

Cal's Cafe sold to Vancouver couple

Jack G. Hentges of Vancouver, Wash., will take over operation of Cal's Cafe and Lounge from Buzz Lynch, pending state approval of a liquor license.

The tentative new owner of the downtown Heppner business is a veteran of more than 25 years in the trucking industry, and has been involved with bowling and restaurant concerns.

Hentges and his wife plan to move to Heppner around the first of August. The couple has two grown children.

The Vancouver man is the nephew of former Heppner physician Dr. Ray Rice. Hentges has also made a

number of trips to Morrow County during hunting seasons.

"We've been wanting to get out of the metropolitan area for some time," said Hentges, "and the idea of owning a tavern and cafe in Heppner was appealing. It will be quite a transition for us."

Hentges said Heppner residents have been extremely helpful in expediting his purchase of the business. He added that he would not likely make any immediate major changes in the restaurant-lounge.

Lynch will remain in Heppner, with a little more time to devote to his family.

Sumner sues Bennett, seeks \$35,000 plus new election

Rep. Jack Sumner, D-Heppner, filed suit in Marion County Circuit Court last week for \$25,000 in general damages, \$10,000 in punitive damages, and \$5,000 in attorney's fees from Chuck Bennett of Gates, who defeated Sumner for the Democratic nomination for District 55.

The lawsuit follows two recount efforts by Sumner to overturn Bennett's narrow victory margin in the May election. The suit also calls for Bennett's nomination to be thrown and a new election held.

In his suit, Sumner alleges that Bennett made false campaign statements that led

to his primary defeat. Bennett, contacted by the Gazette-Times in Salem Monday, said that the suit did not contain a "bill of particulars" outlining what statements he is accused of making.

"I wish I could tell you what it is I'm accused of saying," said Bennett. "But I don't know myself. It came as a surprise to me...I read about it in the paper last Friday, and that was the first I'd heard of it."

Taking note of the recount efforts, followed by the lawsuit, "it seems like it's about time for the primary election to end...In elections, there are winners and losers. It's unfor-

tunate that in this case the loser has taken the election to court."

Bennett said he was anxious for the suit to be brought to

court, so he can devote full attention to his campaign against Republican Bill Belamy.

BMCC sign-up is scheduled

Registration for Fall term at Blue Mountain Community College will be held Sept. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sophomores and returning students.

For freshmen and other beginning students registration will begin at 1 p.m. on Sept. 21, and continue throughout the day on Sept. 22.

In addition to the regular 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. registration hours, BMCC will also be open from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 21. Registration will be held in the McCrea Activity Center for all groups of students.

All students should make financial arrangements prior to registration day, according to Registrar Truman Baily.

Students seeking additional information on registration, admission procedures and financial aid may contact the college at 276-1260, extension 201.

Bluebirds, Campfire day camp scheduled

A Bluebird and Camp Fire day camp will be held July 31, Aug. 1 and 2 at Cutsforth Park for girls in grades 1 through 6. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Further information on the day camp may be obtained by calling Karen Beck, lone, at 422-7526, or Judy Wright, Heppner, 676-5832.



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Wilson resigns

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Wilson said he talked to Groshens and the former city employee had said that he was getting too close to the income limits imposed by Social Security and that he (Groshens) did not want the money.

City Administrator Marshall Lovgren asked where he should get the money—from what department.

Wilson responded that perhaps the money could come out of the water fund.

The council minutes then show a motion made by Wilson and seconded by Councilman Cliff Green, that authorized Lovgren...to designate \$100 in cash to Vic Groshens for his services, and publicly extend thanks to Victor and to Kinzua Corporation and all others who extended help during the

crisis." The motion received an affirmative nod from Wilson, Green, Councilman Warren Plocharsky and Councilwoman Carolyn Cole.

In his letter of resignation Wilson said, "Because of the misunderstanding as to what I intended to say at the council meeting of July 21, 1978, I feel I have embarrassed the City of Heppner, the council and Mr. Vic Groshens. It was not my intent to say anything that would embarrass or offend anyone."

