



# City readies for big birthday party



Church bells will begin to toll Sunday at noon sharp, starting a nation wide celebration of the United States of America's 200th birthday party.

Terry Hughes, Morrow County Bicentennial Committee, announced the schedule for July 4 for Heppner. He and his committee have worked with the Oregon State and National Bicentennial Committees. Ione, as it does every year, will also celebrate the fourth.

### ACTIVITIES FOR HEPPNER, SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1976

7:00-11:00 a.m. Public breakfast in the Heppner City Park on Main St., put on by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary. Full platter \$2.50 (pancakes, ham eggs), half portion \$1.50.

9:30 a.m.—The American Legion will present colors at the Democrat Gulch Schoolhouse in the park. Public officials and the Bicentennial Committee will dedicate the renovated pioneer school that will be supervised by the County Museum when its restoration is completed.

11:00-12:00—Church services especially prepared for the bicentennial at all local churches.

12:00—Ring of church bells throughout America (to be done in every community at noon.)

12:30—All those interested in joining the parade form at courthouse. Parade route: down Main St. to Fairgrounds American Legion Color Guard and Heppner Boy Scouts will march to the Courthouse to dedicate the new flag

pole from the Elks Lodge, B.P.O.E. No. 358, installed there.

12:30-4:30—Jackpot Team Roping (3-steer progression) at Rodeo Grounds (with Don Evans and Jerry Dougherty in charge). Entry fee \$13.00 (no checks). Entries close at 11:00.

1:30-4:30—Baseball and other games at the Little League Field (Fairground entrance).

2:00-5:00—Swimming at Heppner City Pool.

5:00-8:00—Dinner at the Fairgrounds, served by Jim Rogers (adults \$2.50, under 12, \$1.50)

9:30—Fireworks and music at the Rodeo Grounds arranged by the Bicentennial Committee.

After the fireworks—a free square dance in the Rodeo Arena.

A public dance in the Fair Pavilion. (singles \$2.50, couples \$4.00) Music by The Basics.

Costumes for the day will include sunbonnets and long dresses for ladies and girls and western clothes for men and boys.

All events are scheduled to begin at the times designated above.

The 29th Annual Bicentennial Fireworks Display will be held in Ione, Friday, July 3 at the Ione Memorial Field.

The fireworks, sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 95 will begin at dusk. The American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a snack shack. Sparklers will also be for sale.



## Five colleges announce local student honors

Five colleges from three states announced honors of local students this week.

The colleges, from Oregon, Washington and Montana are Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton; Eastern Oregon State College, La-Grande; Southern Oregon State College, Ashland; Washington State University, Pullman; and Montana State University, Bozeman.

Ann McElligott, Ione was among the 1423 students who received degrees at the 80th annual commencement at Montana State University in Bozeman. Ms. McElligott,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. McElligott, Ione, received her degree in nursing.

William R. Jepsen, Heppner, was among 2035 students listed on the spring semester President's Honor Roll at Washington State University.

To be eligible for the honor roll, Jepsen had to achieve a grade point average of 3.75 or better for at least 12 hours of graded work in a single semester, or by achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better based on at least 30 hours of graded work.

Jackie Gorman and Gregory Green, both of Heppner,

were listed on the Eastern Oregon State College, spring honor roll. Both students achieved grade point averages of 3.50 or better.

More than 10 per cent of the spring term at EOSC earned the honor. More than five per cent earned perfect 4.0 marks.

Blue Mountain Community College listed area students on the honor roll and Dean's List.

Thirty-five students at BMCC earned straight A grades during the spring term and head the college's honor roll of 137 names.

Grades of B-plus to straight A are required to make the honor roll. Another 137 made the deans list, signifying grades between B and B-plus average.

From Lexington, Douglas M. Barak, Gary Hunt and Charma Marquardt made the honor roll. From Ione, Mark E. Rietmann made the Dean's list.

From Heppner, Sandra K. Palmer made the honor roll and Jack Chitty, Robert L. Grant, John E. Myers, and Harry D. Steers made the Dean's List.

Two Morrow County students were graduated from Southern Oregon State College recently. Craig H. Cutting, Heppner graduated with a bachelor of fine arts in theater. Kevork M. Alexanian received a bachelor of science in geography.

