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Over 130 to compete

Morrow Co. Junior Rodeo opens Friday

The Morrow County Junior Rodeo opens at 7 p.m. Friday, June 11 at the Morrow Co. Fairgrounds, Heppner. Queen Kathy Hansen of Heppner will reign over the three-day event.

A weekend of activities has drawn over 130 top cowboys and cowgirls from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, to compete in junior events for kids ages nine through 14 and senior events for 15-18 year olds, said a rodeo spokesperson. The Morrow Co. rodeo is one of nine sanctioned Western States Junior Rodeos to be held throughout the summer. In late August a finals rodeo will be held at Sisters, and the first and second winners in each senior event have been invited to the National Youth Finals Rodeo in Fort Worth, Texas in November, the spokesperson said.

The Saturday afternoon per-

formance, scheduled at 1:00 p.m., will feature a Stick Horse Race for kids three through six. They may enter anytime up to 11 a.m., June 12 at the Rodeo Office. Immediately following the Saturday performance, there will be Open Team Roping and an Open Barrel Race for anyone wanting to enter. Saturday night there will be a dance featuring music by Jade at the fair pavillion.

Sunday morning opens with a church service and movie, "More Than a Champion" at 10 a.m. at the Fair Pavillion. The rodeo begins its final performance at 1 p.m. After the rodeo, awards will be presented by Queen Kathy. Silver belt buckles will be given to all event winners and spurs to the all-around girl and all-around boy in each of the two age divisions, the spokesperson concluded.



Kelsie Evans, five, daughter of Wayne and Susan Evans of Heppner, shows the stick horse she will ride in the Morrow County Junior Rodeo this weekend.

BPA offers Heppner new street lights

All of the street lights in Heppner may be replaced with a more efficient model, if the city goes along with a proposed energy savings program from the Bonneville Power Administration, the city council was told Monday night.

The city presently has 92 mercury vapor lights, which under the program would be replaced with high pressure sodium lights.

Bonneville would pay for the lights and installation said Paul Sumner of Columbia Basin Electric who presented the plan to the council.

He said the city would benefit from the change in two ways. One, the lights would use about half the electricity as the present one, and two, the new lights would be "maintenance free" for two to three years.

The lights would produce the same amount of illumination as the present ones, said Sumner, however, they would have a pink glow instead of the familiar white light.

Also going along with the lights was a request by Columbia Basin that the city sign a three year contract with the co-op, saying it would keep 92 lights burning for that period of time.

Several cities, including Condon, have cut the number of street lights in use to save on electricity bills (Heppner presently pays \$827 per month

for street lights). When the cities cut street lights this reduces revenue for the co-op.

Sumner also had good news for the city concerning its future lighting bills. "If you do nothing (don't install new lights or sign a contract) you will still pay less." He said under a new rate schedule made up by the rate analysts, street lighting costs will go down from \$827 per month to \$567.

He said with the new lights the cost could go down to \$422 per month, however, he could not predict when or how rates would be raised in the future.

The city took no action on the proposals, but did agree to meet with Columbia Basin at a later date.

In other business, the council:

- agreed to hold back \$10,250 in payments to the city's new water system contractor, McGrew Corp., for late completion of the project.

- heard that there were still several leaks in the city's new water tank which need to be repaired.

- set a budget hearing for June 21 at 8 p.m. at city hall.

- asked for public participation and comment on proposed changes in the city charter. A meeting will be held June 22 at 8 p.m. at city hall to hear comments. The charter is the set of laws governing operation of the city.

Leslie Paustian appointed to Heppner City Council



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Leslie Paustian, 340 Barratt Bv. Heppner, has been appointed to the Heppner City Council, filling a position left vacant with the resignation of Jim Ackley.

Paustian, 43, is a seven year resident of Heppner. His wife's name is Jan.

Paustian is a production superintendent at Kinzua Corp.

Heppner Planning Comm. to meet Monday, June 14

The City of Heppner Planning Commission will meet Monday, June 14 at Heppner City Hall. A study session will begin at 7:30 p.m. and a regular session will follow at 8 p.m.

The commission will con-

sider an application for a variance and development permit to allow a mobile home in a central commercial zone on the property at 210 N. Chase Street. The applicant is Jim Lankford, said a commission spokesperson.

