SWCD Annual Meeting will be held Monday, March 9, following a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner. Directors will provide meat dishes, others attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

The program will consist of the 1997 fiscal year financial statement, election of officers, 1997 cooperator award to Dick

Wilkinson and presentations by local growers on their experiences with alternative crops.

The public is invited to attend. For further information call the SWCD at 676-5452.

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Off the Wall by Marilyn Robinson

In sickness and in health--yes, it's been the funky flu season for many people. It's also a foregone conclusion that if the female head of a household is ill, then someone else in the family is much sicker. How dare mom get sick without having prepared enough frozen meals to tide the family over. Meanwhile everyone assumes that only women are qualified to clean the bathroom or unplug toilets.

Regardless of health or queasiness, if you weren't holed up in the bathroom, there was an opportunity for viewers to watch some Olympic moments. Between interviews and expensive commercials there were snatches of competition. Unless you acquired droopy eyelids, those events provided better viewing than soupy soaps or nighttime programs.

Watching disasters on downhill ski runs made my aching bones protest. And mogul maneuvers must be the epitome of someone's idea of making molehills on a mountain. The action by skilled athletes excelled over the usual murder and mayhem television shows they call entertainment.

Also the Olympics provided a change from news about political shenanigans that range from Whitewatergate to zipper gate. Charisma seems more important than character these days. The average live-by-the-rules taxpayer is represented in government by some unscrupulous, power-hungry politicians who would make great Hollywood actors. Their message to younger people appears to be "do as I say" or at least don't get caught. Like having a disgraced family member, the whole scene makes many Americans want to hide their heads in shame.

But there's great news for baby boomers and those who are enjoying a second childhood. They will have more time for active misadventures. They've discovered a way to keep human body cells from aging. But it's too late for me as I never could outrun a crippled cat and I didn't plan to start hand-gliding at age 90.

This could also help some career politicians to stay in office longer, especially those already needing a cane, who are not in favor of term limits. Undoubtedly lawmakers will get back to arguing over how to spend budget surpluses while the Iraq situation plays out. The cost of military readiness in the Persian Gulf area is mind boggling. But in the meantime, Congress should be appropriating more money for million dollar restrooms, the kind that don't flush, in remote areas. Taxpayer dollars at work. And we ought to be diligent about imposing fines for not complying with a limitation on the amount of water used in toilets. The old 3.5 gallon tank is supposed to be replaced with ones using 1.6 gallons. Even if one has to flush twice, just think of the number of jobs as toilet checkers.

Yes, we are fortunate to have toilets that flush unlike some unfortunate victims of storms. Hopefully all those stricken folks won't decide to move to Oregon. However they say there is a national home building boom underway. A requisite to building should be the use of stilts under houses located in floodway or maybe put skids under those houses perched on cliffs and hillsides. Zoning regulations in Oregon appear to be much stricter. So why is it that these ground squirrels now coming out after hibernation don't comprehend our land use plans? May be that they have gotten some insider tips on evading issues.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Sure 'tis true that rain will make it just a bit more green for the Wee Bit 'O Ireland celebration and with a wee bit o' luck maybe the sun will shine. Don't know about any of you, but rust is starting to set in! When my spouse turned on the "telly" to catch the weather, (more important than what I had to say) the old girl went ballistic. Why is it that men have to get a weather report when all one needs to do is step outside and

come in dripping. Not something I'll ever understand. It's very good there are rainbows of all kinds after the rain.

Leprechauns are out and about in various forms, gathering auction items, practicing for the o'hanky planky race, decorating their Irish brogue or Irish ditty, and preparing for fine food and festivities.

'Tis thanks to hearty souls that the celebration goes on. It means months of hard work for the likes of Doris Brosnan, Molly Rill, Cara Osmin, Bob Kahl, Judie Laughlin, Gwen Healy, the organizations doing the cooking and entertaining and especially the auction committee. Plan to have lots of fun honoring the Hirl family at the KUMA Coffee hour, participating in the parade and the races, taking your guests into our local businesses, enjoying the Ceili upstairs at the Elks (admission is a collector's button) and sharing reunions with one and all.

Sunday will be a treat in itself beginning with breakfast and church of your choice, lots of activity at the Morrow County Fairgrounds with music by "Absolutely Nobody", the lamb barbecue and the new auction, enjoying drawings, country store, vacation packages and fun for one and all. Pick up some brochures at the Chamber office and send off to friends and relatives. 'Twill be a great 16th annual celebration.

