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MC NIGHT SALE

Downtown Heppner 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, April 25



Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Lori Edwards (left) was crowned last Saturday at the coronation at the Lexington Grange (see story page 8). She is shown here with Bud Englert, who is donating the trophy to the all-around cowboy of the rodeo.

Mother's Day walk to aid Dimes fund

March of Dimes "Superwalk" from Hager Park in Heppner to Lexington and back will take place on Mother's Day, May 11.

It is open to all young people under 101, according to a March of Dimes brochure.

Sponsor list sheets are available at local schools and at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner. Sponsors pledge a certain amount of money for every mile walked in the 20-mile course.

Registration will be from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the actual Superwalk beginning after registration. Sponsor lists must be brought on the day of the walk. March of Dimes officials will validate the list

and give walkers a route-checkpoint card and a walk number.

Money collected from sponsors will be sent to the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Most of the money will go to the March of Dimes but a portion of it will be donated to the local American Field Service Chapter.

The March of Dimes researches into the causes of birth defects. One of every 14 babies is born with a birth defect equalling more than 250,000 each year. The United States ranks 15th in the world in preventing infant mortality. One of every 10 American families has a birth defective member.

Local merchants are donating prizes for the Superwalk.

The grand prize, for the most money collected by an individual, is a ten speed bike. Prizes will also be given to the

second, third, fourth and fifth place individuals who bring in the most money. Prizes will also be given to the oldest man and woman walkers, youngest boy and girl walkers, class providing the most walkers per capita, largest participating family and the largest number of sponsors and runners up.

To be eligible for prizes, walkers must complete the full 20 miles and all pledges from sponsors must be received by the Bank of Eastern Oregon by May 20.

There will be a hotdog feed at Hager Park for everyone who finishes.

Superwalk sponsors remind all participants that it is not a race but a walk. Walkers must stay on the side of the road. Water and other refreshments are available at checkpoints every two miles along the route. First aid supplies are

also at the checkpoints. Wear comfortable walking shoes or boots with a thick pair of socks not tennis shoes or loafers. The Superwalk will go on rain or shine.

Swim Team Carnival set during sale

A Heppner Swim Team Carnival will take place during the Heppner Merchants Moonlight Sale tomorrow night from 7 to 9.

It will be at the Old Ford Building on the Corner of Main and May streets.

The Carnival will include a Country Store and homemade pies, cotton candy and coffee will be sold. There will also be a dunk tank and other games with prizes.

County to hold budget hearing

Morrow County Court is having a budget hearing April 30 in the county judge's office in the courthouse in Heppner beginning at 10 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss with the general public next year's county budget that has been approved by the Morrow County Budget Committee.

The increase in the approved budget compared to the 1979 budget is \$382,474. Total personal services will increase \$431,000, and total materials and supplies will increase \$310,396 but total capital outlay will decrease \$245,730 and the total of all other expenditures will decrease \$113,192.

Total budget approved by the committee is for \$4,280,740. Voters adopted a budget of \$3,898,266 for 1979.

Anticipated revenues other than county property taxes are for \$2,502,385, up \$5,854 from this year's 1979-80 budget.

The amount needed to balance the budget is \$1,778,355. The amount needed

to balance the present budget was \$1,401,735.

The total portion of the budget that will require property taxes and that voters will see on the A ballot at the May 20 primary election is for \$1,920,622, \$377,798 more than what was needed for the present budget.

Portions of the budget that are self supporting and therefore do not require any property taxes are the revenue sharing, airport, Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, law library and mental health services.

Revenue sharing is down almost \$45,000 and the fair and airport budgets are down slightly. The law library budget has increased \$100 to a total of \$4,000 and mental health services budget will increase \$38,747.

General Roads Fund shows the largest increase in the budget from \$889,000 to \$1,511,581. Of that amount, \$974,990 is required from property taxes. For the 1979-80 budget, \$176,000 was required from property taxes for the roads.