Lone pool to open Thursday

The lone Swimming Pool will open for the summer on Thursday, June 10, at 2 p.m. The pool will be open Tuesday through Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be no swimming on Mondays, when the pool will be closed for cleaning, said a spokesperson.

Daily admission for students in first through sixth grades will be 50 cents; for

students in grades seven through 12, 75 cents; and adults, \$1. Season tickets are available for \$10 for students in grades one through six; \$15 for students in grades seven through 12; \$20 for adults; or a family ticket may be purchased for \$35, the spokesperson said. Preschool children are admitted free, she added.

The first session of swimming lessons will begin on

June 22. Advanced beginners are scheduled from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., swimming beginners from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and non-swimming beginners from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. This session will run from June 22 through June 25 and June 29 through July 2. The cost is \$3.50 per person per swimming session, the spokesperson concluded.

The court decided to also write a resolution recommending that the dam, lake or both be named after Oscar Peterson. Morrow County Court sent their resolution with the chambers" to the Army Corps of Engineers, builders of the dam.

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The Willow Creek project is set to be finished in June 1983. In other business, Morrow County Court delayed a decision concerning two bids for a county building inspector.

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Heppner TV rates to increase

Basic TV rates for cable users in Heppner will be going up by \$2 next month, the city council voted Monday night. Because of higher operating costs, Heppner TV asked the council to raise TV rates from \$5 to \$7 per month beginning July 1.

The TV company, which is under franchise with the city, lost \$3,500 last year, according to Dean Gilman.

Gilman told the council that the additional channels added to the system last year depleted the company's capital pool and caused increased

overhead for operation.

"This equipment is expensive," said Gilman, "and our expenses are running \$6,500 to \$6,700 per month."

The increase will bring in \$1,200 more in revenue. There are approximately 600 subscribers to the cable system.

Heppner athlete to play in All-Star Basketball Series

The Oregon High School Coaches Association has announced that Dorian Farrant, a 1982 Heppner High School graduate, has been selected to participate in the AA-A-B Boy's East-West All-Star Basketball Series. The two-game series will begin on Thursday, June 10 with a game at Stayton High School and on June 12 at the Pendleton Armory.

The 6'2" forward was named First Team All-League as a senior and following are his senior year basketball statistics: FGA-352; FGM-191; FG percentage-54 percent; FTA-104; FTM-75; FT percentage-72 percent; PTS-457; ASST-56; and REB-204.

Tickets for the Pendleton game are available at Pendleton Athletic, Ken Melton's, the Club Cigar and from the Pen-

dleton Elk's Lodge for \$3 and \$1.50.

The Pendleton contest is co-hosted by the Pendleton Elks Lodge No. 288 and the Oregon High School Coaches Association. Proceeds of the two games will benefit youth activities of the Pendleton Elks Lodge and the Stayton Booster Club, said a spokesperson.

Children's arts & crafts program slated

The Morrow County Juvenile Services Commission will sponsor a free mini arts and crafts program this summer, announced a spokesperson from the commission. The program, open to children in kindergarten through eighth grade, will be held in Heppner

on Mondays, June 14, 21 and 28 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Seventh-day Adventist Church gym. The program will also be held on the same dates at Lexington at the Lexington School building in the room upstairs across from the county health nurse's office

from 10 to 11 a.m. and in lone on Fridays, June 11, 18 and 25 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Lone United Church of Christ education building.

Children need to bring a paint shirt to protect their clothing, the spokesperson said.

Community spirit turns brush field to play field



Jim Key operates a grader while Vic Marcher (L) and Jeff Wenholz help prepare a new athletic field at Columbia Junior High

The magnitude of a project which can be undertaken once a community puts its mind to it, was evidenced in Irrigon recently with the construction of a new sports field for Columbia Junior High School.

Farmers and townspeople alike turned out the weekend of May 14 through 17 to scrape, level, clean up and completely reconstruct a field of grass clumps and brush into a multi-use playing field for the children at the school.

The extent of participation in this project may not be evidenced until one looks at the amount of time, money and effort which was donated by the people of the commu-

ity. "We had hoped the ground would fill in, but this was not the case," said Marchek.

He said word was put out that help was needed on the field, and the people responded.

The ground was first diced, rototilled and fertilized before a land plane was brought in to level the ground. It took all day Friday and Saturday to prepare the ground.

