

Condon group puts emphasis on safe sports parachuting fun

"We are trying to build up the name of safe sports parachuting," John Pierson, a skydiver and trainer, told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at last week's luncheon meeting.

Pierson started parachute jumping in 1966 and has a total of 286 successful jumps including 77 while in the U.S. Air Force. As a master parachutist with the Air Force and rescue jumpmaster, Pierson spent five years as a pararescueman, making jumps into the ocean with a full set of scuba gear, night jumps and intentional tree jumps.

He has also jumped from helicopters, amphibians, multi-engine jets, turbo props and Cessna aircraft.

Pierson is a member of the U.S. Parachute Association and president of Eastern Oregon Skydivers Inc. of Condon, which is training beginners in sports parachuting. One of the trainees is Heppner Mayor Jerry Sweeney who has already made two

successful jumps and will be trying his first skydive.

Before Pierson's presentation, Sweeney said the veteran skydiver once postponed his honeymoon plans to dive into the ocean to treat a Russian sailor aboard a ship.

Pierson explains the training given by him and another jumpmaster with 18 years experience as "safe and thorough" and teaching attitude for safe sports parachuting. The Condon training program uses surplus design military parachutes at a cost of about \$500 each compared to the average \$1,500 chutes, but as explained by Pierson, the equipment is in good condition and not really worn out; it is surplus in terms of the most advanced chutes used by today's sports parachutists.

In a demonstration of the 50 pounds of gear worn by Mayor Sweeney, Pierson said two chutes are carried, the main and reserve. Should the main chute fail to open when the

chutist pulls the ripcord, he has 25 seconds to pull the ripcord of the second chute.

Some chamber members wondered whether this was enough time for the person to react.

Pierson said before the trainees make their first skydive, they are heavily instructed in emergency procedures. The veteran jumper has had two malfunctions in his long number of jumps and managed to pull the reserve ripcord in time.

Each jumper packs his own main chutes. The reserve chutes must be packed by licensed packers.

Asked how a jumper prevents the lines connecting the chute and harness from becoming twisted, Pierson said the jumper can straighten them out. He can also use toggles or handles on the chute to steer the chute once it has come open.

Mayor Sweeney said chutists can turn a 360 degree circle with the aid of the

toggles affording a spectacular view while falling.

Sweeney said there were about five other people in the Heppner area who had expressed an interest in learning the sport. Dick Berger, loan officer for First National Bank, said he has jumped twice.

During the demonstration of the procedures carried out in an actual jump from a small aircraft, Sweeney said he was scared when he made his first jumps. His first two jumps were from a static jump releasing his chute automatically.

The trainees use round canopy chutes which Pierson described as producing a low rate of descent and having low steerability. But he said they are extremely reliable.

The jumper goes into the arch position because the stomach is the center of gravity.

Busy planners accept property uses

At a special meeting of the Heppner Planning Commission Monday night at Heppner City Hall, a number of conditional uses were granted. A variance application from M. Ray Boyce of Heppner to allow construction of a car port roof at the edge of his property line at 435 S. Chase Street was approved by the Commission.

Also approved was a conditional use permit to Carl and Mary Bonner for the permanent installation of a mobile home on a lot in a residential R-2 zone, conditional use for Ray and Lucille Massey for the permanent installation of a mobile home in a residential, R-2 zone, at 355 W. Church Street, despite an objection from County Clerk Sadie Parrish who in a letter to the Mayor and City Council, said "since I wish to protest as the alley is narrow and when a trailer is placed on this narrow lot, if they park their cars beside I am unable to get my car out of my garage; so I would not like to

see another trailer on this lot"; and a conditional use permit for F.D. Messenger of Heppner for permanent installation of a mobile home at 235 1/2 Linden Way despite the insistence of Mark Lovgren of Columbia Basin Co-op that the lot had a "blanket utility easement".

An application for a conditional use permit from Oscar and Frances Crook, at 233 Linden Way for installation of a mobile home was rejected by the Commission because of "inadequate plans".

The Commission also approved the application of Norman J. Paulus to partition property at 235 Linden Way for the permanent installation of mobile homes on 4 lots, setting forth the condition that he be required to allow a right-of-way for a 50 ft. street and provide a 20 ft. improved roadway (which could be gravel). The developer is also required to grant easements for sewer and water lines. According to City Planning Commissioner Chairman

Terry Hager, the partition process is different from subdivision requirement and should property-owners desire paved streets, a local improvement district or LID could be formed. The city has a policy of not accepting streets into the city until they meet required standards.

