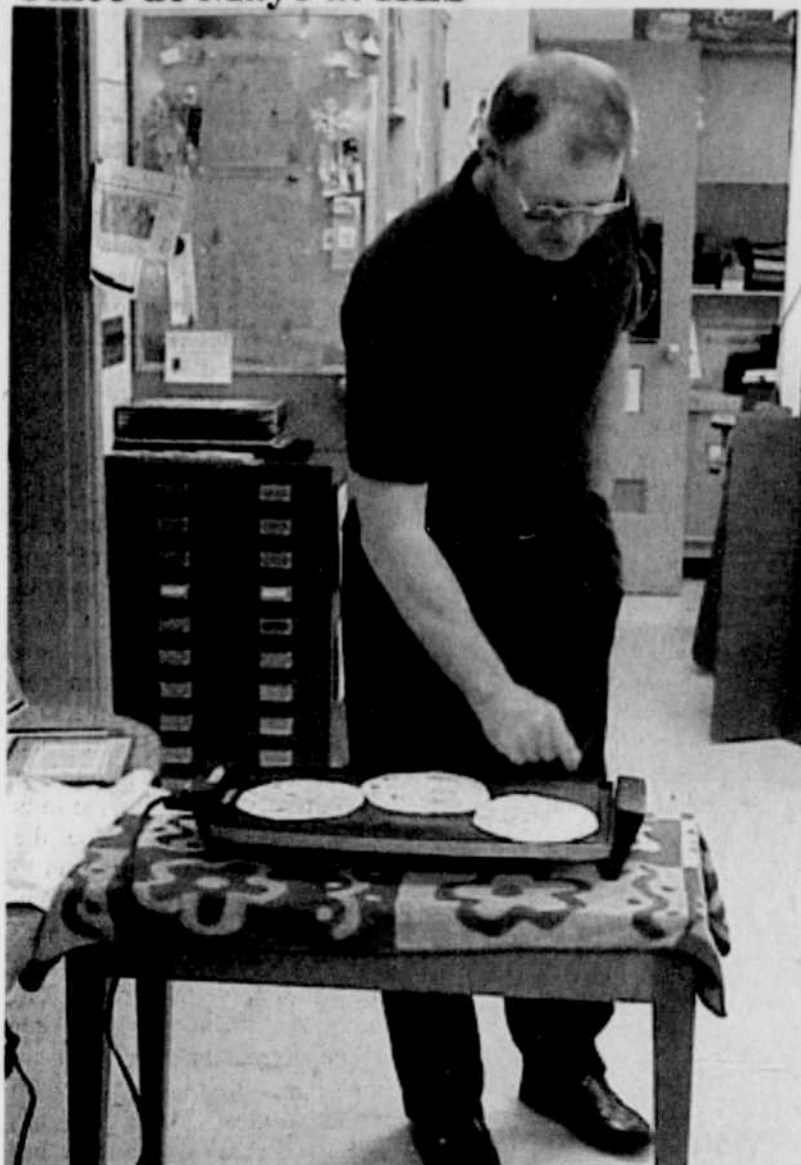


Cinco de Mayo at HES



Chuck Matteson checks on the homemade flour tortillas.



Fourth grade students enjoy a little Mexican cuisine.

On Friday, May 3, the students in Chuck Matteson's fourth grade class were amazed to learn that the Mexican Army of only 2000 defeated the French Army of 4500 on May 5, 1862. The students participated in a Cinco de Mayo celebration, during which Mary Ann Elguezabal gave a presentation on the history of Cinco de Mayo and how it is celebrated in the United States. She also introduced several traditional foods and the class made salsa using a molcajete (mortar). The class then enjoyed some homemade flour tortillas, beans, and chips with their salsa.

Cinco de Mayo means "the fifth of May" and is Mexico's "independence day".

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney, David C. Allen, has released the following report:

-Ross VanEtta was found to be in violation of his probation. His probation was ordered revoked and reinstated with 60 days in jail.

-Thomas Allen Hamman was found to be in violation of his probation. His probation was ordered revoked and reinstated. A 24-month probation extension was imposed along with 30 days in jail with credit for time served in the Benton County drug program.

