

# Swim team posts win over Hermiston, The Dalles

The Heppner Swim Team won a three-way home meet against "B" team from The Dalles and Hermiston Monday, after placing last in a three-way at Prineville on Saturday.

Heppner racked up a total of 301 points during the home meet, well ahead of second-place Hermiston at 181.5 and last place The Dalles at 153.5.

Multiple first place wins were logged by Kelly Bergstrom, who topped competition among 11-12 girls in the freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly events; Karen Kenny, who won the freestyle and breaststroke events the 13-14 girls division; and Shelley Biddle, with first in the freestyle and butterfly.

Heppner will compete in a district meet at Pendleton this Saturday.

Heppner point winners in Monday's home meet included:

- MEDLEY RELAYS**
- 9-10 girls: Heppner (H. Samples, A. Ball, S. Sumner, S. Biddle); first
  - 11-12 girls: Heppner second
  - 13-14 girls: Heppner third
  - 15-17 boys: Heppner first

- Freestyle**
- Eight and under boys (25 meter): Duane Ball, first, 27.3; Kevin Curnutt, second, 28
  - 9-10 girls (50 meter): Shelly Biddle, first, 55.9; Andrea Ball, fourth, 59.3; Heidi Samples, fifth, 59.7; S. Sumner sixth, 1:00.9
  - 11-12 girls: K. Bergstrom, first, 49.5; P. Orr, fourth, 1:04.8
  - 13-14 girls: F. Gregg, third, 55.1; Cam George, fourth, 55.6; J. Mitchell, sixth, 1:01.4
  - 15-17 boys: K. Kenny, first, 42.2; Judy Ward, second, 44.4; Lottie Laughlin, third, 45.9; M. Arbogast, fifth, 51.6; S. McMinn, sixth, 53.7
  - 15-17 boys: Scott McEwen, first, 42.6; Shane Laughlin, third, 44.9; Jeff Orr, fifth, 57.1; J. Sumner, sixth, 1:00

- Breaststroke**
- Eight and under boys (35 meter): K. Curnutt, fourth, 47.2; D. Ball, fifth, 54.6
  - 9-10 girls: S. Biddle, second, 31.9; H. Samples, third, 36.1; A. Ball, fourth, 36.2; S. Sumner, sixth, 31.7
  - 11-12 girls (50 meter): K. Bergstrom, first, 1:04; P. Orr, second, 1:20.2; D. Reid, third, 1:23.7
  - 13-14 girls: C. George, first, 1:09.1
  - 15-17 boys: K. Kenny, first, 57.2; L. Laughlin,

- second, 58; C. Bergstrom, third, 59; J. Ward, fourth, 1:01; S. McMinn, sixth, 1:17.2

- 13-14 boys**
- S. Laughlin, second, 1:00.4; J. Sumner, third, 1:09.8; J. Orr, fifth, 1:16

- 15-17 boys**
- S. McEwen, first, 55

**backstroke**

- Eight and under boys (25 meter)**
- D. Ball, second, 40.3

- 9-10 girls (50 meter)**
- H. Samples, first, 28.4; A. Ball, second, 32.4; D. Reid, third, 33.2

- 11-12 boys**
- C. George, fourth, 1:12.4; F. Gregg, fifth, 1:13.1

**13-14 girls**

- K. Kenny, first, 47.4; J. Ward, second, 56; M. Arbogast, fourth, 1:00.3; C. Biddle, fifth, 1:07.8; S. McMinn, sixth, 1:08.9

**15-17 boys**

- S. Laughlin, second, 1:02.2; J. Sumner, fourth, 1:15.01; J. Orr, fourth, 1:15.01

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- S. McEwen, first, 54.1

**Butterfly**

- Eight and under boys (25 meter)**
- K. Curnutt, second, 48; D. Ball sixth, 1:06.1

