



Rockets red glare, bombs bursting in air. See July 4 celebration on page 3. (G-T Photo)

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'Will save Heppner'

Soil treatment project underway

"This project... besides saving the soil, will save Heppner and the valley," Gene Pierce, vice-chairman of the Heppner Water Control District said this week.

That infatic statement noted the beginning of construction work in the Heppner Water Control District on area croplands. The first work on phase one of the project is underway and planning stages for phase two are in the works.

The work on the critical water treatment area started two years ago after floods in Shobe Canyon eroded away almost 300 tons of soil per acre in 1969 and 1971.

The area that the project covers is the entire water shed area of Heppner, a parcel of about 106 square miles, that includes drainages of Willow,

Hinton and Balm Fork Creeks. The project is federally funded by 75 per cent, with 10

per cent coming from the district and 15 per cent from land owners.

The crop land will be treated with diversion ditches and silt dams in the canyons. Phase



A silt dam, foreground, and diversion ditches, background, south of Heppner.

(G-T Photo)

one, east of Heppner, is receiving 322,000 feet of diversion ditches and 89 silt dams in the draws of range lands.

The diversion ditches are just that. They divert run off waters from excessive rains into grassed water ways. They work to slow the water down and channel it to the right water way.

The silt dams are 10-foot high dirt dams, built in the range land draws. Along with slowing the water down and even stopping it, the dams serve as catch-alls for debris that floats with the water.

Some seeding of steep, shallow cropland has been recommended but with the wheat prices high, most farmers don't want to relinquish their profits.

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The Heppner city council accepted the resignation of Ernie Ceresa Tuesday night. See page 5 for story.

DA goes full time

Morrow County will have a full time district attorney and he will be located in the court house.

Dennis Doherty, acting as a part time DA, has been appointed to full time capacity and will take over the office currently housing the county health nurse.

Pat Wright, county health nurse, and her clerk, Betty Marquardt, will move to the Lexington school building. Doherty will move into the office and start full time work as soon as the move is final.

Reasons for the move include lack of space, and a demand for the full time work as soon as the move is final. Reasons for the move include lack of space, and a demand for the full time DA, Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday.

Also in the DA's office will be the Veteran's Affairs Office. Doherty's secretary, Sharon Biddle will handle that office.



Randall Peterson, merchant president marks prices low, low, low for bazaar. (G-T Photo)

\$pend Fri. in Heppner

Heppner merchants will move hundreds of bargains into the streets Friday, July 9 as they present the 13th annual sidewalk bazaar.

Along with merchant participation, local organizations will also take part.

The Heppner Swim Club will sponsor a dunk tank for those that get a little warm in the summer's heat. For the pallet, the Lions Club will sell popcorn and cotton candy.

The Lexington Rebekah's plan on a home-made pie sale but they will have some competition from the Degree of Honor Lodge. The Degree of Honor Lodge will feature sandwiches, punch and pie.

There will be free parking, according to Randall Peterson, president of Heppner Merchants Committee.

Many sale items are advertised in this paper. Take a look and spend your Friday in Heppner.

By Princess Kate Evans

Long distance taken in stride

Despite living 50 miles from Heppner, the home of Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, Princess Kate Evans kind of likes the north end of the county.

Miss Evans, a 17-year-old princess this year, lives a few hundred feet into Morrow County, just a mile or two on the west side of Umatilla.

The Columbia River sets a serene pace from the window of the Evans home.

The long distance, traveled frequently, even three times a week, back and forth to court activities in Heppner could be kind of a drag for the non-driver.

But, Kate doesn't mind the drive and she enjoys the bit of privacy on the family ranch in Irrigon.

The privacy she gets she has to dig for though. Being the oldest of seven girls, Kate has more responsibilities than the average oldest child.

She can run down the list quickly, sometimes forgetting an age, but close enough. She starts with Erin 15, moves to Marie 13 then to Angie 11 and Anne, 10, Susie six and finally little Molly, a sparky two-year-old. Her parents are Vern and Francine Evans.

Kate says six sisters tend to "get in your hair" and Molly is

"spoiled" but the attitude she extends is one of love.

The sisters must help Kate like she helps them, during this cluttered and full summer of court, appearances in rodeos, parades and dances.

Kate will be honored July 10 at Heppner's fair pavilion in her own dance with music by Jade.

Kate, an avid rodeo'er herself, specializing in barrel racing, has the ribbons and awards to prove her ability.

She started riding at the early age of three. Her father was an avid rodeo'er and got the Riverside High School senior started in her riding career.

For eight years, Kate was a member of 4-H in both horse and sewing capacities. Along with 4-H, she enjoys swimming, biking and of course, riding her horse, Pete.

She has been riding the barrels for six years and competed recently in the Heppner Junior Rodeo. She also competes in jackpot rodeos in the area.

Kate was born in Heppner and has always liked the atmosphere here. Living in Irrigon may be a little hampering for the 17-year-old but she gets to this end of Morrow County a week. And Heppnerites enjoy her smiling face each time she comes.



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