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Annual Sidewalk Bazaar This Week



Merchants will move hundreds of bargain items to the Main street sidewalks here Friday and Saturday as they present their Fifth Annual Sidewalk Bazaar.

Joining in the fun and festivity will be at least 10 organizations with sales, exhibits and booths of various kinds. There will be a dunk tank to provide fun and entertainment, sponsored by the Elementary PTA; one store will have free ice cream cones for the public; another will feature a popular grab bag; and still another will have a "fish pond."

There will be a display of paintings by the new Artists club; Sno-cones will be for sale by the Mothers club; Pronto pups will be available for the hungry from the Rebekahs; and "Jaycee Juice" will be offered to the thirsty. The Rockhounds will have a display of articles and a sale; the Three Links club will have a bake sale; the Eastern Star and Royal Arch "Widows" will join for a sale of novelties; and the Methodist WSCS will have a food sale.

This year's Bazaar will probably have the greatest participation by local merchants since it was started five years ago. Many of the exceptional bargains offered are advertised in this paper, principally in the second section.

Taking part are Western Auto Store, Gardner's Men's Wear, Peterson's Jewelers, J. C. Penney Co., Gonty's, Miladies Apparel, Case Furniture Co., Van's Variety, Murveys Rexall Drug, Elma's Apparel, Central Market, and Lott's Electric. Others, out of the downtown business area, such as Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply and Ford's Tire Service, will have "extra-special" buys at their places of business to participate in the event. Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, chairman of the merchants committee, said that a large crowd is expected, and all from far and near are invited to come and get the gala Sidewalk Bazaar spirit.

There will be free parking in Heppner for the two days to accommodate shoppers.

The merchants are hoping that the weather will turn cooler, but the bargains will still be hot. Anyone who finds it too warm may volunteer to be a "target" at the dunk tank and get a free swim.

Besides their sale, the Rock club will have gaily wrapped grab packages. The club's meeting room will be open for people to see the displays and the newly purchased machinery used for cutting and polishing gem stones. Members or any interested persons with stones which they would like to sell or display are asked to contact Mrs. E. E. Gonty, president of the club.

Those who wish added entertainment after the Sidewalk Bazaar Saturday are invited to attend the Princess Dance for Marcia Jones at the Heppner Fair Pavilion, starting at 9:30 p.m. Saturday.



PRINCESS MARCIA JONES

Dance to Honor Princess Marcia

Princess Marcia Jones will be the first of this year's Morrow county Fair and Rodeo court to receive individual honors. Her dance will be Saturday night, July 13, at the Heppner fair pavilion, with the popular Western Gentlemen of Condon providing the music.

Marcia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones, represents the Wranglers riding club on the court of Queen Bernice Matthews. Other princesses are Sue Ellen Greenup, Kathy Hinton and Sheila Luciani.

During her 17 active years of growing up on her parents' Hinton Creek Ranch, Marcia has developed a love for horses and riding that comes "natural". She has been at home in the saddle since she first started to ride alone at the age of three. Her family, which includes her parents and her brother, Greg, have had pride in raising and training fine horses and have been awarded many times for their accomplishments. Family interest in the fairs and rodeos have been shown through the father's work on the fair and rodeo boards, at horse shows and rodeo shows. Her mother, an elementary teacher, has also been active in work at the fairs.

The young princess won her first trophy belt in Wrangler competition when she was six; won the pole bending trophy at the Wrangler show in 1962 and the 4-H Small Fray Showmanship award the same year. In 1966 she entered the 4-H State Fair after placing first in showmanship and second in showmanship. Another highlight that year was winning the reserve youth all-around trophy at the Columbia Basin Quarter Horse show in Hermiston. She competes at home and away in cow-cutting, was champion in her division at Madras in both 1966 and 1967, and was winner of the Novice class here in 1967. Marcia has gained recognition this summer by winning ribbons in barrels and pole bending in the Kennebec and Walla Walla Shows, placed third in the Queen's special events races in Hermiston, placed second in barrel racing in the Condon Fourth of July shows, and was this year's winner in her division in the Wrangler Play Day events.

For her appearances with the court this summer, Princess Marcia rides her well trained registered quarter horse, Tico Chex. She is keeping busy during the summer months helping her parents on the ranch, pulling rye, helping in harvest and with general ranch chores.

Princess Marcia will enter her senior year at Heppner High school this fall, where she is active in many of its activities. College plans are indefinite now, but she is thinking seriously of Blue Mountain Community College and continuing her riding activities there.

Preceding the dance Saturday her parents will be hosts for a dinner for the court at their home. She cordially invites all her friends to join them later at the dance.

