

Steve Peck takes helm of Morrow GOP machine

Lexington area farmer Steve Peck was elected chairman of the Morrow County Republican Central Committee during a meeting last week, replacing Heppner journalist Avon Melby at the county's GOP helm.

complete roster of precinct committeemen and committeewomen was filled through elections and appointments.

Elected precinct committee representatives from the Heppner area were Lynnea Sargent, Ken Turner, Pauline Winter, Avon Melby, Terry

Thompson, and Karen Thompson. Steve Peck and Cathy Peck were elected precinct committee representatives from Lexington, as were Don Peterson and Irene Holtz from Ione. Elected to represent Boardman were Arnold Braat and Eleanora Panages. Vernon

Stewart and Marilyn Stewart were elected from Irrigon. The county central committee appointed Suzanne Jepsen to fill a precinct vacancy at Hardman, and Cliff Green to fill a vacancy at northwest Heppner. A southwest Heppner precinct vacancy was

filled with the appointment of Kenneth Wright.

"We have a broadbased committee representing both the north and south ends of the county," said Peck. "I'm delighted that they're all taking part."

Elected GOP central com-

mittee officers were Marilyn Stewart of Irrigon, vice chairman; Karen Thompson, secretary-treasurer; Vernon Stewart, alternate delegate for chairman; Cathy Peck, alternate for vice chairman.

A short business meeting followed the elections, during

which the previous by-laws were re-adopted, and organizational matters, candidates, and the operation of a Morrow County Fair booth were discussed.

The county Republican Central Committee will meet again July 13 at 8 p.m. in

Heppner. The meeting will be open to the public, Peck said.

Girl born to Way family

Mr. and Mrs. Dane L. Way of LaGrande are the proud parents of a 7 pound 3 ounce baby girl, Krissa Lyn, born June 14.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernie A. Confer and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Way of The Dalles.

Around About

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Three scientists from several eastern universities who are friends of their scientist son John, along with John, a Heppner graduate of ten years ago, have been visiting with Jane and Bill Rawlins most of the last week in June.

John gained his BS at O.S.U. and is now looking forward to completing his doctorate at Cornell.

The two gentlemen from Rutgers arrived several days ahead of John and the fourth friendly scientist from Cornell. Dr. Bob Lederhouse, a New York native, who became acquainted with John at Cornell is now in his second year as a professor of zoology at Rutgers, Newark, N.J. campus. He has a grant to study tiger beetles in the Willcox, Arizona area this summer. This is "the beginning of a project to better understand the beetles and their community structure."

Fred Virrazzi of Colonia, N.J., an undergraduate zoology major, will be assisting Dr. Lederhouse with the tiger beetle study.

Mike Glade, who has nearly completed his doctorate requirements at Cornell, will be continuing the study of horse nutrition on which he has worked for three years. He is particularly concerned about the influence of food on horse bone development.

Modest John, who has been a graduate assistant in entomology at Cornell for five years, is continuing his study of moths. He will be working in Mexico this summer. He worked on the project in this county two summers ago.

I enjoyed sharing reminiscences with John about his last years and my first years in Heppner. He asked me to name my favorite pupil during my teaching at Heppner High. That year was one of the years that there several outstanding students, and I found it difficult to name one favorite as I really liked quite a few of the seniors.

I finally replied to John's query by selecting just one, a petite blonde from rural Lexington who progressed into a profession I have always admired, architecture. John agreed that I had chosen well.

We laughed together about John's part-time attendance in my beginning journalism class and about various pranks he and his classmates indulged in that year.

During the scientists' stay here, the Rawlins' kitchen became a temporary laboratory—not for Mike's horses, of course—but for the insects the others have collected and are constantly mounting.

Insects, however, quickly disappeared by mealtimes as super-cook Jane nicely tended to the nutrition of the young scientists. After a look about Heppner and enjoying their helpful visit with John's family, the foursome left here on Friday, June 30, to continue their research elsewhere.

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