

VIEW POINT

Doctors search committee needs financial aid

Morrow Countians are rallying to the support of the Doctor Search Committee recently formed and the committee has set the wheels in motion.

This past week the committee met with two men who are in the business of recruiting doctors for rural communities and a contract for their services should be issued soon.

One thing residents will hear plenty about is the amount of money that it will take to recruit doctors. It's supply and demand and there isn't much supply to meet the demands of rural communities.

The cost to recruit one doctor—fees to the recruiter along—will be about \$4,500. On top of that there will be costs for promotion and advertising in medical trade journals, printed brochures and expenses for bringing doctors into the community so we can meet them.

The Doctor Search Committee is a non-profit group and their only source of funds are contributions.

A plea is being made to all county residents to contribute what they can to the Doctor Search Committee. The address is P.O. Box 421, Heppner, Or 97836.

Hatfield has words on WC Dam

Senator Mark Hatfield, visiting at the Kinzua Corporation mill in Heppner last Thursday, had encouraging words for proponents of the Willow Creek Dam.

The Senator said the public works appropriation bill should be marked up and out of committee by fall. The bill—along with many others—took a backseat to the lengthy labor reform law and Panama Canal bills recently handled by Congress.

Hatfield said he didn't expect any opposition in the change of wording necessary to appropriate funds for Willow Creek Dam. The House of Representatives has already voted to appropriate \$500,000 for the project's initial phase.

Where to write Federal

Following is a list of Oregon and Eastern Oregon public officials for the information of readers who want to communicate with them:

U.S. Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510. Member of Appropriations Committee, Interior Committee, Rules Committee and Indian Policy Review Commission. Portland office, Pioneer Courthouse, Rm. 107, 520 SW Morrison, Portland, Ore. 97204, phone 221-3386.

U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20510. Member of Finance Committee and Commerce Committee. Portland office, 1002 NE Halladay, Rm. 700, (P.O. Box 3621), Portland, Ore. 97208, phone 233-4471.

U.S. Rep. Al Ullman, of the Second District, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Member of Ways and Means Committee. Salem office, 530 Center St. N.E., Rm. 330, (P.O. Box 247), Salem, Ore., 97308, phone 399-5724.

State

Gov. Robert Straub, State Capitol, Salem, Ore. 97310, phone 378-3100.

State Sen. Ken Jernstedt (Morrow, Gilliam and other counties), 311 Pine St., Hood River, 386-1393.

State Rep. Jack Sumner (Morrow, Gilliam and other counties), Route 1, Heppner, 676-5364.



Letters From Readers

Community rumors upset area man

Editor:

In the past, I have leaned back and smiled in amusement at the never-ending stream of rumors that seem to be a way of life in our community. I've chuckled at the many rumors that have concerned me. I have been married three times, moved from Heppner nine times, have died in a car wreck, have had terminal cancer, etc. These rumors concerning me have been mainly nurtured by my younger students, so a smile is all that is called for.

However, one of the distressing rumors that is making the rounds presently is rather irritating. It seems that many people think that the Heppner Elks' Club and I have had a big "falling out". This could not be further from the truth. It bothers me when my friends think I don't get along with them. I'd like to know who starts things like that.

The Jim Ackley Band had played at the club very frequently up to the Annual in February. Since we had played so much at one place, we decided not to play there for a few months, keeping ourselves from becoming "burned out". During our layoff, the club hired a new manager. He tried to contact me concerning bookings. I'm rather absent minded at times and returning his call or visiting him at the club more or less wandered from my mind. Since the club had made a business deal with us that was still up in the air, he thought I was mad at the Elks for not resolving this deal. There were also rumors that I disliked him and I hadn't even met him.

I finally met the manager of the club and found him to be a fine man. We got along just great. However, the neglected business deal and our "infrequent" performances at the club have started people's mouths to flapping. I wish to set the record straight.

First of all, our business deal has been negotiated and I feel that the Elks Club was most generous considering the outcome of our venture. Secondly, Jackie Jensen is a terrific manager. I am very impressed with the things that he has done at the club and I wish him a long, happy stay in Heppner because we need this kind of ambition and dedication. Thirdly, I have always had a warm spot in my heart for the Elks Club. I have performed there countless times and have met many friends there. I do not have ill feelings toward the club or its members.

Rumors and gossip are the recreation of the senile and the scatter-brained. They generally become more negative the longer they are allowed to spread. This can only lead to hurt and distrust among our friends and neighbors. When you hear a rumor being spread, check it out before you spread it further. Go to the horse's mouth before you become a horse's ass.

