

Painter enhances Heppner windows

"After 30 years, something should have developed," Tom Simonton, Pendleton mail carrier and window painter said. Simonton was in Heppner Tuesday and Wednesday, painting window fronts for the Morrow County fair and rodeo.

He started the extra trade about 30 years ago in Pendleton. He was painting store banners for the old Penny Wise Drugs and a man came up and asked him to paint a picture on the window for the Round-Up.

"A guy across the street saw it and asked me to paint his window and it just grew," Simonton said.

For many years, another man painted the windows in Heppner but for the last three years, after the old timers disappeared, Simonton has been painting.

He credits his Heppner painting to Susan Jepsen, a school mate in Pendleton years ago. She talked him into working here.

"I just do the ones that are lined up, but it gets bigger every year," he said. He said the ideas "just come to him" when he paints.

His paintings are mostly cartoons, adding a rodeo and business together to bring out the cartoon. At Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, the cartoon shows Laverne Van Marter in his wheel chair, roping a steer.

At Peterson's Jewelry, it shows a bashful cowboy giving a cowgirl a ring with a crackerjacks box held behind his back.

The windows take about 20-30 minutes for him to complete. Take a look.



Tom Simonton turns Laverne Van Marter into steer roping ironside.

(G-T photo)

CBE reports planned outage

Columbia Basin Electric reported on the planned outage on August 16 at Fossil.

The outage was necessary to accomplish several maintenance projects at or near the CBEC Fossil substation

east of Fossil.

At the substation, some "shot" insulators were replaced on the pole structure at the substation and also some "shot" insulators were replaced at the

northeast edge of Fossil.

At the "East Fossil" substation some oil was added to the transformers and some instrument gauges were repaired during the planned service outage.

Hospital

Patients at Pioneer Memorial Hospital this week are Elsie Mollahan, Heppner, and Eva Bradford, Salem.

Patients dismissed this past week include: Loy Keene, Ione; Frank D. Robinson and Viola Ruhl, both Lexington; Carol Turner, Fossil; and David Piper, Heppner.

Mistrial called

A circuit court trial last week was termed a mistrial when a 1-day juror fainted in the heat of the court room.

The trial, Western Empire vs. Viscisol Chemical and Agri-Chem, was reset to Dec. 7. Reportedly, Western Farms is suing the other two firms because of potato crop damage due to too much chemical and improper application.

Sen. Jernstedt visits Heppner

Sen. Ken Jernstedt of the 28th district, was a guest Monday at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Jernstedt met in a brief meeting with citizens following the cha-

mber meeting. Problems concerning weights and measures, roads and human resources related problems.

Jernstedt answered his questions briefly in the short, informal meeting.

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