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by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., April 5	55	32	
Wed., April 6	63	39	
Thurs., April 7	58	31	
Fri., April 8	56	36	
Sat., April 9	48	27	T
Sun., April 10	51	27	.02
Mon., April 11	53	27	

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HEPPNER, OREGON

## 406 turn out for 2nd annual Rolling Hills Run

A total of 406 runners and walkers ranging in age from three years to over 50 crossed the finish line in Heppner's second annual Rolling Hills Run last Sunday, with many local people scoring winning times.

This year's run registered 103 more participants than last year's, making the Rolling Hills Run the second largest in Eastern Oregon, said run chairman Liz Curtis. The largest is the River Run held in Pendleton.

The Rolling Hills Run featured 3.1 and 6.2 mile courses, which began at Heppner Elementary School, looped up and back along the Heppner-Pilot Rock Highway and finished at Heppner City Park.

Receiving plaques for their efforts were Chris Helphenslein, Heppner, for being the youngest participant, Bernice Nash, also of Heppner, for being the oldest, Dean Erhard, Heppner, for taking a 33.55 first place finish in the 6.2 mile men's 20-29 age category and Nancy Jepsen of Hermiston for winning the 6.2 mile race in the women's 20-29 age category in 44.23.

Other winners in the 6.2 mile race were:

Female age group up to seven years: first place - Cordine Zumwalt of Echo.

Male age group ages eight to 10: first place - Eric Connor of Heppner.

Female age group ages eight to 10: first - Sombat Zumwalt, Echo.

Male age group 11-13: first Dan Struthers, Lexington, second - Jeremy Pinock, The Dalles, third place - Reid Phillips of Hermiston.

Male age group 14-19: first - Rolland Poll, Hermiston, second - Pat Struthers, Lexington, third - Pat Hayworth, Hermiston.

Female age group 14-19: first - Tiffany Pratt, Colbert, Wash., second - Jodi Padberg of Lexington, third - Tammi Prettyman, Spokane, Wash.

Men's age group 20-29: second place - Timothy Legue of Hermiston, third place - Larry Palmer of Heppner.

Women's age group 20-29: second place - Cindy Prettyman of Spokane, Wash., third - Susan McNeerney of Irrigon.

Men's age group 30-39: first place - Al Beck, Ione, second place - Leonard Lake of Prairie City, third place - Terry Russell, Hermiston.

Women's age group 30-39: first - Diane Wierselke of Milwaukie, second - Yvonne Winstanley of Pendleton, third - Barb McMurphy, Pendleton.

Men's age group 40-49: first - Mick McClendon, Pendleton, second - Lawrence Wolfram, Pilot Rock, third - Bill Miller of Pendleton.

Women's age group 40-49: first Elaine Peterson of John Day, second Liz Curtis, Heppner, third - Bonnie Campbell of Heppner.

Men's age group 50 and over: first place - Tom Munch of Athena, second - Bob Abrams of Heppner.

Women's age group 50 and over: first place - Carolyn Hendrick, Pendleton, second - Marian Abrams of Heppner.



Michele Beck, Ione



Scott Wilson, Boardman



Mick Tolar, Irrigon



Richard McNeerney, Irrigon



Marty Cheney, Heppner



Runners head for finish at City Park

### Budget election set May 17

## School Dist. Budget Comm. makes cuts

In action taken at a special meeting of the Morrow County School District Budget Committee on April 5, the committee agreed to reductions in the proposed school budget and tax levy in the amount of \$11,509, the district has announced. The district levy request had been turned down by voters in the March budget election.

The committee approved cuts in the budget request in the amount of \$57,425.

In addition, the committee accepted a plan for staff reduction presented by Superintendent Matt Doherty which would provide additional budget reduction in the amount of \$54,084.

Among items reduced by the budget committee were employee benefits \$23,975, purchased services \$12,317, supplies \$5,000, and transportation equipment replacement \$16,133.

In presenting his plan for staff reductions, Doherty said that staff resignations combined with smaller school enrollment in some schools provided an opportunity to balance staff among the district's schools without hiring replacements in some cases.

Special aides will be eliminated because those students requiring these services will no longer be in the district.

Reductions proposed include both classified and certificated positions at Heppner and Ione schools where enroll-

ments have dropped over the past year. They include two teaching positions, one full-time aide and one half-time aide at Ione and one full-time and one half-time aide in Heppner schools.

