

Morrow school board seeks property

A new school for Irrigon? That's what the future seems to dictate and the Morrow County School Board is now seeking a 20 to 30 acre parcel

in the Irrigon area for purchase. "Rather than quietly looking for property (as the board did when seeking land in the

Boardman area) the school board has decided to make its search public," explained Supt. Matt Doherty. The Boardman-Irrigon advisory

planning committee announced the search at school board's meeting Monday at A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon.

The increase in basic school funding being proposed by the state legislature will not benefit Morrow County, said Doherty. "The plan is designed to help districts who have a low valuation per student."

"We have a \$170,000 property valuation behind each student in our district," Doherty explained. Many other school districts have \$50,000 in valuation per student. Increased basic school sup-

port will try to provide 34 to 40 per cent of the state average cost of \$1545 to educate each student. Morrow County exceeds that amount and must pay the excess to the state. "This is an equalization measure," said Doherty, "as it is meant to be. It just won't do us any good, is all." The Morrow school district superintendent emphasized

there was no danger of the district losing money from the measure. It won't be receiving any additional funds either.

The school calendar for the 1977-78 school year was approved by the board. Teachers will start work Aug. 29 with classes to begin Sept. 6. Spring vacation will be March 20-24. Last day of classes will be June 2 and the last day for teachers will be June 6.

Million dollar ride planned on Rhea Creek

Alpha Theta Chapter of Heppner's Epsilon Sigma Alpha International, Heppner, had a committee meeting to put finishing touches on their Million Dollar Bike Ride.

The Million Dollar Bike Ride is put on all over the country by E.S.A. chapters to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Cancer Hospital. So

far, E.S.A. has donated \$1,000,000 to the hospital and now hopes to raise a second million in the next couple of years.

Much of the research being done on cancer in children is being conducted at St. Jude's, which is the largest childhood research hospital in the world. Since opening in 1962, St.

Jude's has treated more than three thousand children from 31 states and eight foreign countries. Once a child is accepted, there is no charge to the patient.

The hospital has already made great progress in the treatment of lymphocytic leukemia, Hodgkins' Disease and Ewings' Sarcoma. Now under investigation are Wilms' tumor-Rhabdomyosarcoma, and Osteogenic Sarcoma. Also under research are acute myelocytic leukemia, and neuroblastoma.

Committee chairwomen for Alpha Theta's Bike Ride are: Ellen Kennedy, general chairwoman; Bettie Doherty, route chairwoman; Sally Wilson, promotion; LaRae Kindle, registration; and Rosemary Parks, treasurer.

The ride will start at Ruggs and go down Rhea Creek to Ione. The tentative date for the ride is June 4 with registration from 8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m.

People wishing to have their bikes hauled out to Ruggs should have them in the parking lot behind Wayne's Diesel and Auto Repair by 8 a.m. the morning of the ride.

There will be prizes for various accomplishments. Further details will be announced in the near future.

Survival course set

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) Survival Course will be conducted in Heppner on Tuesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., in the Heppner High School Cafeteria. The Wilderness Survival 4-H Club of Heppner will be hosting the program.

Two OMSI experts in survival will be on hand for the survival course. Admission will be \$1.00 and is open to people of all ages.

If enough interest is shown at this time, a two session course and a two day field trip will be planned for the month of May, a spokesman for the 4-H Club said.

OMSI Survival is the name of the course. It was started in the face of situations encountered by many who faced emergency situations on ski

slopes, hunting or fishing trips, backpacking, mountain climbing and other recreational pursuits.

Forty-nine persons died in Oregon last year in outdoor emergency situations where survival methods were critical.

Primary purpose of the OMSI Survival is to train individuals in proven survival methods and techniques. The course will cover the physiological and psychological aspects of survival such as the acceptance and control of fear to forestall panic, signaling for rescue, weather considerations, food, treatment of injuries, and other teachable skills aimed at staying alive in an outdoor emergency.

OMSI Survival program is offered under the auspices of the Oregon Division of Emergency Services and in cooperation with the Civil Preparedness Education program of the Oregon Department of Education.