- 9-10 girls**
- S. Biddle, first, 29.8; H. Samples, third, 37.3; S. Sumner, fourth, 39.7; A. Ball, fifth, 41.3

**11-12 girls**

- K. Bergstrom, first, 1:05; P. Orr, second, 1:17.8; D. Reid, fourth, 1:25.3

**13-14 boys**

- C. George, first, 1:10.2; G. Connor, second, 1:15.3

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**Freestyle Relays**

- 9-10 girls**
- Heppner first, 2:07.7

- 11-12 girls**
- Heppner second, 1:49.3

**11-12 boys**

- Heppner second, 1:52

**13-14 girls**

- Heppner first, 1:29.5

**13-14 boys**

- S. Laughlin, second, 1:02.2; J. Sumner, fourth, 1:15.01; J. Orr, fourth, 1:15.01

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## Executive session to air hospital woes set for tonight

A public "executive session" without Administrator Bob Byrnes present is scheduled for this evening (Thursday, Aug. 3) at 7:30 p.m. in the Courthouse for the benefit of the public and Pioneer Memorial Hospital employees.

Hospital Board Chairman Fred Martin said anyone wishing to address the board concerning hospital personnel or operations will be given a private audience.

The request for an executive session—closed to the mem-omit above paragraph

The request for a meeting behind closed doors came at a

public meeting held in Heppner last week. Also asked for was an employees grievance committee that would meet with the board on a regular basis.

"At a meeting with members of a hospital employees group last Friday we established a procedure for handling employee problems," said Martin. The employees will elect or appoint three persons to meet with and advise the board on a regular basis.

Tonight's meeting is open to the public but discussions will be private.

## Hospital Notes

Patients admitted and later discharged from Pioneer Memorial Hospital between July 11 and 31 were Emma Peterson, Carol Campbell, Jeanne Hansen, James Brewster, Alvin Bunch, David Morgan, Erma Hams, Jana Perrin and Gladys Alderman, all of Heppner; Robert Crum

and Eric Bergstrom, Ione; Frank Robinson, Lexington; Phyllis Cook and Joseph Crawford, Fossil; Troy McCarl, Vancouver, Wash. and Denise Delaney, Spray. Anna Malin, Heppner and Genet Mandt, Lonerock were transferred to Pioneer Memorial Hospital Home.

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## Items sought for fair antique display

A new feature at this year's Morrow County Fair will be a display of antique farm machinery. Harold Peck will have charge of the collection, which will be arranged in the old barn near the Hinton Creek Bridge at the Fairgrounds.

He is eager to have people contact him if they have interesting relics of the area's agricultural past. His phone is 676-5318. He can come to pick up some articles.

# An Open Letter Concerning The Pioneer Memorial Hospital Levy Request.

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital budget for 1978-79 comes before the voters of Morrow County for approval on Tuesday, August 8, 1978. Before you go to the polls, please take time to read the facts presented here.

The budget of the county-owned hospital has, historically, been balanced by a combination of patient revenues and tax levies. Only last year (fiscal year 1977-78) did the hospital operate without taxes, relying instead on reserve funds which are now depleted.

Tax support for the hospital is necessitated by the fact that patient generated revenues will not be sufficient to pay escalating costs for supplies, materials, equipment, personnel, improvements dictated by state and federal regulatory agencies and cost of physician recruitment for all of Morrow County.

recruiter doesn't find doctors for Heppner and Boardman, he doesn't collect his fee.

By working through a recruiter the community can obtain certain guarantees that will help prevent some of the problems recently experienced with medical staffing and services in Morrow County.

Another reason for needing the 'doctor recruitment' monies is that without doctors hospital patient revenues will drop drastically which means that the taxpayer will be asked to pick up the difference if the hospital is to continue to operate. One doctor is worth tens-of-thousands of dollars to a hospital; many, many times the doctor recruitment fee.

### Looking Ahead

Looking to the future of health care in Morrow County, much depends on the passage of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital special levy next Tuesday.