Sincerely,
Jim Ackley

Public asks for hospital meeting

Editor:

We, as concerned citizens of Morrow County are requesting an open meeting with the hospital board.

We feel that the public should be more aware of what is transpiring with them and also it may help them to understand the citizens' reasons for turning down the budget.

We feel that too much blame is being put on the doctor's leaving.

Shouldn't we ask ourselves why?

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4-H counselors tell story of camp at Cutsforth Park

by Wendy Myers and Julie Grieb

During the 4th of July weekend, we and 20 other counselors counseled 69 4-H members at the yearly 4-H camp held at Cutsforth Park. The campers came from Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman and Morrow counties and ranged from 4th to 7th grades.

During the camp, which ran from June 29 to July 2, the campers learned basic skills in arts and crafts such as: knot-tying, outdoor cooking, driftwood art, paper collages, tie-dyeing, rockpainting, potato printing, oragami, and hand puppets.

At the end of the camp the crafts were judged. Dena Martin from Gilliam County won the award for best handpuppets and oragami. Jackie Jordan from Wheeler County had the best potato prints. Rock painting was won by Robin Ross from Wheeler. Barbie Corbisier from Sherman County won the award for best tie-dyeing. Driftwood art award went to Darren Thenell from Sherman County.

Some interesting and educational classes were taught by excellent resource people. Classes such as forestry, outdoor cooking, survival and wildlife were offered. The campers learned a lot about the outdoors from these classes.

Sifting through the TIMES

Ten years ago in Heppner, two forest fires burned more than 5,000 acres in Wheeler and Morrow counties.

Most of the acreage was burned in the Snowshoe Basin area, with the remaining forest fire area centralized around Devil's Den.

Several hundred men, aided by bombers armed with flame retardants and helicopter spotters, battled the fires.

During the same week in 1968, a number of range fires broke out across Morrow County grasslands, including a 150 acre blaze at the Bill Healy ranch.

As if things weren't already hot enough for Morrow Countians, temperatures during that week in 1968 topped the 100-degree mark on four days.

Twenty years ago this week, Lone City Council came out in opposition to the recently begun paving of the Lexington-Boardman road, favoring instead the hardtopping of Rhea Creek Road.

In 1953, 25 years ago this week, Roscoe Kelley, a former Umatilla County Sheriff's deputy, was sworn in as Heppner police chief.

During that same week, five Heppner Boy Scouts left Morrow County for Puente, Calif., to attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree. Local scouts making the trip were Dick Applegate, Jay Sumner, Len Ray Schwarz, Jesse Smallwood and Bob Laughlin.

Heppner residents in mid-July, 1953 were "responding faithfully" to recently imposed water rationing, according to water superintendent Vic Groshens. Lawn and garden sprinklers were allowed to run only between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., after pipe problems severely reduced the water level in the city reservoir.

Carol Ann Wigglesworth, Wilma Hug, Beth Ball and Pat McMillan were named princesses to Queen Elsie Bauernfeind's 1953 Morrow County Rodeo Court.

During the darker days of World War II, 35 years ago in Heppner, word was received that Sgt. Nalbro Cox, a Heppner Marine, had been killed during the South Pacific campaign against the Japanese.

During this week 45 years ago, Lon McCabe found the rib bone of an undetermined prehistoric beast while digging in a gravel bank for cement rock on his Reah Creek farm.

Another development during that week in 1933 was the landing of a four pound, 24-inch rainbow trout from Willow Creek just downstream from Heppner.

The Thomson Brothers' store was selling coffee for 30 cents a pound, and two-pound jars of peanut butter for 25 cents.

Picture Credit

Senator Mark Hatfield's visit to Kinzua Corporation's Heppner plant follows in the wake of a filibuster in congress that stopped—at least for now, the National Labor Reform Act; a bill that business and industry was violently opposed to, but favored by the nation's labor unions.

Hatfield and Oregon Senator Bob Packwood voted for cloture several times during the filibuster which would have brought the bill to the floor for vote where it had the margin for passage.

...have something to say?

The Gazette-Times welcomes letters from readers on any subject of general interest...letters should be not more than 250 words

Elks Calendar

Thursday, July 13 Reg. Lodge 8 p.m. Happy Hour 5-6 Hot Hors d'ouevres	Tuesday, July 18 Senior Citizens 4:30 p.m. Happy Hour 5-7
Friday, July 14 Live Music Happy Hour 5-6 Hot Hors d'ouevres	Wednesday, July 19 Senior Citizens 4:30 p.m. Happy Hour 5-7 Scouts 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 15 Live Music	Thursday, July 20 No Lodge, Fun Nite Hot Hors d'ouevres Happy Hour 5-6

Members and out-of-town guests only.



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