The General Fund portion of the budget will increase about \$42,000 but property taxpayers will pay less for it than last year because of more resources from other areas.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital's budget will decrease more than \$320,000 to \$1,313,027. While taxpayers paid \$460,089 for the hospital last year, they will pay \$65,238 for the 1980-81 budget.

Student hit by truck, suffers cuts, bruises

Randy Osborn received cuts and bruises in an accident last Friday near Heppner High School in which he was hit by a pickup truck.

The driver of the truck was Ronald A. Schwarz, another student at Heppner High School.

Osborn, 14, was walking from school at 3:30 p.m. down the middle of the street, according to Heppner Police reports. Schwarz was driving a 1974 Ford when he tried to go

COLUMBIA BASIN ACTION

Irrigators' rate adopted

By Steven A. Powell

Columbia Basin Electric Board of Directors established a rate for irrigators at a meeting last week.

The board has been meeting with large and small irrigators for the past two months in an attempt to compromise on a rate increase.

Since a compromise was not made and submitted to the board, it had to establish a rate in an effort to please CBEC irrigation customers.

The new rate consists of a horsepower charge and an energy charge with the fixed

charges adopted in the first revised rate dropped but the horsepower charge increased.

For one to four horsepower pumps, the charge is \$26.75 per horsepower. For five to 40 horsepower, cost is \$21.75 per horsepower. From 41 to 125 horsepower, the cost is \$18.75 per horsepower. For 126 to 225 horsepower pumps, the cost is \$15.75 per horsepower per year. For 226 to 500 horsepower pumps, the cost is \$13.75 per horsepower and for pumps larger than 500 horsepower, the cost is \$11.75 per horsepower per year.

The energy cost is \$.0095 per kilowatt-hour for all irrigation customers.

Billing will be monthly. If a pump is used at any time during a calendar year, the

annual horsepower charge will apply.

The previous rate that had caused discontent among small irrigation users had an

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Study supports Kinzua wood-waste power plant

Construction of a wood-waste-fired electricity and steam co-generation plant in the Heppner area is feasible; and the cost of power from such a plant will be competitive with new alternative sources of energy that will be available in the 1980s—including nuclear plants.

Those findings are from a recent study done by the consulting firm of Schuchart and Associates of Seattle, according to a Bonneville Power Administration announcement made by Sterling Munro and Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative Manager Fred Toombs.

The \$45,000 study was co-sponsored by Kinzua Corp., CBEC, BPA and the Electric Power Research Institute.

"There is good news and bad news in the study," Munro said. "The good news is that there is enough mill residue from Kinzua and other mills within a 100-mile radius of Heppner to support construction of a six, 12 or 24 megawatt wood-burning electric and steam power plant that could be operational by 1983."

"The bad news is that use of forest logging slash is unlikely as a fuel for such a plant because of the high cost of collecting, processing and transporting that kind of material."

A six-megawatt plant would cost about \$14.3 million to build and fuel from Kinzua would cost, in 1983, an average of \$5 per two ton unit of mill residue. The plant would use about 48,400 of these units each year bringing fuel costs to about \$260,000 per year.

A 12-megawatt plant would cost about \$26.5 million to build with fuel provided by Kinzua and other mills within a short hauling distance. The 1983 average cost of fuel would be about \$7.30 per two ton unit and some 75,500 units would be needed each year at a cost of about \$599,000.

The largest plant, 24 megawatts, could cost \$40 million to build and a portion of its fuel would have to be hauled from mills within a 100-mile radius of Heppner bringing that cost to \$17 per two ton unit. About 128,000 of the units would be needed yearly bringing the fuel costs to more than \$2.2 million per year.

"In all cases, the first year cost of producing power would range from 43 to 51 mills per kilowatt-hour depending on the size of the plant, distance the fuel is hauled and methods of financing," CBEC Manager Toombs said.

"The study concludes that those generating costs will permit marketing of the energy as long as there is adequate fuel within a reasonable distance of the plant," he added.

Toombs said the study recommends two sites for construction of a plant.

"The first site is immediately north of the mill's existing steam generating plant and is recommended for a six-megawatt power house," Toombs said. "Although the site has limitations, it is very near the fuel source."