The Morrow County Court, hospital board of directors and the public has taken a look at the past in recent weeks and some new directions are being implemented and planned.

One is the possible formation of a health care district which would encompass all of Morrow County and would provide for all medical services—clinic operations, hospitals, ambulances and emergency care—in both the northern and southern portions of the County.

The proposed health care district would be governed by an elected board of directors rather than an appointed group as is the case now. Secondly, the proposed district would take operation of health services out of the county's hands and put it directly before the people where it should be.

To become a reality the proposed health care district must be voted on by the people of Morrow County, but in the meantime it is imperative that hospital operations and doctor recruitment for Heppner and Boardman be funded.

### In A Nutshell

We, the undersigned people of Morrow County, support the Pioneer Memorial Hospital budget and levy request because we want modern and adequate health care for everyone.

Without voter approval of the levy request next Tuesday, not only will hospital operations in Heppner suffer, but efforts to recruit doctors for Heppner and Boardman will suffer. Further, a federal grant that will provide new ambulances and other equipment for Heppner and Boardman will be hampered.

We respectfully urge all voters to go to the polls next Tuesday with a "yes" vote for the Pioneer Memorial Hospital levy.

### How Much Is The Tax Levy?

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital levy requested is for \$146,598 which is an estimated 42-cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

More than \$43,000 has been cut from the \$190,082 levy defeated by voters on June 27, from areas including personnel, supplies and other operating expenses.

The \$146,598 levy request is projected as the minimum necessary to maintain satisfactory inpatient, emergency and nursing-home care services.

It is important to note that not all of the \$149,598 is needed to simply "operate" the hospital. More than \$50,000 of the levy is needed for capital improvements and equipment—basic items that one would expect a hospital to have for its patients and staff. Another \$20,000 of the levy amount will be used for doctor recruitment and doctors are a basic requirement for operating a hospital.

### What Is Doctor Recruitment?

Doctor recruitment is the means through which a community without doctors finds some.

The \$20,000 earmarked for doctor recruitment will be paid to a business firm that, in essence, works for both the community and the doctor that wishes to relocate. The recruiter is paid a sum of money—around \$5-6,000 for each doctor—when and if the doctor decides to come to Heppner or Boardman. The recruiter visits Morrow County, compiles information about its economy and people, the medical facilities available—including the new clinics and the hospital, and then approaches the doctors that would be interested in a family practice in a small, rural community.

The community has the last say as to whether or not a particular doctor would locate here—it isn't a "take-what-you-get" proposition. In addition, if the

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**SAMPLE SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR MORROW COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

PRECINCT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE HELD Tuesday, August 8, 1978 FROM 8:00A.M. to 8:00P.M.

Mark A Cross (X) Or A Check Mark (✓) In The Voting Square After The Word "YES" Or After The Word "NO" For The Answer Voted For.

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE COUNTY COURT OF MORROW COUNTY, OREGON

**PROPOSAL:**  
Shall Morrow County be authorized to levy and collect taxes in the sum of \$246,655 outside the limitation imposed by Article XI, Section 11, Oregon constitution, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1978, and ending June 30, 1979, the said funds to be used to balance the 1978-79 budget.

**EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL:**  
The total proposed FY 1978-79 county budget to provide the level of county services approved by the budget committee is \$1,867,318. That includes all county budgeted items except the hospital, which is the subject of a separate ballot. The resources to balance the budget come from many sources, including federal and state payments and the local property tax levy. A property tax levy of \$574,164 is necessary to balance this budget, including the \$327,509 tax base and the \$246,655 additional, for which voter approval is required. The total county property tax levy, including the serial road levy, would require \$2.20 per thousand of assessed valuation. If this measure is approved, the operating budget to be financed by local taxes will be \$315,193 greater than last year.

YES  I VOTE FOR THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY

NO  I VOTE AGAINST THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY

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