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Vote in the May 20 Primary Election!

Meet the candidates

Thursday—7 p.m. at West of Willow



Charlene Nix of Heppner chops through some brush to clear a spot for a young ponderosa pine.

Forest Service plants 270,000 trees in district

Charlene Nix was one of many employees at Kinzua in Heppner who were laid off when the plywood plant closed in December.

Now, after a short time collecting unemployment, she has taken a job with the United States Forest Service planting trees.

Nix worked in the plywood plant for six years. She said it is hard to get used to being paid \$4.30 an hour when she used to get \$8 but "it's better than sitting at home."

She is on a planting crew with Sonja Smith, Randy Ball, Greg Mahen, Carolyn Davies, Linda Carmichael, Jim Soupu and Bob Heiden. There is also a crew of Mexicans on the VISA program from the Eugene area planting trees.

They are planting in the Tupper Guard Station area of the Heppner District in the Umatilla National Forest. They are planting ponderosa pine and aspen trees.

A total of 270,000 trees will be planted within the next four weeks by the Forest Service crew and other crews that have been contracted from other areas by the Forest Service. After the planting, Nix and some of the other tree planters hope to stay on and

mark trees that are going to be harvested.

Tree planters use a pick to clear away an area and dig a hole for the one-year-old trees from nurseries near Winn River and Beaver Creek. The trees are planted eight feet apart. When the ground is rocky or moist, the digging gets tough, Nix said.

To get the planting done quicker, the Forest Service has contracted a nine-man team of Mexicans to plant the trees. They plant about 6,000 trees a day, according to their supervisor Don Kenison. They are paid \$6 an hour but receive no benefits and Kenison said

he is not sure what taxes are taken out.

"Talk about captured help," he said. "The Mexicans have no place to go" since they are aliens in the country who are working through the VISA program.

Tree inspectors go behind the contracted workers to make sure they are planting the trees correctly. The trees are stored in a large, cooler trailer near the planting sites.

As for the working conditions, Nix said they are all right considering the mosquitoes, ticks, bees and "snow we had last week."

Motion to suppress halts prosecution in marijuana case

A motion to suppress granted by Circuit Court Judge Jack Olson may have cut short the prosecution of five local people by Morrow County District Attorney Dennis Doherty.

Heppner police applied for a search warrant Feb. 20 and it was issued by Justice of the Peace Charlotte Gray. The warrant was served by HPD. Oregon State Police and county sheriff's deputies.

They searched the premises

at 320 Aiken St. in Heppner and seized 29.02 ounces of marijuana.

A grand jury indicted on March 27 Floyd Everett Harshman and Rebecca Sue Stillman (now Harshman as they have recently married), William Jay Devin, Michael Dean Lynch and Ruth Ann Lynch for possession of marijuana and having a place of residency with marijuana. Bail was set at \$1,500 for each person on the two charges.

40 walk for Dimes fund

About 40 walkers participated in the 20 mile Dimes Walk-A-Thon Sunday from Hager Park in Heppner to Lexington and back.

All but one walker completed the walk, according to Jane Rawlins, advisor to the Heppner National Honor Society that sponsored the walk-a-thon.

The walkers now must go back to their pledges to collect their money. The person that collects the most money by the

deadline date of May 24 will win a 10-speed bike.

Rawlins said there are two or three people who have about \$600 in pledges so whoever collects the most by the deadline will win the bike. Rawlins said. Sheri Brock

finished the walk the fastest because she ran about 14 miles but she will not get a prize because "it was supposed to be a leisurely walk."

Other prizes will also be given out when the money is collected.

The Abrams, Struthers and Nix families all participated in the walk, Rawlins said.

Pat Gentry, county chairman for the March of Dimes, helped with the walk as did Heppner High School students Ron Young and Dale Holland, who were in charge of the checkpoint stations.

After expenses are paid, most of the money will go to the March of Dimes but some of it will be donated to the local American Field Service program.

Oregon State Court of Appeals.

"We are deliberating on that and have made no decision yet," he said.

Doherty said Judge Olson ruled the search warrant was invalid because the police did not show "probable cause" so the warrant should not have been issued.

Voters to decide on schools, county budget, dog pound

At the county level, voters will decide on the county budget, an animal control district, the school levy and a county surveyor.

A levy for \$1,330,139 outside the six percent limitation is being requested for the county budget.

The total county budget is for \$4,362,404, including \$1.5 million for the road fund for county road improvements.

If the budget passes, the estimated tax rate will be \$3.57 per \$1,000 of true cash value. On a \$60,000 piece of property, the cost would be \$214.20.

County voters will also be asked to approve a county-wide animal control district. The amount from local property taxes needed for the new program is \$27,493 outside the six percent limitation.

The total budget is figured to be \$51,957. It would primarily function as a dog control center rotating daily in all cities

and surrounding areas in Morrow County.