Sunday, with the help of donated labor by a local surveyor, a new track, football and baseball field were installed.

On Monday the land was seeded with grass, and what had been seven acres of scrub grass was now a new sports field for the junior high students.

"Older people helped with this too," said Marchek, "not just those with students in the school. It was just something they wanted to do."

It was estimated the project would have cost the school district \$15,000 if done by a contractor, but it cost the district "about \$1,000," said Marchek.

The individuals and businesses which contributed equipment and fertilizer were:

John Wenholz, Irrigon; Jim Key, Hermiston; Vernon Frederickson, Irrigon;

Dwayne Carroll, Hermiston; Ron Mark, Boardman; John Cogan, Irrigon; Mick Cimmyotti, Irrigon; Eastern Oregon Farming Company, Irrigon; and Western Empire, Irrigon.

Individuals who helped on the project were:

Mr. and Mrs. Wenholz and Jeff, Mr. and Mrs. Byrd and family, Mr. Key, Mr. Town and Mickey, Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson, Marvin Coleman, Renee Murrell, Mr. and Mrs. Kowalkowski, Mr. Killingbeck, Mr. Dirksen, Mr. Hunt, Joyce Baker, Leslie Caldwell, Mr. Pratt, Mick Cimmyotti, Duane Carroll and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Putman and Jim, Mrs. Creamer and Danita, Barbie Perrin, Guy Dickinson, Ben Reeves, Mr. Haney, Mr. Marchek, Mrs. Edinger, Allen Gordanier, Mr. Erlebach, Ron Mark, the cooks of A.C. Houghton and Columbia Junior High School and George Kenney.

"This is only a two year school," said Marchek in explaining the community interest in the project. "Not everyone has a student here, but they know the school is here."

"To see all these people out here doing this with really no gain to themselves or their kids, it shows what a generous community this really is. It's heartwarming."

Co. Court votes to rename dam

By MARY ANN CERULLO

On Wednesday, June 2, Morrow County Court decided to join forces with the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce to rename Willow Creek Dam after the late Oscar Peterson.

The chamber voted in May to ask that the new lake, dam or both be named after Peterson. A resolution was then prepared and submitted to county court.

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On May 26, in Irrigon, the court opened bids from two

private firms. One bid was made by Donald Dale of Arlington. The other came from FLS Corporation.

The court's delay will allow the managers of each firm to take a required state test for building inspection firms.

According to Deane Seeger, Morrow County planner, the results of the test should be in by next week.

The new service will save builders in the county from traveling to Pendleton to fill out building permit forms for the county and state. The court hopes to begin the service in July.

Heppner band teacher resigns



Jim Ackley

Jim Ackley, Heppner band instructor, has resigned after teaching full time for seven years and substitute teaching for two years in Heppner's schools. Ackley came to Heppner in 1973, and besides teaching, founded and led many activities for area youth.

Though Ackley will be leaving Heppner, he will still be teaching in Morrow County at Columbia Junior High and A.C. Houghton Elementary schools. He will live in Hermiston.

Ackley, 31, said of the move, "I don't mind teaching in a small school but I want to live in a bigger town."

Some of his extra curricular activities included founding and directing the Colt Basketball League for eight years - David Gunderson will direct the league next year; began a High School Summer Basketball League three years ago - Brent Eggers will now be in charge; and handled a Junior

Bowling League for two years - the county Juvenile Services Commission now sponsors the league; and owned and operated the Ackley Teen Club for about eight months.

The musician-instructor said he wants the community and community organizations to keep the Ackley Scholarship Award; the Bill Kenny Music Education Award and the Bonnie Nix-John Bier Outstanding Service Award.

"I'm going to miss everybody. I had a terrific job and worked with terrific people, but there comes a time for change. I hope everyone understands. I won't be too far away, so we can keep in touch. I especially want to thank the principals and secretaries for putting up with me and taking care of me," he stated.

Extension to hold insect control program Tuesday

The Morrow County office of the Oregon State University Extension Service will present a program, Insect Control in Farm Stored Grain, on Tuesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., at

Lexington School boardroom. Joe Capizzi, Extension entomologist at Oregon State University will discuss identification of common grain pests, preventing insect infestations, treating grain with

malathion, and if an interest is shown, fumigating stored grain.

The program is co sponsored by the Morrow County Grain Growers.