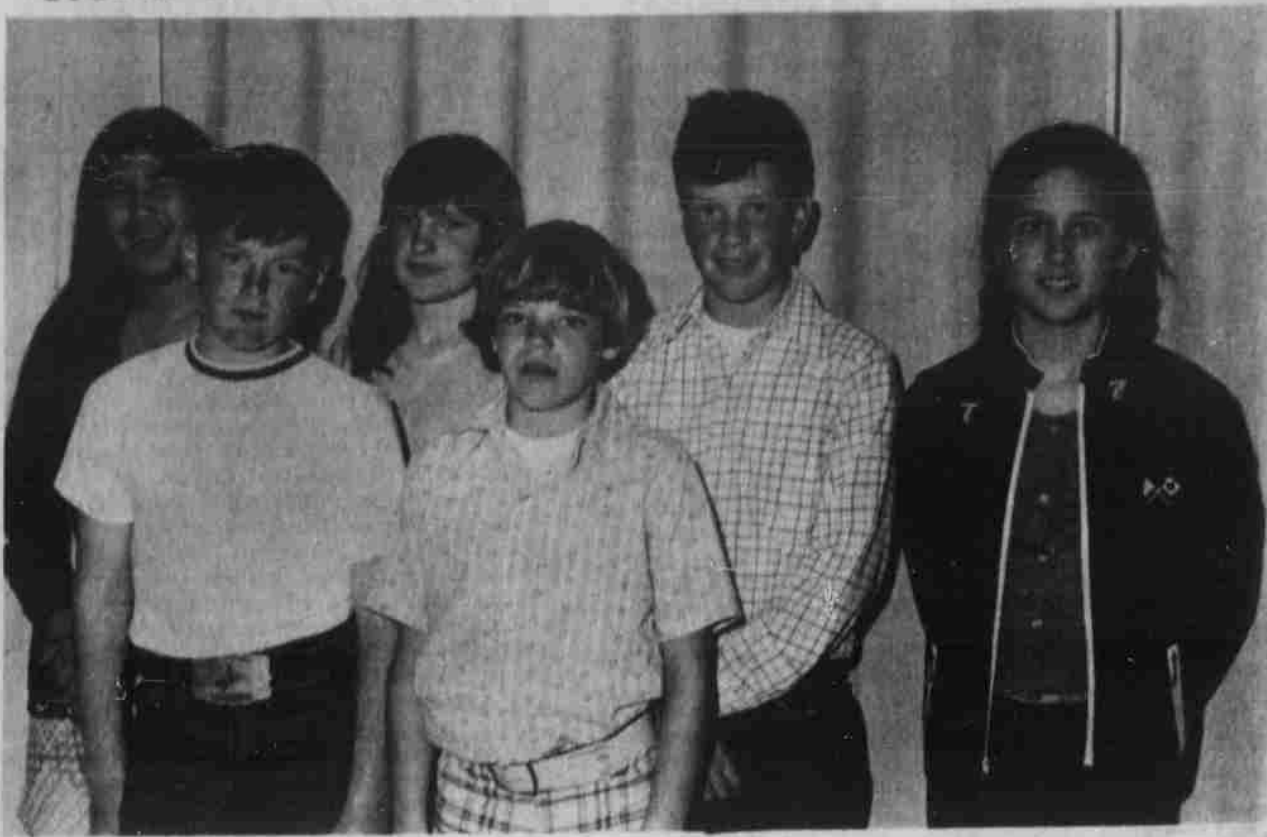




These six students from Heppner Elementary School spoke to the Chamber of Commerce Monday about their outdoor classes at Tupper. From the left, Ella Mae Green, Tony Currin, Paula Palmer, Rick Cole, John Bier and Susan Johnson.

Outdoor school is great students tell chamber

Six students, representatives of Heppner Elementary School, told the Chamber of Commerce of their recent activities at the Tupper Guard Station, Monday.

The students, Paula Palmer, Rick Cole, John Bier, Tony Currin, Susan Johnson and Ella Mae Green are a part of the sixth graders who swapped the four walls of their regular classroom for a week in the outdoors.

Paula Palmer told the members of some of the students duties at the camp. These included KP duty, participation in the flag ceremony, cleaning up of the cabins and gathering wood for the following day.

Rick Cole told of the sports activities offered them and of the students' participation. Included were archery, rifle safety, hiking, bait casting, arts and crafts.

John Bier, told of the visit to Bull Prairie, Thursday. While there they were given a course in survival, and they also had

a class in water study.