CONSIGNMENT AUCTION FARM & LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

Saturday, March 14, 1998 • Sale Time: 9 a.m. Hermiston, OR

DIRECTIONS: Traveling east from Boardman, OR on I-84, take Exit 180, turn south, go 1/4 mile to Noble Road, turn east, go one mile to Sale Site; or traveling west from Pendleton, OR on I-84, take exit 182, turn south, cross over freeway, turn west on Noble Road, go one mile to Sale Site; or traveling south from Tri-Cities, WA on I-82, turn east on I-84, take exit 180, turn south, go 1/4 mile to Noble Road, turn east, go one mile to Sale Site. Watch for signs.

Auctioneer's Note: This is a partial listing; additional consignments coming in daily. Already assigned are many Top Quality Items. Watch for additional listings prior to sale!

TILLAGE CONTINUED:

- Tractors & Combines**
- 1980 Ford 3600, 4 spd, Hi-Lo, 3 pt., PTO, w/PTO Pump, 1292 Hours, 18 X 16 1 Rubber, Serial #C852931
 - Massey Ferguson 1135, 3 pt., PTO 12 spd Forward, 4 spd Reverse, Cab, Air, Duals
 - International 904, Diesel, Wide Front End, 4 spd Hi-Low TA, 6229 Hours, Rubber 13.6 X 38 Rear, Serial #124445YF
 - Massey Ferguson 1105, 12 spd Forward, 4 spd Reverse, 3 pt., PTO, Cab, Air, 6000 Hours
 - International 1028 Hydro w/234 Dual Loader, Cab, Duals, 1000-540 PTO, 3 pt., 2 remotes, 7110 Hours, New Rings & Bearings in Fall of 1996, Serial #2610130J0009242
 - Massey Ferguson 1085, 12 spd Forward, 4 spd Reverse, 3 pt., PTO, Cab, Air
 - Massey Ferguson 35 w/Dual Loader, 3 spd, Hi-Lo, Gas, 1118 Hours, 3 pt., PTO, Excellent Rubber, Serial #S2M234358
 - Allis Chalmers WD, Wide Front End, PTO
 - Ferguson T030, 4 spd, 3 pt., PTO, 11 X 28 Rubber (Excellent)
 - Ford 8N, 3 pt., PTO, 3 spd, 12 X 28 Rubber
 - International Farmall Super C, w/cycle mowers, PTO
 - International Farmall Cub, w/cycle mowers, PTO
 - International Farmall H, 12 volt, PTO
 - International Farmall M, 12 volt, PTO
 - International 403, 18' Header, 262 Cu. In. Gas Motor D49U Crawler, w/Blade, Hyd.
 - 612 Bobcat, Reconditioned (Good)
 - Case 351, 12 spd, Hyd., Remotes, w/Hyd. Loader
 - International 8-275 w/Dual Loader, Orchard Tractor, 8 spd, New Rear Tires, Major Engine Rebuild
 - Ford 800 w/Paulson HD Loader, 5 spd, PS, Rebuilt Engine, 6' Rear Blade
 - Farmall A w/Loader
 - Farmall H, Narrow Front End, Hyd. Pumps
 - Farmall Model 6000 A Loader, Hyd., 8' Bucket, 8' Hay Forks
 - Ford 9N w/Fordomatic Loader
 - Vermeer Backhoe Attachment, 3 pt., 2 Buckets, 18" & 12"

Livestock Equipment

- Powder River Equipment**
- Squeeze Chute, Sweep Tub, w/Curved Crowd Alley (like new); (4) 14' Gates, tube; (3) 16' Gates, HD; 18' Gate, HD; (3) 12' Panels, HD, Call Table; (10) 16' Panels, HD; (2) 8' Feed Panels, Call Calf Feeder; Head Catch
 - Priefert Squeeze Chute, XL, HD, right-side exit, w/trailer
 - Portable Priefert Squeeze Chute, XL, HD, right-side exit, w/trailer
 - (70) 16' Metal Stock Panels
 - (52) 12' Metal Stock Panels
 - (7) Wire Panels
 - 16' Tube Gate
 - John Deere Model M Manure Spreader, PTO
 - Aweary Pasture Harrow, 16' (like new)
 - (3) Mineral Feeders
 - (2) Poly Lick Tanks
 - 1971 Iron Stock Rack, HD, fits Standard Side Pickup
 - John Deere Feed Wagon, 4 wheels
 - Big Valley Squeeze Chute
 - Big Valley Call Table