-Lawrence A. Perrin was found to be in violation of his probation. His probation was ordered revoked and he was sentenced to the legal and physical custody of the local supervising authority for six months with credit for time served of 32 days.

-Ralph Carl Greer plead guilty to Contempt of Court and was sentenced to \$339 in fines and 180 days in jail. Jail time was to be suspended with 18 months probation; he plead guilty to Contempt of Court and was sentenced to \$339 in fines and 180 days in jail, suspended with 18 months probation.

Jack and Jill mini-tournament to be held

The Willow Creek Country Club golfers will have a Jack and Jill mini-tournament on Friday, May 10, starting at 6 p.m.

The activity will involve male and female couples playing in a nine-hole-modified couples-type of play with the format determined by the committee in charge. There will be prizes for low scores and special events.

Cost is \$3 per couple for members and \$10 per couple for non-members. Light snacks will be provided by the committee in charge.

Hosts are Earl and Peggy Fishburn, Jim and Cam Wishart, and Louis and Betty Carlson.

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A taste of city life



Brenda Victorio, Trisha Fortner, Brianne Jones, Peter Geer, Mikel Britt, Sam Martin, and Robert Worden.



The students take a ride on the Willamette in a jet boat.

By Sarah Collier

Last month, a group of eighth graders from Heppner Junior High and Centennial middle school in Gresham had the chance to switch places to experience life in a society with a much different population and lifestyle than their own.

A group of Heppner students who braved the big city shared their experiences in a recent interview.

Mikel Britt talked about his free time spent with the Nemmert family of Gresham: "We went skateboarding, went out for pizza, went to church and shopping," said Britt. Brianne Jones also went shopping a lot, "we didn't stay in a lot", said Jones, who was a member of the Palabra family for a while. "We also went to Oaks Park," she added.

Sam Martin and Peter Geer had similar experiences in Gresham. That's because they were both guests of Sam Neece. "We went to Saturday market, Cosmic bowling, and saw "Lord of the Rings", said Martin.

Most of the students agreed with Trisha Fortner's thoughts about a field trip they took to Wacker, a facility that Martin said "has something to do with computer technology." "It was long and boring," said Fortner. Martin was the lone defendant of the experience saying, "I liked it!"

Robert Worden and Peter Geer expressed their feelings about another field trip: a hike to Triple Falls. They both thought it was "too long." "It was like two hours!" said Worden.

Although the students weren't very impressed by the factory and the hike, there was one aspect of Gresham's outdoors that they all could agree they enjoyed. "I liked the jet boats," said Brenda Victorio. A chorus of "yeah"s followed her remark and the students began to tell about their jet boat ride on a tour of the Willamette.

All of the students interviewed had the same thoughts on their impressions of Centennial Middle School. "It was really big and they treat the kids like first graders," said Jones, "they had warnings and time outs!"

Sam Martin summed up the experience by saying that although he enjoyed the trip; he appreciated the way things ran at his school in Heppner a whole lot more once he got home!

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Daycare receives grant for computers



Paige Grieb, Macy Gibbs and Mariah McCool share their new computers.

The Oregon Department of Justice Children's Education Grant Program awarded a \$5,000 grant to Heppner DayCare/Preschool. Part of this grant was used to purchase computers and age appropriate programs. The computers have been set up since February and have had a lot of use by the preschool and after school children. Merry Brannon, the director of Heppner Day Care, is impressed with the impact it has had on her program. "It has really enhanced the time the children spend here. Computers

are a part of our culture and this helps them get ready for programs at the elementary school. We have all really enjoyed the computers and are grateful for the grant that allowed us this addition to our program."

This project was financed with settlement funds administered by the Oregon Department of Justice and was received in connection with the Toys-R-Us antitrust litigation. Less than 15 applicants received grant money from over 120 that applied.

Kindergarten visitation

Heppner Elementary School kindergarten visitation will be held Wednesday, May 15, from 1-3:30 p.m.

Children who are five years old on or before September 1, 2002 are invited to come and meet the kindergarten teacher, explore the classroom with their parents, and register for school. No appointment is necessary. Parents need to provide an immunization record and birth certificate at the time of registration.