The class in survival gave the youngsters an idea of how to survive in the forest should they become lost. They were taught how to construct shelters, build a fire without matches and how to snare small game. "The students fished, hiked and some of us just got wet," said young Bier.

Tony Currin told the Chamber the cabins they used are owned by the U.S. Forest Service and by fire fighters during the summer months. As there were more girls than boys in the sixth grade class who attended the week session at Tupper, the girls had two cabins and the boys had only one. Each of the cabins was appropriately named and inspections were held each morning. The girls always managed to win the inspections.

Susan Johnson, told of the fun of singing songs, some while hiking, some while preparing the table for dinner, some to help improve table

manners, but mostly of the songs at night while gathered around the campfire.

Some students, teachers, as well as counselors brought their guitars to add warmth to the songs.

Ella Mae Green, said "It was a fine time to make friends, sing songs and when we were about to leave we were each given a seedling tree."

Don Cole, principal of Heppner Elementary School, told how this type of outdoor class has grown. There were 51 sixth graders who attended the workshop, 12 high school counselors, two sixth grade teachers, Gladys VanWinkle, the camp cook and Don Cole, who was the director of the project.

In other business to come before the Chamber, the Chamber has authorized a new look for Heppner as part of a fix up, clean up and paint up campaign for the bicentennial.

New clinic now open

Heppner's new clinic is open and conducting business two days ahead of schedule. The new clinic was to open by May 15, however, workmen moved in all of the equipment over the past weekend, and as of Tuesday, May 13, patients are being received in the new building.

Dr. Gifford expressed his appreciation for the completion of the new clinic ahead of schedule and stated that Dr. Carpenter will join him June 2.

Patients wishing to contact the clinic may call 676-9148.

Graduations scheduled by county schools

Morrow County Schools will graduate 92 seniors next week. Riverside has 29 graduating, Heppner the largest with 42 and Lone has 21.

Baccalaureate services for the Riverside graduates will be held Sunday, May 18 at the Boardman Community Church beginning at 7 p.m. Commencement will be held the following Saturday, May 24 at 8 p.m. in the Riverside High School Gym.

The Ministerial Association

Juveniles sentenced

Four juveniles recently apprehended for acts of vandalism committed on the North Fork of Willow Creek, April 25, appeared before Judge Paul Jones. Each of the youths had his driving privileges suspended for a period of one year. They must obey a 9 p.m. curfew for a one-year period and each pay a fine of \$195 in an effort to make restitution. They must work without pay for the City of Heppner for a limited time.

The youths are accused of causing damage to City of Heppner property, damaging a county road grader and breaking the windows of another grader belonging to Thomas Ross, Pendleton.

Power lines being replaced

Progress is being made on the construction of the Lone-Olex 69 KV transmission line by the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative.

The line will terminate at a substation located one mile north of Olex.

Carlson Construction Co. of Baker has a 3 man crew on the project under foreman Ron Borst of Heppner. More than half the poles are set on the 20 mile line job. Hole blasting has been mainly in the hands of Ed Struthers of the Columbia Basin Electric crew. Much of the pole forming is completed by the Carlson Construction Co. crew and a Columbia Basin Electric crew under Doyle Key.

The 69,000 volt transmission line will replace a 22,000 volt line built in 1927.

June 1 start

PGE gets approval for thermal power plant

About 40 persons attended the Morrow County Planning Commission hearing on the conditional use application for a coal-fired thermal power plant. The application submitted by Portland General Electric received opposition from only one person in attendance. The Planning Commission granted the application subject to final approval of the County Court.

According to PGE officials, the project will have three main areas, power plant, coal storage and reservoir. It will require approximately 1,400 acres and could enlarge to 5,200 acres in the future.

The coal-fired plant will burn about 600,000 pounds per hour. The coal will be delivered by rail from Wyoming at the rate of 100,000 tons per month. It is a low sulphur content coal to meet air pollution standards.

Of the coal burned, 7 per cent will be ash. Of this 7 per cent there will be about 20 per cent drop in the bottom of the burner and 80 per cent will go into the stack. A filtering system in the stack will reduce the emission to about one-fourth per cent of the 80 per cent. At this rate no visible emission will be noticeable and the small amount of fallout will be carried many miles.

Standards for disposal of the ash are very strict and special care will be taken in handling. Trucks hauling the ash will be enclosed and the ash will be sprinkled to keep from blowing. This particular type of ash when dampened will harden much like cement. The ash will be buried and the land must be restored to a usable condition.

