

Janice Healy named to Round-Up Court

Rilla Livingston, of Long Creek, Oregon, has been selected by the Pendleton Round-Up Board of Directors to reign as Queen of the 1979 Round-Up. Queen Rilla is the 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Livingston. Miss Livingston is a sophomore at Eastern Oregon State College, majoring in business economics. During 1978, she served as Queen of the Grant County Fair.

Serving on the court with Queen Rilla will be four princesses: Janice Healy of Heppner, Bridget Boylen of Pendleton, Susan Shields of Kennewick and Leslee Temple of Helix.

Princess Janice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Healy of Heppner. This 19-year-old is a student at Blue

Mountain Community College majoring in secretarial science. Her mother, the former Kathryn Lazinka, is a past Round-Up Queen.

Janice is no stranger to the Northwest's rodeo scene. She was the 1978 all-around cowgirl in Oregon's high school rodeo circuit, in which she won the state's top honors in barrel racing. She qualified to take part in the national high school rodeo championships during the last three years, and attended two of the title meets, placing 20th in the nation in barrel racing last year.

She took first place in the Western States Junior Rodeo barrel racing competition for the 1978 season, and was queen of the Western States Junior Rodeo Assn. in 1977.

Last summer, for the third consecutive time, Janice won the Morrow County barrel racing title at the Morrow County Rodeo, winning the 1978 open barrel race at the rodeo as well.

In addition to serving as president of the Heppner High School Rodeo Club, Janice was involved with other student activities.

She plans to try out for the BMCC rodeo team, and hopes to take part in regional barrel racing events this season, as time allows.

In addition to horses and rodeo, Janice likes to cook and sew.

Princess Bridget is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Boylen of Pendleton. She is an 18-year-old freshman at the University of Oregon,



majoring in pre-law.

Princess Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Shields, of Kennewick, Washington. She is eighteen years old and a freshman at Washington State University, majoring in business administration. Her mother, the former Barbara Owens, is a past Round-Up Princess.

Princess Leslee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Temple of Helix. This eighteen year old princess attends Oregon State University, where she majors in pharmacy. Her mother, the former Susan King, is also a past Round-Up Princess.

The 1979 Round-Up Court was announced at a noon luncheon on Wednesday, in Pendleton, by Round-Up Court Director, Don Cook. He stated that all of the girls are accomplished horsewomen and have a strong interest in athletics.

The five girls will spend the coming summer publicizing this year's Round-Up, which will be held September 12-15, in Pendleton. They will participate in many rodeos, parades and community events topped off with a spectacular ride into the arena, starting the events each day at the 1979 Round-Up.

Janice Healy

...1979 Round-Up Princess

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News Briefs Four-wheelers to organize

Four-wheel drive enthusiasts are invited to attend an organizational meeting for the formation of a 4-wheel drive club. The meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at Columbia Basin Electric Co-op.

Persons interested in formation of a club but unable to attend the meeting may contact Bill or Linda Hutchinson at 676-9001 or 989-8427.

G-T seeks club news

All Morrow County clubs and organizations are asked to send in or phone information concerning the groups mailing address and activities to the Heppner Gazette-Times as soon as possible.

The Gazette-Times wishes to send each club, organization or church a "press kit," which includes forms to be filled out by the club reporter or secretary for coming or past activities.

Clubs and organizations responding will also be included in a promotional brochure to be printed by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce later this spring.

Advisory committee meet

The Heppner-Lexington School Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner High School Library. Chairman Jim Wishart announced this week.

Action is expected to be taken on recommendations for a building policy concerning Heppner Elementary student discipline. Also on tap for the meeting will be preliminary discussion of certificated employees (teachers), whose contracts are probationary.

Persons interested in commenting on teachers can make their feelings known at this meeting, which is an executive session. Under Oregon law, persons may give testimony or comment during an executive session, but will be asked to leave before committee discussion. Annual review of administrative personnel will also be completed by the committee.

Doherty to outline budget

The Morrow County School District budget committee will meet Monday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the district office in Lexington to receive the 1979-80 budget message from Superintendent Matt Doherty.

Copies of the budget document will be available at the district office at that time.

Geodesic domes hearing

The City of Heppner Planning Commission will meet Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall for the purpose of continuing a hearing for the Christian Life Center's request for a conditional use permit to build a church-school in Heppner.

Also on the agenda is a public hearing for a request to allow property at 540 E. Hager Street to be used for farming purposes—namely the raising of bees.

Four sworn to city council posts; flood plain dominates council discussions

Four new city councilmen were sworn into office during a ceremony at Heppner City Hall preceding a Tuesday night council meeting.

Installed as councilmen were Frank Pearson, Joe Miller, Ron Forrar and Robert "Butch" Laughlin. All four ran unopposed in the November election to fill vacancies created by outgoing council members Larry Mills, Hubert Wilson, Robert Jones and Carolyn Cole.

The only council veterans remaining on the six-person panel are Cliff Green and Warren Plocharsky. Green was elected council president during Tuesday's meeting, giving him the authority to act as the city's chief executive in the absence of Mayor Jerry Sweeney.

The first order of business to receive action by the 1979 Heppner City Council was a resolution setting down compensatory time procedures for the city's public work crew. Work crew members receive compensatory time off in lieu of overtime payment for extra-duty work. The resolution passed Tuesday night requires compensatory time records to be kept by the city foreman, and signed by the employee and the city administrator. The resolution also prohibits employees from accumulating compensatory time for long periods, without the permission of the foreman and administrator.

