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Lexington Class of 1943 holds reunion

The 55th reunion of the Lexington graduating class of 1942-43 was held Friday, June 12 at Sorosis Park in The Dalles.

Class members who enjoyed the day and an afternoon lunch at Windseeker on the Port Restaurant were Bill Nichols, who received the honor of having traveled the farthest; Edwina "Bunny" (Breshears) Richelderfer, who received the honor of traveling the least distance; Ann and Albert Edwards, who was the class member with the most class memorabilia; Leona Harpster and

Leonard Munkers, who received the honor of having a copy of the 1942-42 "Rabbit Tracks," the high school annual; Colleen (McMillan) Kitch, by telephone, the class member who came up with the correct answer to the mystery word "quonk;" and Joe Way, who edged out all of his classmates as being the oldest class member present.

A short period of silence was given in memory of their fallen classmates: Carl Marquardt, Lela (Marshall) Palmer and Barbara (Ledbetter) Bergstrom.

McKinney would be the president, Krystal Nairns would be the treasurer and secretary, and Jenny Atkins would be the reporter.

After the club did the things above, they talked about community service they could do and ways they could raise money so they could do things.

Rodeo looks for pictures

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo is looking for action photos of local cowboys that can be used in this year's rodeo program.

Anyone with photos of local cowboys please contact Kathy Cutsforth.

End of long career opens up new windows of opportunity



Pat Hentges

Pat Hentges of Heppner has ended a long career in education, but her retirement from teaching will open other windows of opportunity. The multi-faceted Hentges, who retired from teaching at Heppner Elementary School at the close of the school year will move to a new home and a new career.

Hentges and her husband, Jack, will move to Juntura, Oregon, which is a town of only 33 people around 80 miles this side of Ontario. Although her new town has no store and no gas station, it does have a school and a bookmobile and Hentges will have her computer. With the computer and the solitude Juntura has to offer, she will be able to pursue her writing and art more fully.

"The nearest store is 60 miles away. The more remote it is the more we like it," said Hentges. "I really like the outdoors and animals and I have access to the Internet. I'm going to write and draw."

Hentges does pencil drawings and paints with watercolors and she hopes to write classroom curriculum and children's stories. She and her husband also enjoy fishing, hunting, camping and four-wheeling, which makes Juntura ideal. And Pat loves to travel, which will be easier now that she has retired. She has been to Mexico City, London, Paris, Athens and the Greek Isles and Rome and absolutely loves New York. "I would go to New York every year, if I could," she laughs.

Hentges was born in Detroit and her family came to Yakima, WA, during World War II. The trip was quite an adventure since her mother drove the family all the way out here in a 1934 Oldsmobile, trading sugar stamps

for tires.

The family then moved to North Bonneville so her mother could get a job in the shipyards. They lived there for two years before moving to Washougal, WA. It was in Washougal that Hentges met her husband and both graduated from high school there. His family had a long history at Washougal-his grandfather was a horse and buggy doctor there.

Oddly enough, there was another doctor in the family with a connection to Heppner. Dr. Ray Rice and his wife Doris, who was Jack's aunt, came to Heppner in the 1940s as doctor and nurse.

Pat and Jack married right after high school and for five years, they had a bowling alley at Camas, Washington. She was the cook and he worked at the desk and gave bowling lessons. The family moved around quite a bit, but managed to stay in one house while their kids were in school. Pat says that the house in Juntura will be their 16th home.

After they raised their two children, Jacquelin, who now works at a Vancouver neurology clinic, and J.R., who lives in Portland, Pat went back to school. She attended the University of Portland, receiving a master's degree in education in 1978.

Also in 1978, the Hentges had their first experience of living in Heppner. They bought Cal's Cafe and she worked as a substitute teacher. Jack knew Heppner well, having come to the area to hunt since he was a child. Owning a restaurant proved to be extremely demanding, so they returned to the Portland area.

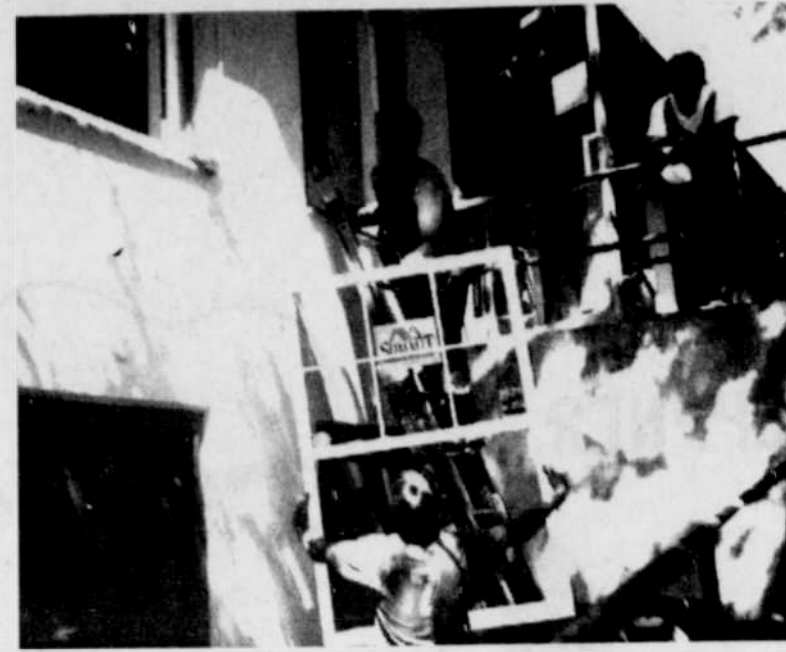
While at the university, Pat had met Joan McElligott of Ione. She and Joan attended the same education classes and Joan got Pat her first teaching job at Holy Cross elementary school. Joan taught the seventh grade there and Pat taught the fourth grade. Pat laughs when she recalls her friend telling her about growing up in Ione, with the school bus full of McElligott kids. When Joan left Holy Cross, Pat moved up to take her position as seventh-grade teacher.