L-League All Stars To Play July 19-20

With a season record of 16 wins and two losses, the Indians Little League team has been declared this year's first place winner. Lindsay Kincaid of Ione has been coaching the team. Resting in second place were the Giants, coached by Joe Yocom, followed by the Dodgers, coached by Dave McLeod, and the Braves, with Al Boschee as coach.

Eighteen games were played through the season, with 15 players on each team. Farm teams were also going in Heppner and Ione.

An all-star team will be chosen from the four teams which will compete in the district playoff next week, July 19 and 20.



JERRY ADAMSON

Albany Man Here As New Manager Of Penney Store

Gerald A. (Jerry) Adamson of Albany arrived in Heppner Friday to become manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store here, succeeding Bill Hust, who has been transferred to Arlington, Wn., as manager of the Penney store there.

The transfer to Heppner was as sudden for Adamson as the transfer to Washington was for Hust. The new manager here has been an assistant at the Albany Penney store for the past three years and for 1/2 years prior was in the company's store at Hood River.

He thus has been with the company for 7 1/2 years, and the move to Heppner promotes him to management.

Adamson has a wife, Bonnie, and two children, Troy, 4, and Jodi Rae, 21 months. The family will move to Heppner later in the summer.

Adamson must leave Thursday for National Guard Camp for a period of two weeks to fulfill his service commitment. This, however, will terminate his tour of duty after six years service with the national guard.

He said that he welcomes the move to Heppner and is familiar with eastern Oregon because he was reared in the Parkdale area near Hood River. Adamson says that he particularly enjoys hunting and fishing.

Hust returned late last week after officially starting work at Arlington earlier in the week. While he and his family enjoyed living in Heppner, they are now looking forward to moving to the new location and the chance to advance in the company. Hust, who has been here for 1 1/2 years, said that the housing situation is tight there and he is having some trouble locating a home. He returned to Arlington Sunday, but his family remained here while he is seeking housing.



THIS TYPE of big bird, rarely seen in the Heppner area, has been quite prominent the past few days. A number of helicopters have been brought in to fight fires to the south. This one, from Lewiston, is piloted by Jim Vogan and was snapped by the camera prior to landing Tuesday morning at the Forest Service compound just behind the Gilliam and Bisbee building. Inset shows the 'copter just after Vogan set it down. The trip from Tupper Work Center, a distance of some 38 miles, takes 14 minutes by helicopter. (G-T Photos)

More than 5,000 Acres Burned by Two Blazes

Forest fires in this area were all reported under control and in "mopping up" stages Wednesday afternoon. Allen Nistad, general manager of Kinzua Corporation, said all the mill crew was off the Snowshoe fire lines and "back in town," although Eastern Oregon Logging men were still working on the fire. The mill at Kinzua was in full operation. Nistad's late report was that some 1000-1500 acres of Kinzua logged over land were covered by the Snowshoe fire which burned

a total of some 4500 acres, all under state protection. Kinzua Corp. will start logging timber hit by the fire immediately and also offers to log that of other private owners whose timber was burned and who wish to salvage it. Nistad said the company will confer with the state on reseeding operations and expects to have them underway by September. The Devil's Den fire which was fought by the U.S. Forest Service, was also under control and being "mopped up."

Several hundred men engaged in battling two major forest fires—the Snowshoe Basin fire which started eight miles east of Kinzua, and the Devil's Den fire, just south of the Heppner ranger district boundary of the Umatilla National Forest—started mopping-up operations Tuesday with the hope that they could keep the blazes under control.

These two fires in Wheeler county were largest of many started in this part of the state by lightning strikes which occurred principally Friday evening. It is estimated that in all more than 5000 acres were covered by the fires, making this the worst forest conflagration here since the big Ditch Creek fire of 1961. Some 12,000 acres were burned in that fire.

Harry (Swede) Pearson of John Day, district forester for the East Central forestry district for Oregon, said at mid-day Tuesday that he estimated the Snowshoe Basin fire had covered 4500 acres. It ran to the west and south, coming within two miles of Kinzua's Camp Five but never approaching closer than eight miles from Kinzua. It was ringed again Monday night and the fire lines seemed to be holding Tuesday.

Reports that residents of Kinzua were preparing to evacuate at one time were unfounded. Allen Nistad, general manager of Kinzua Corporation, said Tuesday that "some of the people got a little nervous" but the company town was never seriously threatened.

Pearson said that about 225 men were working on the Snowshoe fire Tuesday, composed of seven 25-man crews of Mexican nationals, men of Eastern Oregon Logging Company, the mill crew of Kinzua, state foresters and others.

Nistad said that some 1000 acres of the fire is Kinzua Corp. acreage and estimated two million feet of timber were burned.

Home Destroyed
The farm home of the Leonard Collins family was destroyed by the blaze which also claimed their barn, car, other buildings and most of their belongings.