In another development, the council voted to approve paying two weeks' severance pay to former city foreman Randy Krueger, who was fired in December following an incident in which he allegedly demolished a city truck while using the vehicle for personal use. The move to pay Krueger severance money followed the council's receiving a letter from Krueger's attorney. Krueger's attorney pointed out that it had long been council policy to pay its outgoing foremen severance money.

Flood plain problems and the proposed Willow Creek Dam received council attention again on Tuesday. Mayor Sweeney announced that next Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Morrow County

Courthouse, Army Corps of Engineers Col. C.J. Allaire and members of his staff will be on hand to present complete flood plain data for the city and answer questions about the proposed dam.

Sweeney had written Col. Allaire last month after preliminary flood plain maps for Heppner were released, showing that substantial portions of the city would remain in flood plain zones even with construction of the dam. In his letter, the Heppner mayor noted that the preliminary maps failed to include flood plains for Shobe and Hinton creeks, and did not include elevation marks to show just how extensive Heppner's flood plain would be in the event of a "100 year flood."

Without the elevation marks, which would show the depths of the theoretical "100 year flood," the "map is meaningless," Sweeney stated in his letter. "If we could combine the elevation and the map, then we will know the true nature of the flood plain in Heppner, and its effect on the city's future development," Sweeney's letter stated.

Sweeney also noted in his letter that Heppner City Council "endorsed the (Willow Creek Dam) project on the basis that the flood plain would be virtually eliminated. According to the maps that we have, this is not the true situation."

Col. Allaire responded, in a letter read by Sweeney during the Tuesday night meeting, that his staff will present on Jan. 10 "specific data" that will show how the dam would "substantially reduce" Heppner's flood plain. Representatives from Sen. Mark D. Hatfield's office are also expected to attend the meeting.

In a related development, Sweeney announced that the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission has granted Heppner an extension to a deadline to complete the city's comprehensive plan. Work on the long-range plan had been moving on schedule, until preliminary flood plain findings became known. For all practical purposes, the

comprehensive plan cannot be completed until flood plain findings are final.

The drawback to the deadline extension granted by the LCDC is that the city was only given until March 1 to complete the planning process. Completing the plan in that time framework is "impossible," Sweeney noted,

stating that "I'm sure we'll have to ask for another extension." City Attorney Bill Kuhn reported that he had recently written Sen. Thomas Eagleton's (D-Mo.) office to obtain information on the Eagleton Amendment to the National Flood Insurance Act, in the hopes that the amendment could provide a vehicle in which Heppner could escape its flood plain woes.

"The problem we face is a flood act that does not really fit us," commented councilman Cliff Green, who asked Kuhn to contact Eagleton's office in behalf of the city. "We should put some pressure

on our representatives to change the act," Green stated, noting that current flood plain findings, "in my opinion would kill this town."

"The dam has been a political football for years," commented Mayor Sweeney. "Maybe we should kick it the right way, for once."

Potato surplus prompts USDA to divert russets to cattle feed

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will pay producers to divert up to 9 million hundredweight of russet potatoes to livestock feed to offset the effect of a price-depressing surplus, Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland announced this week. The Department's food safety and quality service will initiate the payment program in January as soon as regulations to

govern the program are drafted and approved, Bergland said.

State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees will handle local program operations.

Trade reports show prices for field-run potatoes in russet-producing areas are between one-half and two-thirds of production costs. This year's fall crop of

potatoes reached 318.7 million hundredweight, almost 4 percent above the previous record set in 1976. In addition to the increased production, Department economists say the lack of export outlets to reduce the surplus, as in 1976, and the fact that processors are now holding plentiful stocks has helped depress prices.

Payment for potatoes diver-

ted to livestock feed will be at the rate of \$2 per hundredweight for the first 30 days and \$1.75 for the second 30 days of the program is in operation. Potatoes must be of U.S. No. 2 processing grade or better for payments to be made.

The diversion program is expected to increase the season average price for fall

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Lebush Shoppe changes hands

The Lebush Shoppe in downtown Heppner received a new name and a new proprietor this week.

Doris Robarge of Pilot Rock has moved to Heppner to take over the management of the women's fashion store from Hal and Virginia Whitaker. Several major changes have already occurred, including a new name for the store—Doris LaRae's—and the creation of an expanded junior department, catering to the fashion desires of the area's more youthful ladies. In addition to new lines of fashion, the junior department features newly installed cedar paneling and mirrored tiles.

"It's my desire to create a personal and relaxed atmosphere," commented Ms. Robarge. "We're open to suggestions and comments—both critical and positive."

While new lines of clothing

will be added, many of the familiar lines will be retained. "And we'll be glad to do special ordering for anyone," added the new manager. "Our motto for the store is 'For the woman who knows she's unique.'"

Ms. Robarge has more than eight years of experience in the retail clothing business. She retains ownership in D and D's Department Store in Pilot Rock.

The Whitakers retain ownership of the Lebush building, and will continue to operate the Lebush Shoppe in Boardman. They will also open a women's clothing store featuring larger sizes (16-52) in the Hermiston Plaza shopping center. The new outlet will be called "Hal's Gal's." "We're shooting for a March 1 opening date," said Mrs. Whitaker.



Doris Robarge, formerly of Pilot Rock, took over ownership and operations of the Lebush Shoppe from Virginia and Hal Whitaker this past week.