After leaving Holy Cross, Pat got a job at Boise Elliott in Portland, and early childhood school which was a feeder school to Jefferson High school. There she was a reading specialist and also taught special education. Pat says that the conditions at Boise Elliott were excellent and she really enjoyed working there. The school had money for special programs and generated a lot of interest. Pat says that Clyde Drexler was often at the school.

After teaching there for four years, the Hentges moved to Heppner and Pat got a job teaching at Boardman. She taught there a year before being hired as a fourth-grade teacher at Heppner Elementary School. "I loved it from the day I got a job here," says Pat. "I was not ready to retire, but with PERS, I decided to take advantage of it." Jack is retired from a second generation career as a contract carrier for the Oregonian. He, as his father before him, got the newspaper off the docks, distributing it to various locations. Jack owned a small fleet of trucks.

Hentges, 64, says that she will definitely miss the children as she ends her teaching career. But, she adds, she will not miss the pace or the paperwork. "It (teaching) used to be so simple," said Hentges. "But now there is so much paperwork and the third graders are on a schedule that would make a high school kid run. You don't have time to stay with them if they become engrossed in something. We have a time schedule and so many more tests." Not quite ready to give up contact with children, Hentges says she is considering helping out at the Juntura school.

Hospital & nursing home get new windows thanks to Aux.



Thanks to the efforts of the auxiliary workmen recently installed 54 new windows at the Hospital and nursing home.

Thanks to the efforts of the Nursing home auxiliary, a new set of windows has been installed in the Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home.

Over \$14,500 was raised for the project, which saw 54 windows replaced. Eckman construction of Heppner got the bid for the project.

The windows were all double pane and the money was raised through yard sales, raffles and donated money, says Aux. member Delia Robinson.

Adlards chosen Heppner Garden Club yard of the month



The Dale and Marda Adlard residence was selected the Heppner Garden Club yard of the month for the month of June

Lexi Matteson wins high school all-around



Lexi Matteson

Emmet Evans

Annie Hisler

Lexi Matteson of Heppner took the girls' all-around title at the Oregon High School Rodeo Finals in Prineville June 20-21.

Matteson, a member of the Columbia Basin team, will go to the National Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyoming July 18-26, along with Heppner High School classmates Emmet Evans and Annie Hisler, both members of the Intermountain team.

Matteson was second in barrels, fourth in breakaway roping, fifth in pole bending eighth in goat tying and 10th in team roping, along with brother and partner Ryan Matteson.

Hisler took second in poles and fifth in barrels and Evans was third in calf roping, third in saddle bronc, ninth in steer wrestling and second in team roping with partner Vic Thompson of Pendleton.

The top four contestants in each event go to the national finals, while those placing fifth through eighth go to the Silver State International Finals in Fallon Nevada July 5-8.

Intermountain's Brian Knowles, who will be a senior this fall at Heppner High School, was

seventh in saddle bronc. The Intermountain boys' team won their second straight team title at Prineville.

Deer killed illegally



Illegally killed deer

Four people have been cited for killing a deer illegally on Little Buttercreek in Morrow County.

According to Oregon State Trooper Dave Rzewnicki, Fish and Wildlife Division, Brandon Joseph Smith, 18, Echo, allegedly killed the buck deer during closed season.

Rzewnicki said that Smith was allegedly assisted in dragging or butchering the deer by three others, Deborah Sue Patrick, 37, Heppner, Stacy Lee Lauritsen, 19, Heppner, and a juvenile male.

Trooper Rzewnicki said that the incident was called in by local residents.

He said that Heppner Police Officer Mike Sweek assisted in the arrests.

In a separate incident, investigation is continuing concerning a deer discovered hanging in the shed of a home in Heppner on June 1.

4-H News

"Sewers" Are We
By Jenny Atkins

On Wednesday, June 24, the "Sewers" Are We 4-H club had their first official 4-H meeting at the Episcopal Church from 3-4 p.m. Jenny Atkins, Kelsie McKinney and Krystal Nairns were at the meeting. Michelle Hodgdon, also a member, was not present.

At the 4-H meeting, the members decided that their club name would be "Sewers" Are We. The members also decided that Kelsie

Caledonian Games

July 11th and 12th
City Park, Athena

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