

Water, sewer upped

Council pumps city service rate

As expected, the Heppner City Council pumped user fees in water and sewer city services last Wednesday at a special levy vote canvassing meeting.

The increase will amount to a \$1 charge for all sewer users and a \$2 charge for all water users.

The council entertained the increase about a month ago when the city's first attempt at a \$93,066 levy was turned down by Heppner voters. The levy was lopped to \$32,138 and approved last week but the lowered levy left a small void in the city's pocketbook. The service increase should raise about \$21,000 over the year.

A senior citizen program, for those making less than \$2,800 annually could be set up. Anyone interested in applying for the water rate decrease should leave their name at City Hall. The program is on a trial basis right now, to determine how many there will be, before the council decides on the increase deletion.

In other business, the council—set July 12 at 8 p.m. at city hall for the public hearing on the city budget.

—again, one week later, turned down a bid by David Gray, The Dalles, to locate a mobile home in Heppner. Gray was turned down last week on the \$17,700 home on Shobe Street when the council

could not reach a majority vote.

This week, just three members were present. Ray Boyce motioned to approve the conditional use permit but like last week, Larry Mills and Warren Plochanski decided to abstain and neither seconded the motion.

Gray was present at the meeting. Last week's abstention by Mills was on "personal grounds." Plochanski would not say yes due to one complaint by a resident in the area.

The complaint last week said the mobile home would

devalue other homes on Shobe Street.

But a new wrinkle was thrown in this week.

The lady with the original complaint, called City Recorder Marshall Lovgren and withdrew the complaint when she heard the home was valued at \$17,700.

She said it would not lower the value of the property in the neighborhood as she thought it would.

The application by Gray was still denied. Jerry Sweeney, Heppner mayor, told Gray to see a lawyer when The Dalles man asked him what to do.

Forest camp hosting 26 youths from all over state

Twenty-six youths emerged on the Tupper Forest Camp, south of Heppner, for the 1976 Youth Conservation Corps. The 26 young people from all over the state arrived at the camp Sunday.

A staff of seven have been getting the camp ready since June 13. The youth will work on projects indicated by the U.S. Forest Service each week day and will take educational field trips most weekends.

There is one returnee who was enrolled in the 1975 program—Al Skeesick, Salem. The other 1976 enrollees, most of whom are in Morrow County for the first time, are: Vicki Benson, Grass Valley; Gerald Bradford, Portland; Brian Czarnik, Milton-Freewater; Kathleen Dugger,

Hermiston; Tracey Duncan, Eugene; Margie Heacock, Deer Island;

Scott Heidegger, Portland; Calvin Henshaw, John Day; Karen Hiebert, Monmouth; Teresa Hurner, Gresham; Kay Kohler, Fossil; Sandy Mitchell, Prineville; Terry Montminy, Milwaukie;

Dana Moore, Cove; Dirk Moser, Baker; Ronald Nelson, Forest Grove; Anita Olson, Gresham; Peggy Sue Owens, Baker; David Park, Baker; Kathy Poole, Ontario; Larry Rose, Umatilla; Lloyd Sims, Pendleton; Kevin Smith, Woodburn; Sage Turner, Sheridan; and Linda Young, Bonanza.

All enrollees are between 14 and 18 years old. They are all chosen from applications that

they have submitted. They will work outdoors every day and will be paid for their work. They will enjoy a variety of field experiences which are

planned and supervised by the camp staff.

Dave Olcott, Portland, a teacher in the Lynch School District, is again the camp director. Three other camp leaders have returned to Tupper: Project Coordinator, Clair Klock, Salem, who has been working with outdoor education in Multnomah County; Activities coordinator Ms. Chris McClaran, Enterprise, with similar experience and Work Group Leader Kit Gillem, Milwaukie, an Oregon State University student. New work group leaders are Karen Bradley, Corvallis, also with outdoor education experience in Multnomah County and Cynthia Fields, Salem, another O.S.U. student. Virginia Bateman, Eugene, rounds out the staff in the important position of camp cook.

Fair set

The Umatilla Chapter of the Oregon Pilots Association is planning the second annual, Community Air Fair at the Pendleton Airport, Sunday, June 27.

The event will start with a hanger breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon. Included in the all day affair will be military displays and fly overs, acrobatics, skydiving and parachute jumping, antique and classic auto displays, complete concessions, flour bombing and spot landing contests.

The Experimental Aircraft Association will assist and display antique and experimental aircraft. Also planned will be airplane, glider, helicopter and hot air balloon rides.

Golf lessons slated

Blue Mountain Community College announces that a beginning golf class will be offered at Willow Creek Country Club this summer. The 5-week class begins Thursday, July 8, 5 p.m. John Edmundson will instruct.

Costs for the class include tuition of \$10 and greens fee of \$5. The greens fee will serve as a trial membership to the country club, allowing unlimited use of the course during the class term, after which the fee may be credited against the club membership fee.

The class is open to persons with limited golf experience or lessons. Pre-registration is necessary as class size is limited. To pre-register, tuition checks made payable to B.M.C.C. should be sent to BMCC community coordinator, Anne Doherty, P.O. Box 582, Heppner. For further information, contact Mrs. Doherty at her new number, 989-8551.

Gazette-Times names Phinney, news editor

Wil Phinney has been named to head the Heppner Gazette-Times news editor position it was announced this week by publisher G.M. Reed.

Phinney, a resident of Hermiston for the past 10 years, has been involved with newspapering for the last five years.

He has been sports editor at the Hermiston Herald for two years on a part time basis.

