

Historical Society

National monument planned on bombing range

"When our ancestors settled here, they had a dream for preserving this country for their children. We realize the many hardships they endured, we can now make their dream a reality," said Delpha Jones, Chairman of the Morrow County Historical Society, as she addressed the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Hopefully, one of the projects of the Historical Society is to have the burial sites of the area cleaned and marked by Memorial Day. Many of the burial sites have been destroyed by the construction of roadways, while others are located in wheat fields or in the forests. Many of the pioneers who died along the Oregon Trail, were buried without a marker to identify their last resting place. Some of these graves have been discovered and are the burial sites we wish to preserve.

Another project of the Historical Society is to make Wells Springs on the Navy Bombing Range a national monument. The United States Navy is proceeding with the administrative work, and once this is completed, federal funds may be available to make this portion of the Oregon Trail a national monument.

The erection of an information booth at Lexington has been discussed by the group and has met with approval. The booth

would distribute information to visitors of Morrow County.

A bus trip in May is planned from Dead Man to Butter Creek. One of the points of interest will be a place where the bunch grass is still growing as in past years. Many areas where bunch grass once grew have been overgrazed, however, between Heppner and Nye Junction, there still remains a lush growth.

The group would like to publish a scrap book of ranchers whose farm has been in the family for 75 years or more. They would like to print a family history of the pioneer families of the area.

Anyone interested in having their family history traced should contact Rachel Harnett at the museum. She has been helpful in tracing family histories in the past.

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be held at the City Hall in Boardman on June 30. An annual meeting will be held in October. Members of the Oregon State Historical Society will meet in November and perhaps some of the members will attend the annual meeting.

Members of the Morrow County Historical Society are as follows: Delpha Jones, president; Harold Becket, vice president, and Ruth McCabe, secretary-treasurer.

Members of the Board of Directors and the areas they represent are as follows: Paul Hisler, Lena; Barton Clark, Hardman; Ruth McCabe and Bryce Keene, Ione; Delpha Jones and Barbara Bloodworth, Lexington; Harold Becket, Rachel Harnett, Don Gilliam and William Weatherford, Heppner, and at large Gene Nelson.

Membership dues to the Morrow County Historical Society are \$5 per year, while memberships to both the State of Oregon Historical Society and the Morrow County chapter are \$12 per year.

Although the Historical Society is planning for the future it has need of workers to help with their projects. Delpha Jones stated, "We can't do everything in five minutes, but we are going to try and preserve the past for our children."

Mike Sweeney, chairman of the bicentennial committee spoke briefly to the Chamber of Commerce outlining the activities of his committee.

"The official bicentennial 'Kickoff' will be May 25 at the Pioneer Picnic, Heppner. The State of Oregon will have a covered wagon on display with the possibility of a slide presentation on the Oregon Trail," said Sweeney.

On July 15, at Cecil, a barbeque, square dancing, and two

bands to provide music will be on hand to greet the covered wagon. The covered wagon will continue to Gilliam and Umatilla counties. Anyone wanting to hitch a horse and wagon can join the train.

The theme for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo will be centered around the bicentennial with the possibility of an auction being held some night during the fair in an effort to raise money for the various projects the committee has in mind.

One of the projects is the raising of \$1,600 for the development of Hager Park. "If the people pledge \$1,600 for this development, they will receive \$11,000 worth of benefits," said Sweeney.

At present the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the First National Bank have the official commemorative bicentennial coin for sale. The sale price is \$5 with \$3 going to the state and the other \$2 remaining in this area.

The next meeting of the bicentennial committee will be held May 13, at the Ione City Hall, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Mr. Don Peterson, of the National Farmers Organization will be the guest speaker at the Chamber next Monday.

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PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS Kenneth Gochbauer, left and Eric Thompson on the right. Kenneth won the best model and Eric won first place in the time trials while Kenneth won second place. The boys are members of Den 2, Pack 661.

Cub Scouts Pine Wood Derby race

Eric Thompson won top honors in the "pine-wood derby" race between members of Cub Scout Den 1 from Lexington and Den 2 from Heppner. Kenneth Gochbauer, also of the Heppner Den ran Thompson a close second and won top honors for the best car in the race.