He added that the second site is an 11-acre area east of Highway 207 across from the plywood plant.

"It would do the job for either the 12 megawatt or 24 megawatt plant," Toombs said. "It is not located in the flood plain and will accommodate the much larger fuel piles necessary for the larger plants."

Toombs indicated the decision on whether to go ahead with any of the options for the plant is under consideration by Kinzua Corp.

Auto crash fatal to 2

Kasey James Bloodworth and his unborn sister, Karissa Joy Bloodworth, were killed in an automobile accident last Friday morning.

The accident occurred two miles east of Echo when Carlita Bloodworth, formerly of Lexington and now of 4311 S.W. Kirk in Pendleton, collided almost head on with Lyella Taylor, 49, of Lexington.

According to Oregon State Police reports, Bloodworth was heading toward Echo and Taylor toward the freeway. Reports state that neither driver apparently had time to brake as there were no skid

marks on the highway. Impact was estimated at 50 miles per hour.

Bloodworth is listed in stable condition at Pendleton Community Hospital.

As of early Tuesday morning, Taylor was still listed in "serious" condition at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland. She is in the intensive care unit with multiple injuries, according to a hospital spokesman.

Graveside services took place for the two children Monday in Lexington.

Kasey Bloodworth would have been one-year-old June 25.

Denny Smith visit due

Morrow County supporters of Dennis Smith, who is seeking the Republican nomination for Congress in Oregon's Second District, will host the candidate Saturday at the Heppner Elks Lodge dining room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Smith expects to be the GOP challenger to Congressman Al Ullman, D-Ore., in the November general election.

The district that Ullman has represented in Washington for 23 years covers eastern Oregon and parts of the Willamette Valley.

In addition to Smith, local and regional Republican candidates will attend the no-host luncheon, according to local

committee people. The public is invited to meet them.

Smith, 42, is a native of Ontario, Ore., and for the past 10 years has lived in Salem. He and his wife Kathleen have six children.

He is the chairman of Eagle Newspapers, Inc., a chain of 16 community newspapers in Oregon and Washington. Previously he had been a pilot for the U.S. Air Force and Pan American World Airways. His father was the late Elmo Smith, a newspaper publisher and one-time governor of Oregon. Dennis Smith is active in civic and business associations in the Salem area.

Royal court to rule prom

The royal court for the Heppner High School Prom this Saturday at the local Elks Lodge was announced at an assembly last Wednesday.

It will consist of Janice Sherman, Jackie Gentry and Kaedene Hollomon for the girls and Todd Sherer, Dan Nix and Chris Zita for the boys. They are all seniors and the court was selected by the junior class.

The king and queen will be announced at the prom with the coronation planned for 10 p.m. "Milestone" is the name of the band that will perform.

The night will begin with the senior-junior banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner. Mothers will prepare the meal.

The entire school student body is invited to the prom, which begins at 9 p.m. Cost to freshmen and sophomores is \$2 a couple with juniors and seniors getting in free. The theme of the prom is "Heaven Knows."

Deb Borgens is coordinating the prom assisted by Steve Brownfield and class president Lynn Dee Devin.

"The public is invited to attend the coronation," Michelle Portmann, counselor, said.

Cross-arm snaps, causes power outage

About 70 percent of Columbia Basin customers were out of service last Thursday when there was a break in the main transmission line.

A cross arm that supports the main transmission line coming to south Morrow County from Bonneville Power broke while Columbia Basin employees were working on the line.

The wire dropped onto conductors, according to Columbia Basin Manager Fred Toombs, so the system was

shut down before more damage was done and the cross arm was repaired.

The break occurred four miles north of Lone and all customers south to Ruggs who are served by that main line were out of electricity for about two hours.

"It was the main line that feeds us," Toombs said. "It was a rotted pole that split in half. In 20 years in business, I have never seen a break that way. The pole usually splits lengthwise with the grain."



Concerned students and faculty at Heppner High School gather around the injured Randy Osborn after Friday's accident.