The plant will be built at the Carty Reservoir site about 11 miles southwest of Boardman. It is on state owned land now leased to Boeing. An agreement has been reached with Boeing for easements and allowing Boeing to use the water in the reservoir for irrigation purposes. It is estimated the plant will have a 40 year life.

The facility will cost approximately \$322 million and will represent about two-thirds of the tax evaluation of Morrow County. Like other properties it will be taxed at the assessed valuation.

During the peak construction period about 900 will be employed. After completion, about 150 will be permanent employees. Even though the plant is planned to run only six months a year, the employees will be on a year-round basis. Coal will be shipped to the site year-round also.

A substation is planned at the Pebble Springs site near Arlington. Transmission lines will be built to this substation but existing lines will be used from there.

A preliminary impact study has been made as to what effect this construction would have on Morrow County. The thermal plant itself would add 188 students from kindergarten through 8th grade, 73 high school and would require 10 additional teachers. These figures would be spread between the towns of Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman. It would also require an additional 300 housing units in this area.

The study showed greater impact when construction of the thermal plant, Pebble Springs substation and the Alumax aluminum plant comes at the same time. It is estimated the student load would increase by about 3,360 students. In the Morrow County area this would mean about 700 in kindergarten through 8th and about 200 in high school. This will require 11,000 housing units.

The study came up with an additional square footage need for this amount of student increase. At Boardman it would take 40,000 square feet for grade school, 15,500 for high school. Irrigon needs would increase 17,000 for grade and 6,700 for high school. Heppner would require the least with 2,200 for grade and 850 for high school. Some of the numbers designated for Heppner would be taken up by Lone.

The City of Boardman and Irrigon favored granting the change as did the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. The only opposition was concerned with log the plant could produce and whether the tax situation would really improve.

In other business a zone change from farm residential to commercial was approved for Cecil Rock of Irrigon.

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City dads ponder franchise

Eighteen people attended the special meeting of the Heppner Common Council for a hearing on the cable television franchise Monday night.

The only application received and considered was an application from Heppner T.V. Inc.

Mayor Sweeney asked the people attending the meeting to express their views, either pro or con, relative to citizen input for the franchise.

Norman Lynn, asked, "What can be done about getting Channel 12 on our present system?"

Carl Spaulding, secretary treasurer of the corporation, referred to a contract signed with Western Telecommunications of Oregon. What they furnish in this contract is four audio and video channels, delivered from among the foregoing available services and shall be determined by the Telecommunications. Program services and station facilities of the three national television networks will be provided continuously. All rights to broadcast hours of Channel 10 Portland, educational station will be furnished and when they are not broadcasting, Channel 12, Portland will be furnished.

Terrel Bengé asked Spaulding about the three-year renewal contracts and how many times they had been renewed. Spaulding answered, "Twice."

Mayor Sweeney then stated, "On March 14, the franchise

between the City of Heppner and the corporation had expired and presently there is no franchise between the city and anyone."

Bengé said, "I know of other communities that have Channel 10 and Channel 12. Why can't we have both?" he continued, "I don't begrudge anyone wanting Channel 10 but there are citizens in our town that would like Channel 12 as well."

His question was referred to Tom Springer, technician for the corporation. Springer said, "The big problem involves the translator and they have a hard time getting anyone to work on it for fear of losing their license."

He continued, "With the equipment we are now running we would have to go pretty sophisticated. If they are not on channel we are not getting them. If there is a solution and they could guarantee us that their translator would keep on frequency we would do it."

Spaulding stated, "Our microwave units are such that we don't have to stay with microwave. All they can afford to furnish us is the split we now have. Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker and Hermiston all have the same problem. The reason they cannot afford to change and put on the channel separately is because they have a grandfather situation. The frequency they are transmitting from the Goodnow Hills to Heppner, Baker, LaGrande

and Pendleton. The FCC will not give us back the same frequency, and microwave will have to change frequency. If we do there will be another hop between here and Goodnow with transmitters and receivers and Pendleton, Baker, LaGrande will have more problems than we do."

In other words, we have no alternative but to accept what they are offering us as a microwave situation. If we want to go to a full Channel 12 it will be with all the fanfare that Tom was talking about and the problems involved. The towns that are running this have only 40-50 subscribers, we have 575 within the distribution area."

