



Dig in. A little girl tries for watermelon eating contest glory at last year's Boardman Harvest Festival. See second section for details.

County winners named at State Fair

Winners from the Morrow County area have been named at the Oregon State Fair in Salem.

Among the winners were: blue ribbons: 4H presentations: Erin Evans, Irrigon; Jan Peterson, Ione.

Ms. Peterson has a display that tells how to roll the dough for parkerhouse rolls and received a blue ribbon for it also. Tole painting specialists Eileen Padberg and Phyllis Piper are demonstrating that art this week at the fair.

Back to school fashions and long dresses dominated styles in the 4H style revue. Kathleen Evans, Irrigon, took a blue ribbon for her work in senior clothing class. Debra Klaus won a lue in intermediate clothing.

Receiving blue ribbons for their 4H food preparation

exhibits were Bonnie Murray, Tara Mahoney and Sharon Murray of Heppner; Ann Marie Lindsay, Lexington; Michelle McElligott, Ione; Julie Grieb, Lexington, and

Natalie Tews and Jan Peterson, Ione.

Those receiving blue ribbons in the second round of food preparation contests were Jan Peterson, Ione.

Football Friday

While Columbia Basin Conference mentors eye Sherman County and Umatilla as possible title contenders, Marty McQuain's shy Blue Devil's sit waiting for the right time to attack.

McQuain's Condon squad looks tough, boasting a young, yet experienced roster. Condon lost only two kids off last year's 4-5 league record.

See Sports Page four for more details.



The first day of school can be cold even when the sun shines. (G-T Photo)

Residents oppose helicopter

It's a bird, it's a plane, well for sure we know it's not a helicopter.

Jack Sumner's helicopter could cease to fly the airways of Heppner this month if petition signers in the west end of Heppner get their way.

A petition with nine property owners names on it objected to Sumner using his front yard for a heliport on the hill at the west of town.

The petition called the problem "noisy" and "polluting" and told the Heppner Common Council Tuesday

that they did not want their neighborhood "used as a training field."

On August 16, Ralph McGinnis of the Air Operations and Safety Commission issued Sumner a temporary approval to use his yard as a heliport. The approval was under the condition that the commission heard no opposition in the next 30 days. If there was no opposition, Sumner would be granted a two year approval.

If the Federal Aviation Administration finds the complaint to be valid, Sumner will probably lose his right to land

the chopper on that hill. There is no city permit of any kind connected with the problem.

However, the concern stirred up another copter problem, involving Dr. Carpenter's helicopter. Carpenter parks or lands his vehicle on city owned gravel pits.

According to state statutes, if he continues this for six months without problems, he develops squatters rights on the property. The city council decided to check out this problem.

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A house fire broke out about 4:15 a.m. Wednesday morning in Heppner. It appeared to be smoke damage but details were not available at press time. (G-T Photo)

Mobile home inspection

State statute irritates council

The Heppner Common Council thumbed through old business and stirred up new business in their regular September meeting Tuesday night.

One observation that stuck in the council's craw was a city-state statute concerning mobile home inspection.

The city sent Ralph Marlatt to school, enabling him to inspect mobile homes in the area. But the state replied with a letter saying that even though Marlatt was able to do the inspecting, the state wants 15 per cent of the inspection fee.

The council had two choices. One was to allow Marlatt to do the inspections and earn the city 85 per cent inspection fee and the state 15 per cent. Or just let the state inspect them for the full 100 per cent inspection fee.

"I'll be darned if I see why we have to give the state 15 per cent," one councilman said. Another added that the idea "irritated" him.

Nonetheless, the statute stands. City attorneys will investigate the problem.

In other business, the council:

—approved a petition from Green Feed Store and Morrow County Grain Growers that asks the city to re-locate a portion of Morgan Street that

chops Green Feed Store's lot in two. The road is seldom used and is less than one block long.

—met Don Burns, new county planner, designated to work with city officials in Heppner, Ione, Lexington and Ione on the four city's comprehensive plans.

—ratified two agreements, one with Don Burns, the other with Dave Moon for the total

cost of \$6033.92 on the planning costs.

—went over but decided nothing concerning money given by the county to the city of Heppner earmarked for the library. Questions rose as to the spending of the \$1700 "gift."

The council questioned whether the money should be used for personnel services or only limited to capital outlay. That

too will receive investigation.

—approved an alteration permit at 125 N. Main that will see a \$4500 roof job done on the Rosewall Building. The roofing was underway and nearly halfway completed so the council deemed it necessary to approve the application.

—gave Marshall Lovgren the right to borrow necessary monies from the bank or from the city's fire reserve fund to

pay off obligations involving bonds and coupons. The money would only be borrowed until taxes started to flow into the city vault.

—approved Lovgren's appeal to destroy ten year old files.

—discussed the possibility of purchasing more parking meters.

—discussed water rates for senior citizens.

Saturday, 2 p.m.

Dedication set at Fairview

There will be dedication festivities at the site of the old Fairview School, set for Saturday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m.

A huge granite stone, donated by Judge Oscar Peterson, weighing approximately eight tons, has been brought in from the north end of Morrow County and firmly set in concrete.

On this stone will be placed a bronze plaque, giving a brief history of the school as well as the names of some 31 directors and clerks who were at the

helm from the time of its inception in 1890, til its consolidation with the Ione school in 1939.

A unique program has been arranged. Mention will be made of any and all former pupils who happen to be in attendance as well as those still living. members of the school board of directors.

After the salute to the United States flag, Master of Ceremonies, Matt Doherty, Morrow County school superintendent, will be in charge.

Also speaking will be Chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, Dr. Roy Lieuallen. Lieuallen spent his elementary school years at Fairview.

The 2 p.m. dedication is slated for Brenner Canyon Road. A dinner at the Ione High School cafeteria is set from 5-7 p.m. Films made by Bert Sigbee will also be shown.

The Morrow County Historical Society invites everyone to attend.

The dedication is free, the dinner will cost \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

To get to the Fairview School site, drive from Jordan south on the Rhea Creek Road, turn west on Brenner Canyon Road to the site; or take Valley Church Rd. from Eight Mile to Peterson Road and proceed north to the site. It is planned to have the main turns marked with white lines.