Present at Monday's meeting were Commission members John Shaw, Mike Gray,

Dave Hanna, Bob Lankford and Chairman Hager. Ed Tarnasky was excused. About 10 property-owners attended the session along with an attorney, Joseph McNaught of Pendleton.


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Susan Anton, Rick Nelson to headline State Fair

Susan Anton will headline free entertainment at the 1979 Oregon State Fair, August 31 on the Oregon Showcase Stage.

Combining breath taking good looks and fine singing talent, Anton will give two free performances on the Showcase Stage at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. All entertainment at the Fair is free this year with paid grounds admission.

The first runner-up in the 1970 Miss America Pageant, Susan Anton began her professional acting-singing career as the "Murial Cigar Girl" in 1976.

She has appeared on Merv Griffin, Mike Douglas, The Tonight Show and Dinah Shore talk shows and had her own variety show with Mel Tillis.

She is presently starring in the title role of "Get Susan Williams," part of the NBC series "Cliff Hangers" and co-stars with James Coburn in the new motion picture "Goldengirl." Susan Anton is the fourth largest selling poster personality in the country.

For "The Time of Your Life" see and hear Susan Anton, on the Oregon Showcase Stage August 31 at the 1979 Oregon State Fair, August 25 through September 3.

Rick Nelson, whose television and recording career spans three decades, will entertain 1979 Oregon State Fairgoers, August 30 on the Oregon Showcase Stage.

Blues to rock, by Nelson and "The Stone Canyon Band" will be on the Showcase stage for two free performances at 2:00

p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

From his first single, "I'm Walkin'", Teenager's Romance" to his most recent top ten hit "Dream Lover" Nelson has entertained audiences as a pop singer, teen idol and actor. Nelson began his career in 1948, when he joined his parents radio show "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" which moved to television in 1952 for a 14-year run. Since then, Nelson established himself as a fine singer who works with a variety of music, from blues, rock, country and a combination country-rock.

See and hear Rick Nelson and "The Stone Canyon Band" at the 1979 Oregon State Fair. It's free with your admission for "The Time of Your Life."

"We have thousands of teddy bears and cases of candied apples and other goodies ready for the 1979 Oregon State Fair," said Ron Burback, co-owner of Fantastic Shows. "We will have the best carnival we've ever had,

with more attractions than ever."

More than \$2 million worth of spectacular rides and equipment will be on the fairgrounds during the 10-day extravaganza and more than 100 attractions will be waiting for fairgoers in the carnival area. Special attractions include the Laser Light Show, Sky Diver, German Matterhorn and the Enterprise, plus lots of games and shows.

Major rides are 60 cents, kiddie rides will be 40 cents and some of the more spectacular features will be 80 cents according to Burback. "KATU's Pay One Price Day, Bob's Buddy Day, and Pepsi Day make it cost even less for carnival rides and attractions.

"We are anxious to show '79 fairgoers 'The Time of Your Life' on the midway," continued Burback. "We will have a clean carnival and all Fantastic personnel will wear white shirts and ties, be neat, clean and have a nice smile again this year."

Field narrowed for new administrator

The Morrow County Hospital Board has narrowed the field of applicants for the position of Hospital Administrator at Pioneer Memorial Hospital to four and will hold future interviews, Hospital Board Chairman Fred Martin said Tuesday.

Martin said most resumes for the vacancy October 31 have come from the Oregon Association of Hospitals.

"We are in the process of examining and setting up interviews," Martin said.

As for labor negotiations,

Martin said a settlement could be reached between the hospital's non-licensed personnel and Hospital Board Negotiator Don Scott by Wednesday. The negotiations were stalled by the lack of approved hospital levy earlier this summer.

So far, the hospital's new ambulances have not arrived. They were expected August 13 and officials had hoped they would arrive in time for the Morrow County Rodeo Parade held last weekend in Heppner.

Road Committee to set maintenance priorities

The Morrow County Road Committee will meet September 5 at 1 p.m. at the County Courthouse in Heppner to consider whether the county should ask for a serial levy for road repairs and set priorities for road maintenance, according to Judge D.O. Nelson.

Members of the committee are Jerry Peck, Dan Creamer, Bob Jepsen, Bob Harrison,

Ken Peck, Larry Mills, Louis Carlson and Matt Doherty.

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Labor Day Monday

The Labor Day holiday is Monday, September 3 and most businesses, state and federal offices and the county courthouse will be closed in Heppner.

The Gazette-Times will be closed for the holiday but will reopen on Tuesday. Because of the holiday, news and advertising deadlines are this Friday at 5 p.m. If you have news items or classified advertisements, please submit them to the Gazette-Times office before the deadline.

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