Quoting from the Manual of Bureau and Governmental Research, University of Oregon, Mayor Sweeney stated, "The franchising authority is expected to publicly invite applications and place them on public file. A public hearing is required and the qualifications of the applicant and a public report must be issued setting forth the basis for the action by the franchising authority. "This is merely a public hearing, not a hearing to award the franchise," said Mayor Sweeney.

The franchise committee composed of Warren Plocharsky, Ray Boyce and Lerice Martin will meet at a later date to negotiate the franchise with cable T.V.

Mayor Sweeney then recessed the meeting for five minutes prior to continuing with regular city business.

The committee to hire personnel for the Heppner swimming pool had met previously and selected a candidate for pool manager. However, after notifying the young girl of her acceptance, she refused the position. Another candidate was notified and he also refused the position due to a previous commitment. Other personnel hired by the committee (Continued on page 2)

Students selected for national awards program

Honor students from Heppner High School were tapped today for membership into The Society of Distinguished American High School Students, announced Mr. Jim Bier, principal of Heppner High School.

The following students have been awarded the honor: Anita Davidson, Joseph Keny, Shannon Kelly, Sandra Palmer, Michael Mills, John Roark, Dena Struthers, James Ployhar, Lori Dunlap, Elizabeth Hellums, Steve Jones and Timothy Skow.

These students are now participating in The Society of

Distinguished American High School Student's Annual Awards Program. The program offers approximately \$800,000 in college scholarships over a four year college tenure. The scholarship consists of unrestricted merit awards and renewable annual scholarships to leading colleges and universities across the nation. The Society's National Awards Program is the largest of its kind in the country.

The awards program is one means the Society uses to promote academic achievement and civic responsibility

on the part of American youth. These students are also recognized nationally in an annually published volume. The Society of Distinguished American High School Students, which is distributed across the nation.

Principals and counselors of high schools submit to the Society each year a number of their top students. The Society then honors only those young men and women who have distinguished themselves as the highest of achievers.

According to principal Bier, "This is a high honor indeed, and one of which these students and parents may be proud throughout their lives."

Heppner, lone names honor students

Anita Davidson and Shannon Kelly have been selected as valedictorian and salutatorian for the Heppner High School Class of 1975.

Anita's grade point average placed her above her classmates in her selection as valedictorian. She has been involved with all phases of school activities during her high school life, and currently holds office in many of the schools activities.

Anita has been active in the publication of the high school paper, National Honor Society, student council and in drama this year.

She recently placed third in the nation in the Elk's Most Valuable Student Scholarship Leadership contest. This

award carries a monetary value of \$2,000 for four years.

This fall she plans to attend Southern Oregon College, Ashland.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson, Lexington.

Shannon has been active in student activities and is currently secretary of the student body. She is a member of the National Honor Society, is active in both band and chorus and a member of a community choral group. She is also a member of the staff of the high school paper and in drama.

She plans to attend Mt. Hood Community College this fall and will major in floristry and minor in music.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly, Heppner.

For the first time in several years the girls will not speak at the graduation exercises as Baccalaureate will be held at the Catholic Parish Hall, Sunday, May 18, 8 p.m.

Sherri Kay Wilson and Joel Robert Peterson have been named valedictorian and salutatorian for the graduating class of 1975. They will be given award trophies at graduation exercises scheduled for Thursday, May 22 in the Lone High School gymnasium.

Miss Wilson leads her class with over a 3.8 grade point average. She has been active in school in athletics, student government and cheerleading. During the current year she has served as president of both the Girls Athletic Asso-

ciation and the National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wilson. She plans a career in forestry and will attend Oregon State University.

Miss Wilson has been named by the Scholarship Board as an alternate in the National Honor Society Scholarship competition.

Mr. Peterson has a 3.7 grade point average. He has served as student body president during this school year. In addition to heading student government, he participated in three sports, football, basketball and tennis. Joel's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson. He plans to attend Pacific Lutheran University and major in engineering.

Men charged with rape

Two 23-year-old men, Humberto Gutierrez Rico and Steven Edwin Littrell, both of Irrigon, were arraigned in Circuit Court Tuesday on charges of rape in the third degree.

Both men had been previously indicted by the Morrow County Grand Jury prior

to their arraignment before Judge Wells.

They are accused of having sexual relations with a girl under 16 years of age.

Bail has been set at \$5,000 each and they will both be represented by a public defender and enter their plea May 21.



ANITA DAVIDSON



SHANNON KELLY



SHERRI WILSON



JOEL PETERSON