It swept towards the Alder Creek road, towards the John Day River, covering an area some five miles long and bulging out to about two miles wide.

Other farmers used crawler tractors to bulldoze fire lines to protect their places. Among other farm homes threatened were those of Bud Nash and Martin Britt.

While the Snowshoe Basin fire, in state-protected area, was battled under the state direction, U. S. Forest Service crews took control of the Devil's Den (Continued on page 8)

Friday's Lightning Sets Range and Grass Fires

Friday evening's lightning storm, coming on the heels of a 102-degree day, set a number of range and grain fires across the county, including one estimated at some 5000 acres near the southern ends of the Navy Bomb Range and The Boeing Company's leased area.

Mervin (Red) Leonard of Lexington said that part of the big range fire was in the area that he leases from the Navy for range and estimated that it covered some 2500 acres of the 14,000 he leases. Remainder of the fire apparently was on land in the Shirley Ruger operation at the south end of the Boeing tract and might equal the acreage burned on land under his lease, Leonard said.

He said that he had saved the range for fall grazing. If it had been grazed more closely earlier this year, the fire may not have spread so rapidly, he said.

Damage is not only from loss of the grass but will expose the shifting sandy soil to erosion, principally by blowing.

Larry Lindsay and his crew observed the fire, but they were busy with a small one of their own and couldn't get to it. They were harvesting on their Juniper ranch about 7:30 p.m. when a lightning strike hit the field and started a fire. D. O. Nelson's fire outfit came to the scene and helped put it out, holding it to about an acre. Without this aid, it might have turned into another major fire, Lindsay said.

Wind Shift Helps
In the darkness, Lindsay could only surmise where the larger fire was burning to the north but was anxious about their range. Before they could get there, however, the wind shifted, and the ensuing east wind caused the fire to run back into itself, helping subdue it.

Glow from the range fire was plainly visible in Heppner where men of the Heppner fire department had assembled to answer calls in this area.

Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine (Continued on page 8)

2-County Mental Health Committee Chooses Officers

Advisory committee for the Umatilla - Morrow Community Mental Health Clinic held an organization meeting in Pendleton Monday night and elected Judge Henry Kaye as chairman. Dr. Wallace Wolff of Heppner was chosen vice-chairman, and Dr. Alton Alderman, Umatilla county health officer, will be administrator of the clinic.

Plan for the clinic has been developing for some time, and this year both Morrow and Umatilla counties provided funds in their 1968-69 budgets to make its culmination possible. Funds are contributed on the basis of some \$2400 from Morrow county and \$22,000 from Umatilla county with the total being matched by the state, resulting in a budget of some \$48,000 for the year.

On the advisory committee from Morrow county are Dr. Wolff, Mrs. Harry O'Donnell, also of Heppner, and Ron Daniels, superintendent of Morrow county schools, Boardman.

Dr. Alderman will begin interviewing applicants soon for different positions in connection with the clinic, according to Judge Kaye.

Also at the Monday meeting, the group discussed matters of policy and plans for the clinic.

Week's Weather Hottest Since August of 1961

With four days of the past week topping 100 degrees and the other three in the 90's, the Heppner area has been undergoing sizzling heat that has hurt the maturing wheat crop, fostered a rash of lightning-set fires, and caused the population to seek relief by every cool avenue at its command.

Saturday brought a maximum of 103 degrees, according to Don Gilliam, official observer. This was the hottest day recorded since the 107 degrees of August 5, 1961.

Record high here is 108 degrees which was posted July 25, 1928. Another hot one was the 107 on July 28, 1939.

But last summer cannot be forgotten. From August 9 through 20 were 12 days in a row above 95 degrees and including four consecutive days above 100, one of the longest sustained heat spells—if not the longest—in Heppner's history. Those days ran 95, 95, 97, 96, 98, 97, 99, 102, 102, 100, 101, 96. The current string of hot days started Tuesday, July 2, with temperature of 94. Wednesday hit 99, followed by three days above 100, dropping to 97 Sunday, back to 101 Monday, and

dipping to 90 Tuesday. Residents noticed an unusual warm night Friday when the mercury didn't fall below 75 degrees.

Harvest gained momentum in the north end of the county despite the heat, but some of the results are disappointing on yield. One of the highest yields reported by any rancher to date is 18 bushels from the northern area, which did not benefit from much rain. Another reported 14 bushels.

North Lexington elevator of the Morrow County Grain Growers is becoming a busy place, Lexington elevator is operating, and the Ione elevator is also receiving.

Some said that the hot weather has cut the county crop average as much as five bushels, causing the grain which is not fully matured to shrivel.

Complete weather report is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	99	57	—
Thursday	101	62	—
Friday	102	58	—
Saturday	103	75	—
Sunday	97	62	—
Monday	101	60	—
Tuesday	90	65	—