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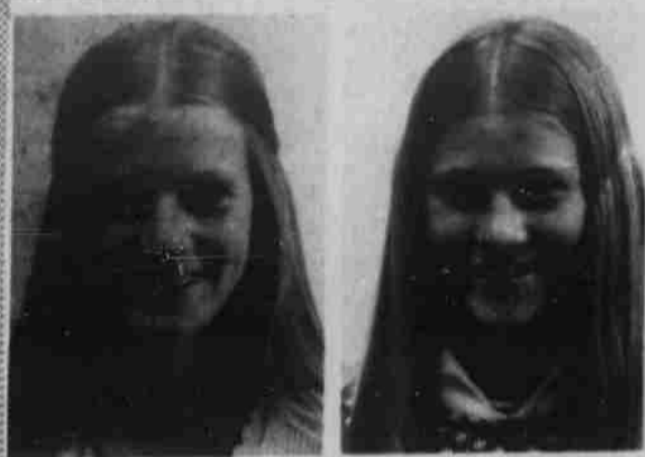
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MAUREEN HEALY

JANICE HEALY

## Healy sisters qualify for national rodeo

A Heppner sister team, Janice and Maureen Healy, paced Heppner's High School Rodeo team last weekend at the Oregon State High School Rodeo finals in Prineville.

Both the girls, Janice 16 and Maureen 15, qualified for the national competition to be held later this year in Sulphur, Louisiana.

The two girls, standouts in local rodeos throughout this season, led a brigade of 17 Heppner and local area rodeos to the state finals.

Janice qualified in the barrels, winning all three go-rounds for a first place in the state.

She was also honored with a second place overall average for the state in all the year's high school rodeo events. Her second place average in barrels earned her a plaque.

Miss Healy was sixth in the breakaway roping.

Little sister Maureen took Oregon's Rookie of the Year award, the Clayton Gibbs Memorial Award. The trophy is given in memory of Gibbs, a John Day contractor who died last year.

Maureen's Rookie of the Year came after a successful season where she garnered 135 high school points, an impressive mark. This was her first year in high school rodeoing.

Maureen qualified for the nationals in the breakaway roping with a second place finish and in pole bending with a fifth place mark.

Dawn Peterson, an Ione cowgirl, was honored with the state's ninth best average in barrels.

Others competing at Prineville were Kathleen, Bill and Don Van Schotack, Monte and Ronnie Currin, Jack and Steve Yocum, Clay and Wade West, Shauna and Wayne Little, Mary Daly, June McLean and Robert Henry.

## Operating by October 1

# Solid waste landfill ready

A new solid waste disposal landfill should be operating by October 1, David Moon, Morrow County Planning Commissioner and solid waste disposal board member said this week.

The solid waste disposal board met last week and discussed the new operation which will phase out open burning dumps in Lexington and Heppner.

The new landfill will be located in Blackhorse Canyon. The current city landfills in Heppner and Lexington will be closed when the new landfill opens.

The Department of Environmental Quality, thwarted further operation of the open burning dumps.

Moon said reclamation work on the two city dumps is planned to make the areas usable again.

Another possibility is a second site for storage and recycling of bulk items such as car bodies and appliances.

More than 15 people were present at the board meeting last Monday at the court house, discussing red tape decisions and ironing out local problems.

Sanitary Disposal of Hermiston, represented by Merle Jewett, was present at the meeting. His franchise, which pays the county two per cent of gross cash receipts, is defined as zone 1. His zone will run across the north end of the county, encompassing Boardman to the south end of the bombing range, taking in the Boeing tract and leaving out the Sand Hollow district.

That franchise was approved in April.



The south end of the county will probably be serviced by Cliff Green, Heppner, although no franchise has been approved. A July 14 meeting at 11 a.m. has been set to discuss collection rates and entertain Green's application.

Green's zone would be all the county, south of the Willamette-Baseline Road, including McNab, Ione, Jordan, Lexington and Heppner.

In Umatilla County, the two per cent franchise cost goes to the county health department. In Morrow County, however, the money will probably go into the general fund and be dispersed in different areas.

Problems arise as to locations of some households. Collectors of the waste said the decision to pick up garbage in isolated areas would be up to the franchiser. Financial feasibility could cause collectors not to pick up garbage in some areas.

Collection fees in Heppner were approved at \$3 a month for one can and \$1.50 for each additional can. Pickup will be once a week.

The county budget will finance the new landfill for a year, the board decided. The county, the board said, is obligated to keep the new landfill going. The board said about 4-5 hours of work will be needed on the fill each week.

The county already has a bucket loader, costing \$7,000, ready for the landfill. For just 4-5 hours a week, the board decided the loader should be used a greater extent on county

## G. French dies

Giles French, 86, famed Eastern Oregon newspaperman, historian and author, died Sunday in St. Vincent Hospital, Portland.

He had suffered heart damage recently and also was afflicted by cancer.

French was editor of the Sherman County Journal for 32 years and continued to write his well read column "These Things We Know" until his death.

French served in the Legislature from 1935 to 1961 and was noted for his efforts toward tax reform. A Moro resident for many years, French was director of the Oregon Historical Society, founder of the Sherman County Club and author of four books.

He is survived by his wife, Lela, two daughters and several grandchildren. Funeral services were tentatively set for 1 p.m., Thursday at Moro Community Church.