Phinney started his journalism career in high school and attended the University of Oregon for a short stint before coming back to Hermiston and taking the full time sports post.

Phinney said he feels Heppner is tuned for a good weekly paper. He said he

hopes to make the city and county proud of its newspaper.

"I've been in Heppner just two weeks and I can't believe how friendly and receptive the community is. I just hope my efforts can match the friendliness I've seen in Heppner," he said.

Phinney was a Lion in Hermiston and is active in all sports and likes to hunt and fish. He is currently playing for Smitty's softball team in Hermiston, the league leaders in the city league.

Reed, also publisher of the Hermiston Herald, recently acquired the Gazette-Times. Phinney replaces Ernie Ceresa.



Wil Phinney

County road work planned

About 30 miles of Morrow County roads will be graveled and oiled during the next fiscal year the county court said last week.

The court said work on the roads would not be done in the order in which they were approved. It also stated that more improvements and repairs will be made in the county if funds become available.

The roads approved for repairs were: In the Boardman area 2.4 miles of Wilson Road and .6 miles of Peters Road; Irrigon: 1.9 miles of River Road, 4.4 miles of Slaughter Road, 6 miles of Frontage Road; North AG area: 3.75 miles of Homestead Road; in Sand Hollow area: 3 miles

from Robinson and Evans to Fritz Cutsforth ranch; Little Butter Creek: 4 miles

from Lena to French Junction; Willow Creek, 6 miles from Fork to U.S. Forest Service road; Lexington area: from Grange, 2.7 miles to Marquardt ranch; Cecil area: 1 mile on Palmateer Road, 2 miles on Jordan Baseline Road; Ione area: .9 mile of Dave Rietmann road; Ella Road, Dave Baker to Lindstroms, 2 miles; Clark Canyon in Heppner area, 3.4 miles of Mahoney road.

Tour set

N. Lexington pair 'Conservationists'

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over the ground more often and more plowing means better chance for wind blows.

The Martins have whipped the rye problem that infests many farmers wheat crop. They rotary mow, spray, and then hand pull what's left. Then they pack out the pulled rye and burn it or feed it in controlled areas.

"Once you have a blow, you'll always have a blow and you'll always have to take precautions," Roy said.

The Martins have planted grass in some areas, over about 30 acres.

In the Sand Hollow area where wash outs are semi-common, diversion ditches hold up the water. They plan to add more.

The Martins raise soft white wheat in New Gaines and McDermid varieties. They also have Moro club wheat and Unitarian barley.

Each year is a new year for the Martins. In 1964, floods busted up the ranch and in 1965 a cloud burst destroyed a lot of acreage.

The Martins must constantly be on the lookout for water erosion while they wait for the winds.

The ranch is a family operation. With Roy

Roy and Tommy Martin, a father and son ranching team, have been selected as Morrow County's 1976 Conservation Men of the Year.

A tour of their winning farm will be June 30, next Wednesday. The tour will begin at the fairgrounds in Heppner at 10 a.m. The tour will visit the variety trials at Frank Anderson's farm where Dr. Chuck Rhode will bring visitors up to date on the new varieties.

From Andersons, the tour will travel north, stopping to observe foot rot, aphids, and other items of interest.

After a sack lunch and refreshments at Martins, the tour group will eye the 4-M Martin ranch and return to Heppner around 3:30 p.m.

The tour will be by car.

lives his wife, Juanita. They have two sons.

One son, Tommy, lives on the ranch with his wife Mary and their three daughters, Susan, 7, Catherine, 6, and Jennifer, 4.

Another son, Jimmy, lives in Oklahoma City with his wife and three children. He is a lear jet instructor for the FAA.

Roy has a history in ranch and farm operations. He is a past chairman of the Morrow County Grain Growers, is still on its board of directors, was a county committeeman for the ASCS, a director of the Lexington Blow Control District, a life member of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, a member of the VFW and Elks.

Tommy is active as an alternate to the ASCS County Committee district and an avid Elk. His wife, Mary works at Kinzua Corp.

A tour of the 4-M Ranch has been scheduled for June 30 for everyone interested to touring their winning farm.

The Martins maintain a tidy operation. Harold Kerr put it best, driving up to the 4M ranch. He said, "Everything is clean, neat and in its place."

Over The



Tee Cup

By A. Duffer

Scoring was close and good in last Sunday's Men's medal play. There was also the usual emergence of the sandbaggers.

Players were placed in one of three flights according to their qualifying scores. The 27 hole event went smoothly and was completed by 12:30.

In the first flight Charlie Rawlins squaked by John Edmundson to win the championship. Rawlins shot a 96

and Edmundson followed with a 97. Third place score of 104 was shot by Weyland Hiatt.

Craig Cooley topped the players in the second flight with a score of 102. Clint McQuarrie took second place honors with a 105 and Jeff Edmundson scored a 109 to win third place.

Ron Jones (SB) held on to win the third flight with a round of 112. He was followed closely by Charles Stark with

a 113 and Rick Johnston shot a 114.

Awards were also given for the least putts and Clint McQuarrie used his putter only 40 times to win this event. Charlie Rawlins came in third and Weyland Hiatt was third. In the KP competition Craig Cooley drove closest to the pin on No. 9 to win this event and Gary Hunt won long drive.

A special award was given to Harry O'Donnell for de-

monstrating unusual stamina in making it around all 27 holes.

This coming Sunday the Willow Creekers will test their skills on the longer Candon course.

The weather is finally beginning to cooperate for the women on their Tuesday morning and evening play. In recent evening play Harriet Evans won low gross and Roxy Lovgren low net.

Everyone Welcome