If passed, the levy will result in an estimated tax rate of \$.06 per \$1,000 valuation. On a \$60,000 piece of property, the taxpayer would pay \$3.60.

The 1980-81 Morrow County School District budget will also be voted on May 20.

The amount of \$3,006,935 is outside the six percent limitation and must be decided on by a county-wide vote.

The tax base for the school district is \$588,510. The levy is for \$613,022 more than what was taxed for in the current budget. Increased salaries, inflation and operation of two new schools in north Morrow County cause most of the increase.

The estimated tax rate will be \$.76 per \$1,000 or \$405.60 on a \$60,000 home.

The county voters will also decide on a county surveyor but Dave Krumbein is the only candidate.

Port votes against sludge

Port of Morrow Commissioners voted against the Portland sludge proposal, for leasing land to the vector control district, and took no action on a proposed recreational multi-use arena at a meeting last week.

The port reserved a 38-acre site on port land, for I.M. Docken to use as part of the Portland sludge program.

However, Docken did not come up with any information on the project. He has proposed a bid to the City of Portland for its sludge and has requested permission from the Corps of Engineers to build a dock but he did not come up with any evidence for the port about the treatment of the sludge. The port has shown concern that heavy metals in the sludge from industrial plant waste might contaminate the groundwater.

Docken had planned to dry the sludge and use it as a soil additive.

In other port news, the commissioners granted a

lease to the North Morrow County Vector Control District for one acre of land at \$500 a year.

In what is a "very emotional issue," according to the Port Manager Buddy Toadvin, the Oregon Trails Rodeo Association proposed a multi-use arena for the Boardman area.

The rodeo association presented a petition to the port commissioners with 500 signatures on it from people in north Morrow and Umatilla counties who are in favor of the arena.

The association wants a 20-acre site to use to build an arena for all types of shows like 4-H, rodeo, and so on.

Since they did not have a complete plan yet, the port took no action, Toadvin said.

The port received three bids from companies interested in constructing a master plan for port property. The plan will take into account compatible industries for the land, topography, contour, soil and

transportation available.

The port also received three bids for the sedimentation basin project. The low bid is for \$247,000 and the high

\$324,000.

Before deciding on a bid, Toadvin has asked the companies to break down the costs to see which one will supply the best system.

Baccalaureate rites

Baccalaureate services for Heppner High School will take place this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

The Rev. Michael Sheridan will be the speaker.

Students involved in the service will be Jackie Gentry, readings; Marie Van Schoiaack, who will give the invocation; Tim Hedman, the benediction; and Dale Holland and Shelley Mann will sing a duet of "We've Only Just Begun" with Jojean Stevens accompanying on the piano.

A folk group will also perform consisting of Michelle Portmann, Karen Howe, Jean Strange, Betty Kocklemeyer, Ann Lindsay, Kathy Lindsay

and Mike Sheridan.

Mike Lott has designed a program for the service and Michelle Portmann is making a banner with that symbol.

A reception will follow the service.

The Ministerial Association is planning the baccalaureate service. It is open to the public.

Baccalaureate services for Lone High School seniors will take place this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Lone United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Cathy Barker will give the featured sermon. She will also provide the music along with the United Church Choir.

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A group of Irrigon boys in the sixth grade were successful in starting a fire without a match.

Lone man teaches survival class to Outdoor School

Bob Jepsen of Lone taught sixth grade students from A.C. Houghton Grade School in Irrigon and Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman the art of building a fire without matches last week.

Jepsen taught a Survival Class at the Outdoor School near the Tupper Guard Station. Jepsen tells the students what should be in their survival kits for food and shelter. Using a file, a person can start a fire by striking a rock so the sparks will start a fire on a piece of steel wool. Pitch from trees, paper, wood and other materials can be used to keep it going, Jepsen said.

It is the sixth year students from north Morrow County have gone to the Outdoor School. Seventy sixth graders were there this year along with 13 Riverside High School students brought along as counselors. Principal Mick Tolar said 39 applied for the counselor positions.

The school district pays \$250 for the Outdoor School. The rest of the money needed was raised by the students with fund-raising projects during

the year. A magazine sale in the fall brought in \$1,800.

Adults on the trip included three sixth grade teachers, two cooks and principals Tolar and Susan Black.

Because of the limited space at Tupper, a tent was placed at the camp to house the extra students.

"The curriculum at the Outdoor School is mostly units of self-teaching," Tolar said. "Students learn to work together."

Tolar said the curriculum includes units on water study, weather, soil, forests, wildlife, map and compass, and recreation. They also have a camp newspaper.

"You have to learn to get along up here," Tolar said. "Maybe two kids can't get along in the classroom but when you put them side by side doing the dishes, they have to learn to adjust."

"We have one girl who just moved to Boardman from Texas recently come up to me and ask if there are any bears or tigers here. The students learn a lot at Outdoor School and they anticipated it all year."



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