

Morrow County juvenile crime rate decreases says director

There has been a decrease in referrals but the crimes are more serious, Carolyn Davis, juvenile director for Morrow County told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Ms. Davis explained the county's stand on some juvenile issues and also told chamber members some of the things the department can and cannot do.

During 1975, the department recorded 175 referrals, as compared to 195 total referrals for the previous date. The 10 per cent decrease, however, was marred by more serious crimes.

Ms. Davis noted that the Irrigon-Boardman area is the county's major concern or as Ms. Davis called it, the "problem area."

"I don't have all the answers," she said, but she tackled part of the problem to the potato industry, people moving in and out with work, and Irrigon as a "low income area."

Right now, there is one citizen advisory board for the entire county. Distance to and from meetings has caused the county to be split however for the next year.

There will be advisory groups in the north and south

ends of the county. The first meeting will be in September and there will be four meetings this year.

Ms. Davis noted a few changes in intake reports

from 1975 to now.

Boys and girls crimes are "about equal now", she said. Also, neglect cases, 19 last year, have already been matched by the first six

months of this year.

Traffic citation cases have also almost reached last year's total of 16 this year.

In the past, she told the Chamber, girls were the

people doing all the shoplifting. Today, boys are on an equal level, and Ms. Davis said, they are starting at 8-and-9-years-old.

Ms. Davis said citizen input is beginning to help.

"Before, people didn't want to get involved. But with new laws, the names won't be given out so people aren't so reluctant. And that helps a lot," she said.

The department last year instigated a program in all elementary schools, presented by local police departments and the juvenile department for kindergarten through sixth grade.

Ms. Davis said the program has "changed the attitudes toward police."

This spring, the Oregon State Police and the juvenile department held seminars in the north end of the county and

Kenyan guest speaker slated

By Frances Rose Wilson

The Rev. Edward Weyrick, a newly approved Assemblies of God missionary to Kenya, East Africa, will be guest speaker, Thursday, July 22, at 7 p.m., at the Assembly of God in Irrigon. Pastor Robert Schmolli has announced.

For the first six months of their initial term of missionary service, Mr. Weyrick and his wife Bonnie will be engaged in the study of Swahili, a Bantu language used much in East Africa and the Congo region. They will later be involved in church planting and pioneer evangelism on Kenya's northern frontier.

Kenya is a relatively new mission field for the Assemblies of God and a permanent mission station has never been established on the northern frontier. The Weyricks will be working with another Assemblies of God missionary couple and two national ministers to bring the gospel to this area. Over 6,600 Kenyan believers attend 205 Assemblies of God churches and outstations in that country.

Prior to their missionary approval, the Weyricks pastored in Oregon for 11 years. Their last pastorate was at Lighthouse Assembly of God in Harbor, OR. Mr. Weyrick attended Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, CA, and has done graduate studies at the Assemblies of God Graduate School in Springfield, MO. The Weyricks have two children, Christalene, age 9 and Eddie, age 6.

Mr. Weyrick will be sharing the challenge of their anticipated ministry during the missionary service. Special music and a puppet show by the Weyrick children will be featured. The public is invited to attend.



Umatilla-Morrow County basketballers at Northwest Basketball Camp were: kneeling from left: Shelly Thompson, Heppner; Susan Grey, Heppner; Karen Wason, Sherman County; Annie Murray, Ione; Lori Prock, Ione; Mary Kincaid, Ione; unidentified; kneeling (second row): Coach Lynne Nutley, Seattle Pacific College; Coach Barb Barbuslein, Seattle Pacific College. Standing from left: Lisa Smith, Milton-Freewater; Guy

Kenny, Heppner; Vicki Edmondson, Heppner; Lori Rhea, Heppner; Jackie Mollahan, Heppner; Janice Welke, Pilot Rock; Wendy Meyers, Heppner; Debbie Roth, Salem; Julie Grieb, Heppner; Robyn Lavender, Pilot Rock; Lisa Martin, Ione; Shelly Trainer, Umatilla; Geri Grieb, Heppner; Alice Abrams, Heppner; Alana McGraw, Hermiston and Margaret Kincaid, Ione.



Five Morrow County girls took top honors recently at the Northwest Basketball Camp.

More than 155 girls attended the session at Medical Lake, WA, eight miles south of Spokane.

Top winners from Morrow County included Geri Grieb, Heppner, Miss Hustle for high school level; Jackie Mollahan, Heppner, Best defensive player; Vicki Edmondson, Heppner, best offensive player for high school level; Mary Kincaid, Ione, best offensive player for junior high level; and Annie Murray, Ione, Miss Hustle for junior high level.



Tickets on sale

Reserved tickets for the buckaroo stands will be available at \$5 a ticket for each HCA performance. There are 250 tickets to be sold for the reserved seats.

Season tickets are \$10.50 for all 4 shows and are good for the south grandstands and the bleachers for all the RCA shows. The season tickets will also be good anywhere Friday night at the Morrow County Amateur Rodeo performance.

The reserved RCA tickets and the season tickets will be on sale at the Ray Boyce Insurance Agency or by writing to P.O. Box 247, Heppner, OR 97836.

Special grants

On Friday, July 9, the Morrow County Commissioners held a final budget review. They announced two special grants.

The Heppner Public Library petitioned for help and was granted \$1700.

The Soil Conservation Service was granted \$3900 which is to be used for special soil mappings that will classify all the soil in all areas of the county.

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