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Letters To The Editor

Discontinue what?

To the editor:

I read with interest a recent news release as to how the Forest Service was going to cope with budget cuts, including the reduction of services at Lake Penland. Perhaps they are going to discontinue road maintenance which they have never done, or discontinue the

garbage pickup which they have never done or close the camp ground which they have not developed as per the 1971 plans. I can only assume they plan to close the restrooms as they are the only service provided.

L. E. Dick
Heppner

Thanks for hospitality

To the editor:

We would like to thank the people of Heppner, Ione and Lexington for their hospitality during our recent musical tour. Our concerts at the high schools were warmly received and helped us prepare for the competition in Vancouver. The Madrigal Singers were awarded the top medal given at the festival and the other Caldwell groups also did extremely well. Special thanks to Monica Swanson of Ione and Nancy Brownfield of Heppner

who arranged housing for us, that chore was above and beyond the call of friendship. The students were well rested and well fed when we departed Morrow County and left with a lasting good impression of your community.

Thank You Again,
Bill Buckendorf
Caldwell High School
Choir Director
Pam Shaffer,
Choir President
Tammy Higer,
Madrigal President

Spring Music Program, Art Show slated Thurs.

Heppner students in grades five through eight will present a Spring Music Program on Thursday, May 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Junior High School gym. The concert will be held in conjunction with an Art Show, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary

school multipurpose room. The Art Show will remain open for 30 minutes following the concert, said Kitty Coon, music instructor.

The fifth grade music class, the junior high chorus and the fifth, sixth and junior high bands will be performing at the concert, said Coon.

Rent, utility assistance available

Allen Nistad, owner of Evergreen Apartments in Heppner, has reported that 15 Heppner families can receive assistance on the increased cost of utilities and rent. The 24 unit complex has 15 two-bedroom units eligible for Farmers Home Rental Assistance. These families are expected to pay 25 percent of their adjusted monthly income in rent, said Nistad.

For example: a gross annual income of \$4,800, less a five percent deduction of \$240,

less \$300 per minor dependent, equals \$4,260. The adjusted monthly income is \$355, with 25 percent of the amount for housing, equals \$88.75, less a utility allowance of \$38, will allow a tenant a rent cost of \$50.75 per month. Nistad said.

"The difference between this figure and the base rent of \$193 is paid by Farmers Home administration," he continued.

"As utility bills increase, the allowance for utilities is increased by Farmers Home

PATCH Committee explained

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Last Friday and Saturday, the PATCH (People Acting Through Continued Help) committee held a White Elephant Sale at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. Quite a few people wanted to know what this committee is and

what it does.

Neola Mackey explained, "The PATCH Committee is a group of people dedicated to helping Morrow County community residents in cases of emergency. It has absolutely no political affiliation. The committee wants to help wherever there is a need.

"We have already helped in several cases where emergency help was needed to purchase necessary medications. The only tie we have to the Neighborhood Center is that they refer needy people to us. Our financial management is completely independent.

"We surely appreciate helpful donations to this committee. Our motto is 'Help us help our community.'"

Center to handle new program

By NEOLA MACKEY

A new program, Women, Infant and Children (WIC), will soon be handled through the Heppner Neighborhood Center. WIC is a supplemental feeding program for those meeting the eligibility criteria. Pat Brindle, coordinator of the center, will receive training for handling the program in Hermiston June 2. More information on the new program will be announced at a later date.

Flower arrangements were made by the ladies who attended last week's Thursday

social and craft session. Most of the arrangements were taken to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital to be enjoyed by the nursing home residents.

The Heppner Neighborhood Center Advisory Council met Monday night, May 24, at the center. A nominating committee was appointed by the chairman. The committee will report to the council in July for the election of new officers. A report was given to the council on the PATCH committee activities and purposes.

Adult and Family Services counselor Janet Phillips of

Road Report

The Morrow County Public Works Department has released the following Work Report for the week ending May 22:

Roads bladed this past week

were: Balm Fork, Upper Rhea Creek, B. McLaughlin, Juniper, Hughes - Hirl, and Board Creek Road.