Coming to Heppner for the course instruction will be Duncan Eader, principal survival instructor for OMSI. Eader has been with OMSI for more than two years. He has instructed in Alaska with the Oregon National Guard in cold weather survival, mountaineering and inland river negotiation.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Navy cold weather survival school and has taught survival courses throughout Oregon.

Another well known survival expert may accompany Eader: Cal Buri, a member of the OMSI arctic expedition and author of several wilderness survival publications is one of the possible team members for the Heppner course. Burt has been in the survival business for about 20 years.



GRACE McELLIOTT



CAROL McELLIOTT

Ione taps two state delegates

Two Ione girls have been named delegates to Girls' State.

The delegates named to attend are Carol McElligott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McElligott, and Grace McElligott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. McElligott.

Alternate for the two delegates is Jeannie Piening, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zinter of Ione.

Les Schwab holds grand opening

More than a dozen Les Schwab employees and officials converged in Heppner last week for a three day grand opening of the Heppner Les Schwab Tire Center.

Nine Les Schwab officials attended the Thursday through Saturday opening.

Mrs. Ethel Lepachet won a 19 inch color, Magnavox television in a drawing. Other winners were Brian Higgason, Union, two new passenger or commercial tires; and John M. Collins, Heppner, two gallons of anti-freeze.

Visiting Robb Rush, manager, and Kevin Rountree, sales and service man, were nine Les Schwab officials.

They were Jerry Harper, Prineville, general manager of Les Schwab operations; Bill Storms, Prineville, credit manager; Dan Roberts, Prineville, manager of retreat facility; Phil Wick, Walla Walla, zone manager; Jerry Taylor, Hermiston manager; Gary Baird, Pendleton manager; Dal Holmes, LaGrande manager; Dick Durrell, Milton-Freewater manager; and Brad DeYoung, Fossil manager.

Judge issues new case rule

Judge Jack Olsen, Circuit Court of Oregon, 6th Judicial District, Pendleton, this week ruled to adopt the reasoning of the Morrow County District Attorney in a demurrer action by defense attorneys in the case of The State versus Leslie Dawn Baird, 23, of Umatilla.

The Baird woman has been charged with a two-count indictment of manslaughter and criminal mistreatment in connection with the death of her 2-year-old son, Lloyd Kahn Baird, last Dec. 2 in Irrigon. The indictment was returned March 2 by a Morrow County Grand Jury.

Attorneys Ed Stores of Ione and Dennis Hachler of Pendleton challenged the legal sufficiency of the case as

presented by District Attorney Dennis Doherty of Morrow County.

The court directed that the demurrer interposed by the defendant be disallowed.

Pending other legal action, the case remains on the court docket for Monday, May 16, in Pendleton.

The defendant has entered no plea and has been free on her own recognizance since she was arraigned in Heppner last month.

Heppner visit

Mr. and Mrs. William (Bill) Buckendorf, Meridian, Ida., former Heppner residents, were visiting friends here this week.

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tion of the new water system and development of hook up fees and a long-term payment schedule.

City Fire Chief Larry Phillips was reported to have passed his Class B certified inspectors test. The accomplishment now makes him eligible as a city inspector.

New president

Kathy Strutz, a Juvenile Counseling major from Hermiston, has been elected student body president of Blue Mountain Community College for the 1977-78 school year. The first woman elected to the president's position, she will succeed Scott Madison of Echo.

NOTICE

The Turner Landfill Site is open to Public dumping from 1-5 pm Sat. & Sun. afternoon.

Arrangements may be made to dump during the week at the following rates

- \$5.00 minimum charge
- \$5.00 1 pickup load
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Contact Ervin Anderson or call 676-9906 to make arrangements during the week.

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ed his only run when he walked in the first inning.

Allstott, Worden and Stookley had but two hits between them, but combined for six runs, each crossing the plate twice.

Peck stood Umatilla batters up for five of the seven innings. The Viks pounded three hits in the first and four in the third inning, but their rallies ended there.

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