"It was only my intent to thank Mr. Groshens," said Wilson. "I'm truly sorry if I embarrassed anyone."

Details of last night's meeting at which Wilson tendered his resignation were not available at press time.

Swim meet results

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Butterfly

Eight and under boys (25 meter)

Dwayne Ball, first, 41.3

9-10 girls (50 meter)

S. Biddle, first, 53; Penny Connor, second, 56.4; Andrea Ball, third, 1:00

11-12 girls (50 meter)

K. Bergstrom, first, 40.9; Ellen Arbogast, third, 51.2

11-12 boys

J. Sumner, first, 49; C. George, second, 51; G. Connor, third, 52

13-14 girls (50 meter)

Karen Kenny, first, 36.7 (pool record); Sandra Ward, second, 38; Judy Ward, third, 40; Lottie Laughlin, fourth, 42

Individual Medley

9-10 girls

Shelley Biddle, first, 1:48.5; Heidi Samples, second, 1:51.7; Andrea Ball, third, 1:53.6

11-12 girls

K. Bergstrom, first, 1:29.5; Ellen Arbogast, third, 1:46.2

11-12 boys

Cam George, second, 1:43; J. Sumner, third, 1:45.7

13-14 girls (200 meter)

K. Kenny, first, 2:59.3; S. Ward, second, 3:12; L. Laughlin, third, 3:15.4

15-18 boys (200 meter)

Scott McEwen, first, 3:10.1

Freestyle Relays

11-12 girls

Enterprise first, 1:19; Heppner second, 1:21

11-12 boys

Heppner first

13-14 girls

Heppner (M. Arbogast, K. Kenny, S. Ward, C. Bergstrom) first, 2:21

Enterprise second, 2:31

Hospital meeting

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money to purchase medical equipment in the Heppner clinic, since having the equipment readily available would be another incentive for prospective doctors to settle here. The committee is also hoping to partially fund a salary to retain Gail Arbogast, the clinic's nurse, who is familiar with the clinic's operations.

When asked why the hospital is currently operating at a loss, Mills explained that most of the blame goes to the fact that the occupancy rate at the facility has been averaging only about 38 per cent. "If we had about ten more admissions per month, we'd probably be at about the break-even point," he said.

Currently, the hospital is managing to pay its bills through fees collected for patient services. Although the operation remains in the red, the deficit is currently being absorbed through non-cash

budget items, such as depreciation, non-collected debts and the like. "But we can't go on operating like this for long," Mills added.

Mills estimated it would require about \$60,000 per year above fees collected to keep services going at a bare minimum level.

An unidentified man in the audience asked the board to respond to a rumor he'd heard that plans had been made to convert the hospital into a nursing home, and locate a new hospital in the Boardman area.

Mills responded that the rumor was totally unfounded, as were other rumors that the hospital was slated to be closed. Byrnes said the hospital administration plans to retain emergency room facilities, keep the current level of 20 acute care beds intact, and should money become available in the future, expand long-term and nursing home beds to 36.

Although a number of subjects were heatedly debated during the meeting, no one present spoke against the concept of retaining the hospital facility in Heppner, and

locating doctors to staff it. Don McElligott recalled a time before the hospital was built, when he stopped to pick up a man whose leg had been severely injured in an auto accident near lone. McElligott said he drove the man to Heppner, finding no doctors available, forcing him to drive on with the accident victim to Pendleton, where the nearest hospital was then located. "He died at the hospital door," McElligott said.

To avoid similar situations in the future, and to retain the sense of security a local hospital provides for elderly or ailing citizens, McElligott said "I'll vote for it (the hospital budget) and pay my share whatever it costs."

The Rev. John Maas noted that a young girl in one of his congregations recently went into diabetic shock and was brought to the Heppner hospital "rather than the 80 miles to Hermiston" in time to

receive treatment that may have saved her life. "Would you like to tell that girl's mother that we didn't want to pay to bring the doctors here to run the hospital?" he asked the audience.

A show of hands vote at the end of the meeting showed nearly all those attending supported hiring temporary doctors until permanent physicians could be found, and including \$20,000 in the budget for doctor recruitment and payment for temporary doctors.

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