Potholes were patched with cold mix on Willow Creek Road, Baseline, Cutsforth Baseline and Pointer Road.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court news was not available at presstime.

Health Dept.

Friday, May 28 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations. Lexington Health Department office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Wedding Bergstrom - Maben

Mary Maben, daughter of Marilyn Fillis, Omak, Wash., and Emery Gorbett of Moalla, and Bruce Bergstrom, son of Marlene Peterson and Robert Bergstrom, both of Heppner, were united in marriage on Saturday, May 8, at the Morrow County Courtyard. Morrow County Justice of the Peace Charlotte S. Gray performed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Vickie Turrell of Heppner was matron of honor and Angie Bergstrom was flower girl.

Dick Turrell of Heppner was best man and Trampas Bergstrom and Jacob Maben were ring bearers.

Guests included Iva Booker, grandmother of the groom, and Dianne Gorbett, stepmother of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a wedding reception was held at the couple's home in Heppner. Rita Bergstrom of Heppner, sister-in-law of the groom, served punch and Shelly Biddle of Heppner, attended the guest book.

After a wedding trip to Omak, the couple returned to Heppner where the bride is employed at the Morrow County District Attorney's office and the groom at Crum Ranches, Ione.

Ione Garden Club visits four area gardens

A most enjoyable and educational day was spent by Ione Garden Club members on May 12 when they visited four gardens in the Heppner area, said a Club spokesperson.

The gardens of the John Wood and Glenn Smith families were viewed and showed the result of long established practices of older gardens.

Newer gardens at the Larry Mills and Elvyn Bell homes showed some of the newer and imaginative plantings possible in the area, the spokesperson said.

Following a no-host lunch, W.C.C.C. summer hours announced

Summer hours at Willow Creek County Club have recently been announced by a club spokesperson.

Tuesday morning ladies play will begin with coffee at 8 a.m. and the group will tee off at 8:30 a.m., said the spokesperson.

Information on the Evergreen Terrace program is available by contacting the manager, Kay Wilson, at 155 Rock Street, telephone 676-5120.

Christian Women's Club to meet Tues. June 1

The Christian Women's Club will meet Tuesday, June 1, at the Heppner Degree of Honor Hall at 6:45 p.m. for a strawberry shortcake dessert.

Theme for the June meeting will be "What's My Color?" Special feature for the evening "Color By Seasons," will be given by Kathy Hageman and Marilee McDowell, both of Heppner. They will present a program on how to determine which colors are complimentary to a person and colors that are fashionable for each season.

Refreshments of punch, coffee and cookies were served in the church fellowship room following the recital.

Piano recital given

A piano recital, given by pupils of Karen Stack of Heppner, was held May 9, at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner.

Those participating were Kathy Hire, Jeannie Patterson, Kirsten Green, Rick Osmin, Kevin Tucker, Brian Brazell, Kathleen Brazell.

Ranger Dist. trails not yet open

According to a news release from the Umatilla National Forest office in Pendleton, none of the Heppner Ranger District trails have opened yet. Vehicle travel for all recreation activities should be confined to surfaced (gravel) roads. Unsurfaced roads are very soft and muddy, the news release continued.

Bull Prairie Lake Campground, with 20 campsites and no water, and Fairview Campground with five campsites, are now open, the news release stated.

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Hospital Notes

The following patients were admitted and discharged from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week:

Judith Pennington, Heppner - admitted May 19, discharged, May 20; and
Charles Walsingham, Heppner - admitted May 22, discharged May 23.

Fancy Frosters 4-H Club Meets

By ANDREA BALL

The Fancy Frosters 4-H cake decorating club met April 29.

Club leader Jan Coe proposed a slumber party be held for members.

Mrs. Coe decorated a cake for the group and then members practice making decorations individually.

On May 6, the group decorated Mother's Day cakes for a bake sale.