Each boy entering the derby had made a race car, with the help of his father. The car had to weigh under five ounces to qualify for the race. Each boy then chose a number and had the opportunity to race his car at least twice in the double elimination tournament. Pack leader, Jack Melland assisted by John Gochbauer were in charge of Thursday evenings race, held at the multipurpose room at Heppner Elementary School.

Members of the Heppner Pack participating in addition to Thompson and Gochbauer were Mark Duvall, Jay Keithly, Russel Brannon, Jeff McElbeny, Steve Curtis and David Green. Den mothers for Pack 2 are Ginger Keithly and Cindee Green.

Members of the Lexington Pack in the derby were Mark and Bruce Way, Dick McConnell, Matt Howard, Wade Debraal, Dennis Papineau, Robert McMillan, Pat Struthers, Tommy Hammond and Neil Frederickson. Den mothers for Pack 1 are Marion Robinson and Myrtle McMillan.

Mark and Bruce Way, Dennis Papineau and Tom Hammond of the Lexington Den were awarded their Wolf Badges, golf and silver arrows for special achievements.

Fishing season dates vary

If you're planning on going fishing this weekend, better check the regulations. Each zone may have a different opening date for lakes and streams.

For the local fishermen this weekend, Bull Prairie Reservoir is frozen but the ice is rotten. It could be partly open by Saturday if the weather cooperates. The road is open although there may be snow in the campground. Prospects are good for boat and bank anglers after the ice disappears. There is a good carryover of brook and rainbow trout in the 8 to 15 inch class.

For those fishing Unity the prospects are good barring any last minute storms. Rainbows should run up to 18 inches. Murray Reservoir has been planted and should be good also. Both open this Saturday.

College courses, field trips discussed by school board

Boardman school board member Jerry Peck, tendered his resignation from the board, effective May 19, at Monday night's school board meeting in Irrigon. Peck gave added business and family responsibilities as his reasons for resigning the position. Peck has served on the board for seven years.

Any individual interested in the position may make their interest known by contacting a member of the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee or the County School Superintendent's office in Lexington. The Advisory Committee will be asked to make a recommendation for Peck's replacement to the county school board.

Ron Daniels, president of Blue Mountain Community College and former Morrow County School Superintendent, spoke to the board on offerings of the college and ways in which the college can better serve the citizens of its taxing district. Daniels said that it doesn't make sense to send a student to another institution where higher tuition will have to be paid, if what the student wants can be given him for less at home. In 1973, 23 per cent of those going for further education from the area enrolled at BMCC. In 1974 this figure was 22 per cent. The goal of the school is to raise this figure to 28 per cent. However, Daniels pointed out, one tenth of the area's population, 4,000, have taken courses from the institution through on-campus work or courses in the communities or special on-campus programs for high school students.

To provide more courses in the outlying areas, Daniels told school board members, the college is considering having individuals on retainer fees in the communities who would organize classes. Daniels also talked about changes in on-campus course offerings. An advanced nursing degree is foreseen for the future. The college hopes to add geology next year. Currently the college cannot take all of the students who apply for the practical nursing program nor can it take all of the husband and wife teams who have applied for the farm management course.

In answer to a query about transportation subsidies, Daniels told the board that the college pays two and a half

cents per mile equalization to all students taking at least 12 credit hours in the college's day program and who live outside a 10 mile radius of the college. This amount comes to roughly \$160 to \$170 a term per student he said.

The Board adopted a new policy concerning field trips. The policy was drawn up at the board's request because there are numerous requests this past year for field trips which had not been scheduled at budget time a year ago. Field trips will now be classified as "Annual", meaning those trips more than 200 miles round trip which are requested prior to budget time. "Special" trips are those over 200 miles which cannot be scheduled on an annual basis. Such trips are budgeted for on the basis of an estimated amount placed in the budget and can be granted by the principal and the superintendent if there is not time to take the request to the school board. However, no trips can be allowed when budgeted funds have been depleted.

The third category are "Local" trips less than 200 miles round trip which need not be scheduled on an annual basis and will not be allowed after budgeted funds have been expended.