Trucks, Pickups, Trailers

- 1992 Chevrolet Extended Cab 3/4 Ton 4x4, Flatbed, 5 spd, 454 Cu. In. Engine, 5 Wheel Ball, (Excellent)
- 1992 Chevrolet Silverado 3/4 Ton, 65 Turbo Diesel, Auto, Loaded, 60,000 Miles (Excellent)
- 1987 Dodge 3/4 Ton 4x4, AC, PS, Auto
- 1979 Western Star, 13 spd, PS, Jake Brake, 6V92 Silver, 2307 Wheel Base
- 1976 Kenworth, 22' Bed & Hoist, 13-4 spd Browning
- 1973 International, 549 V-8, 5-2 spd, Air Brakes, w/8H Wheel
- 1973 International 3/4 Ton 4x4, Flatbed, Auto, 345 Cu. In. Engine
- 1973 International Pickup, 4-Door, Auto, V-8 (runs but needs work)
- 1970 Datsun Pickup, 4 spd
- 1974 International Truck, 1 1/2 Ton, 14' Flatbed
- 1978 Ford Pickup, Hyd. Hoist, Tool Box, No Rear End, Motor Runs
- 1969 International, 6V71, Diesel, 5-2 spd, Air Brakes, PS, 20' Bed, Hyd. Pump
- 1976 Loadstar 1700, 16' Bed, Hoist, Grain & Cattle Racks, 4-2 spd, New Brakes, 66,000 Miles
- 1970 International Fuel Delivery Truck, V-8, 5-2 spd, PTO Pump & Compressor, meter, reel, hose
- Ford F-400, Propane Delivery, (2) 950 gal. tanks & meters, hose reel
- 1957 International A160, 16' Bed w/wooden stock rack, 262 Cu. In., 4-2 spd, 8.25 X 20 Rubber
- 1948 Jeep Pickup, 4 X 4, 3 spd, Hi-Lo (Parts)

The Following Two Trailers

- 1974 Fruhauf Flat Bed Semi Trailer, 35.6', I.S. Frame, Tool Box, 11 X 22.5 Rubber, 8 aluminum wheels
- 1986 Tuff Boy Flat Bed Trailer, 28.6', I.S. Frame, 3 axle, 24" Pull-out Cheater, 24" Air Slide Hitch, 11 X 22.5 Rubber, 10 Aluminum Wheels
- 1993 Trail Magic 9th Wheel Stock Trailer, 16', Torsion Axles, 16' Rubber, (Good)
- 1987 Wilson Livestock Trailer, 42', Double Deck
- 1984 Tyler 6 Horse Trailer, 30', Gooseneck, Unload Ramps each side, Multi-purpose
- 22' Pup Trailer, Flat Bed
- Equipment Trailer, 20', 8H-tandem axles
- 14' Trailer, Wooden deck, tandem axles, tonguepull
- 1988 Western 2 Aisle Dolly, Long hitch, new paint
- 1977 Crawl Thru Sleeper, 35', AC, new paint
- 1980 Oldsmobile 98, diesel, 4 door, Auto, Loaded
- 1973 GMC Bus, gas
- Honda 110 3-wheeler
- 1981 King Gooseneck Flatbed, 40', Air Brakes
- 1993 Merritt Trailer, Front Trailer, 28', Double Deck, New Brakes
- 1978 Chevrolet 1 Ton Crew Cab, 454, Auto, 22,000 Miles on Rebuild
- 1982 Chevrolet 1 Ton, 4 spd, 600 miles on rebuilt 402, 12' Omaha Bed w/Steel Stock Racks

Tillage

- Northwest Rotovator, 12', 3 pt., PTO, set-up for onions
- Northwest Rotovator, 5', 3 pt., PTO
- Long 8 Btm Switch Plov Model 1839, Only Used on Approx. 25 Acres (like new)
- John Deere 860 Rodweeder, 40'
- John Deere 3 Btm Rollover Plov, Model #8450-18
- John Deere 3 Btm Rollover Plov, 16'
- Home Chisel Plov, 20'
- AC 4 Btm Rollover Plov, 16'
- International 10' Disc, Hyd. Lift, New Blades
- John Deere 18' Disc, Hyd. Lift 24"
- John Deere 12' Disc, Hyd. Lift, 22"
- Burke 5' Disc, Adjustable, 3 pt.
- Case 10' Disc, Hyd. Lift
- Border Disc, 3 pt.
- Cultivar, 5', 3 pt.

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