The group met again on May 13 discussed the slumber party. The club members rode the school bus to Mrs. Coe's home after school on Friday. Saturday morning, they traveled to a Pendleton store and visited the store's bakery, to see their cake decorating procedures.

Later that afternoon, the group returned to wash cars in the 4-H car wash.

Pomona Grange to meet July 31

By DELPHIA JONES

Pomona Grange of the Wheatland Pomona District has changed their meeting date to Saturday, July 31. Rhea Creek Grange will host the meeting.

Senior News

Karen Thomas, R.N. of Tri-County Home Health will conduct a blood pressure clinic at the Heppner Senior Mealsite on Wednesday, June 2, beginning at 11 a.m.

A bus trip to Irrigon on Monday, June 7 is being planned. Travelers will visit the Irrigon Senior Mealsite for dinner and then attend a musical program by the Old Time Fiddlers at the Civic Recreation Center in Hermiston.

The bus will leave Heppner at 3 p.m., said a spokesperson. For more information, call Bill Cox, 676-9497 or Millie Evans, 676-9452.

DMV office announces closures

The Heppner Department of Motor Vehicles office will be closed Wednesday, June 2 through Friday, June 4, announced Gene Murty, manager of the office.

The office will also be closed on Wednesday, June 16, when the Condon office will be open.

Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls and cases during the past week:

On May 18, a Colt .22 revolver was reported stolen from David A. White's residence in Boardman. The theft occurred between May 5 and May 6.

Also on May 18, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a grass fire at 303 Columbia Place, Boardman.

On May 19, the Boardman Police Department responded to an armed robbery at the Circle K store in Boardman. The robbery took place at about 3:50 a.m. Two males took an undetermined amount of cash from the register at knife point.

In another May 19 incident, James LaVern Godden, 46, was arrested in Boardman by a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy for alleged Fourth Degree Assault. Godden was lodged at the Umatilla Police Department Jail.

On May 22, a one vehicle accident occurred on Gooseberry Road at the top of Ione grade. Driver of the vehicle was Jay A. Coil, 21, of Heppner. Passengers Ted Britt, 21, of Spray and Charles Walsingham, 20, Heppner, were taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner by a passing motorist.

Also on May 22, Gordon L. Cecil of Heppner was arrested by a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy on a Heppner Justice Court bench warrant for alleged Failure to Pay a Fine. Cecil posted bail and was released.

DA's Report

Maynard Otto Seefeldt, 66, of Lexington, pleaded guilty in Morrow County District Court last Friday, May 21, to Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, reported Morrow County Deputy District Attorney Harold McLean.

Seefeldt was arrested March 16 for DUI and No Operators License. The No Operators License charge was dismissed, McLean reported.

Seefeldt was sentenced to one year in jail-suspended; was ordered to undergo an evaluation for alcoholism and to complete any recommended treatment; and was placed on bench probation (not assigned a probation officer but subject to standard conditions of probation) for one year.

School Lunch Menus

Ione Schools

Thurs., May 27 - country fried steak with gravy, buttered corn, bread and butter, fruit and dessert.

Fri., May 28 - vegetable soup, chopped ham and peanut butter sandwiches, crackers, dessert and milk.

Tues. June 1 - chicken salad sandwiches, chicken vegetable soup, crackers, dessert and milk.

Wed. June 2 - last day of school - picnic lunch.

Births

Timothy Ryan Nelson - A son, Timothy Ryan, was born to Keith and Leticia Nelson of Lake Jackson, Texas, on Friday, May 21. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Jose Garcia of Pecos, Texas.

Timothy joins a brother, Nicholas, three years, at home.

Kindergarten pre-registration continues

Heppner Elementary School reported only about half of the anticipated number of parents and children attended the pre-registration day, May 19, for next year's kindergarten students. Parents of potential kindergarten students for next fall's classes, need to pre-register their children at the school office, said a school spokesperson.

"If you know of a child who will be five years old by this fall (Nov. 15), please share this with them," said the spokesperson. The pre-registration is the school's only means of knowing how many books, supplies and other materials to order, the spokesperson said.

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