Two trips were approved by the board. Mr. Kaltwasser, teacher at Riverside High School, was given permission to take 40 students on a field trip to Bonneville Dam. Jane Rawlins, Heppner High English Department, requested a bus and driver to take students to a Shakespearean play on the EOCS campus at LaGrande. A private group will pay for the gas and bus driver.

In other business the board approved the hiring of Jim Ward to fill the Heppner Junior High science position vacated by Delvin King. Shirley Enright was hired as a Title I aide at A.C. Houghton Elementary School and Diane Partlow as a Title I aide at Riverside High School.

The board accepted the resignation, at the end of the current school year, of Fay Bunker, Spanish and Social Studies teacher at the Riverside School. Three other teachers have also rejected their contract offers. The teachers are Madeline Buckendorf, language arts teacher at Heppner

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Winners listed for 4-H, FFA invitational field day

The 4-H, FFA invitational field day was termed most successful by the sponsoring Heppner Lions.

About 200 youths participated in the various judging contests, tractor driving, presentations and other events. In addition there were exhibits by the various clubs. The children's corner where youngsters could pet small animals was a real attraction.

In 4-H livestock judging the three top teams were: North Lexington Livestock Club, Oregon Trail Livestock Assoc. and third went to Hoof and Horn Club.

In the advanced FFA livestock judging Crook County took top honors followed by Hermiston, The Dalles, Heppner and Union. Heppner placed first in the beginning

livestock judging with Condon 2nd, Crook County 3rd and Union 4th.

The top three teams received plaques for their efforts. Top individual in 4-H livestock judging went to Geri Grieb and Ken Grieb took this honor for the Heppner FFA.

The trophy for outstanding 4-H presentation went to the team of Kristy Key, Jyl Hobbs and Beth Hellberg. The team of Denise Kennedy and Betsy Heath was 1st in the home economics presentations.

Sandra Ward was top individual in home economics presentations.

In the home economics judging contest Jyl Hobbs was 1st in junior foods; Betsy Heath 1st in junior knitting; Ann Lindsay 1st in junior clothing.

In the senior foods division Natalie Tews took top honors as did Ruth Ann Keithly in senior knitting. Janet McElligott was 1st in senior clothing judging. The three top senior judges will make up Morrow County's home economics team for state fair.

Greg Connors of Heppner placed 1st in leathercraft judging.

In 4-H livestock presentations Cinda Griffith of Condon took the honors.

A Heppner youth, Randy Worden, placed 1st in the bicycle skill contest.

In the 4-H dog show, Kathy Enbysk of Helix was top senior showman; intermediate showman was Dee Dee Rodd of Heppner and Sharon

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Charges filed against youth

James Marvin Richardson, 17, Heppner, was clocked doing 48 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone Saturday. When Police Chief Dean Gilman pursued the youth, he took the back roads to his home, unaware that Chief Gilman also knew where he resided.

As the youth pulled into his driveway, Gilman pulled his police car alongside the driveway. He approached the youth and informed him that he had been clocked by radar and had exceeded the basic speed limit. After some profane language, the youth jumped into his car and sped toward the city limits with Chief Gilman in pursuit.

He raced through Main Street where Chief Gilman fearing for the safety of shoppers, slowed his vehicle to 25 miles per hour.

Richardson was apprehended and cited for attempting to elude a police officer, reckless driving, in addition to violating the speed limit. His total bail is set at \$487.

He was remanded to Justice Court to answer to the charges.

BENEFIT DANCE

The benefit dance for Phil Sinerius, held at Hardman last Saturday night was well attended and very successful.



JEANNE HOWELL, displays some of the prime meat she will use during the CowBelles Beef-A-Rama. This year's Beef-A-Rama will be held at the A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon, April 30. The show will start at 7:30 p.m. with local talent demonstrating beef cookery. There will be door prizes provided by the local merchants and refreshments served by the CowBelles, as well as information on purchasing beef. It is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend.



JEANNE CARROL AND CHRISTY KEY, members of the Irrigon 4-H Club, the Needle Threaders, display some of their fancy work.