Doherty said that reductions

are being made carefully in order to continue to provide the same quality in the educational program.

The district school board has set the date of the next budget election for May 17.

### School Board holds special meeting

The Morrow County School Board met in special session on Tuesday, April 5, at the District Office in Lexington, and canvassed the vote of the recent election for board members, advisory committee members and the district budget, reported a board spokesperson.

The voters turned down the district's proposed tax for support of the school budget by a 40 vote margin.

The date of May 17 was set as a date for the second budget election.

Following the board meeting, the district's budget committee met to consider actions to reduce the budget request (See related story.)

### Local youth injured in motorcycle wreck Sun.

Marty Britt, a senior at Heppner High School, was listed in stable condition as of Tuesday, reported a nursing supervisor at St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

Britt, 18, reportedly wrecked the motorcycle he was riding on his family's

### Spaghetti feed to benefit C.F.

A spaghetti feed to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will be held this Sunday, April 17, beginning at 3 p.m., at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

The Walt Disney movie "Odd Ball" will be shown at 6 p.m. Cost for the dinner and movie will be \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

### Heppner woman returns home

Rachel Dick of Heppner is home now after spending five months in Portland receiving medical care.

Before returning, she and her husband, Ed, attended an 89th birthday party at Otis Junction for her mother, Mrs. Edna Forsythe.

## Plane crashes in NW Alaska; former Ione woman survives

A former Ione woman was the only person to survive a plane crash that occurred last Thursday when the plane she was riding in smashed into a hill in northwestern Alaska.

Mary Pat McElligott Collins, 27, was flying north from her home in Nome, Alaska to Ambler, with a pilot, a "musher" and his 11 dogs when the twin-engine plane crashed at about 4 p.m., reported the woman's brother, Tom McElligott, of Heppner. Three of the dogs also survived the crash.

McElligott said a Russian satellite picked up the plane's emergency locator transmitter signal but the report was dismissed since no planes were overdue or reported as missing. After the satellite picked up the signal a second time, it was too late and stormy to send out a search and rescue group.

A search did however begin at first light Friday morning and Mrs. Collins was admitted to Providence Hospital at Anchorage by 2 p.m.

McElligott said when rescuers located the crash site, they found his sister walking around the wreckage. Following the crash, he said, she had crawled under the cowling (plane's engine cover) with the three remaining dogs, some sleeping bags and some

### Bike-A-Thon to be held this Saturday

A St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Wheels for Life Bike-A-Thon" will be held this Saturday, April 16. The 22-mile course will begin at Ruggs and will end in Ione at the American Legion Hall. All bikers are to meet at Ruggs at 8:30 a.m. and have their sponsor sheets with them, said Chairman Margaret Nichols of Lexington.

The bike-a-thon will start

### Kinzua to conduct tour

Kinzua is inviting all interested persons to take a tour of the corporation's new chip facility this Friday, April 15, announced LaVerne Van

"liquid heat." Mrs. Collins is still in the hospital recovering from broken bones in her feet, internal and external bruises and a concussion, McElligott said. She is the daughter of Dick and Loa McElligott of Ione.

at 9 a.m. and will end with refreshments in Ione, Nichols said.

Local merchants sponsoring prizes for those who collect the most money from their sponsors are: Murray Rexall Drug - \$10 gift certificate, Coast to Coast - an inflatable raft, Bill and Margaret Nichols - a transistor radio and Morrow County Grain Growers - a travel alarm clock.

Marter. Those wanting to take the tour should meet at Kinzua's office at 9 a.m. sharp, Van Marter said.

## Recreation facilities at dam discussed at court meeting

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Officers representing the Heppner Economic Development Corporation discussed the possibility of utilizing the Willow Creek Dam to Heppner's benefit last Wednesday with Morrow County Court.

"Now that we have this little dam of ours, whether we want it or not..." said Jim Hayes, president of the corporation. He listed a boat dock, campgrounds and further development to the ball park as possible projects which would benefit Heppner.

According to the corporation, the Corps of Engineers have set a six-month time limit for the development corporation to take action before the state Fish and Game Department takes over the area. Should the state Fish and Game Dept. take over, the county and the city of Heppner will lose any control over what sort of development will be done, he said.

"We're mostly concerned with the time crunch," said Bob Abrams, vice-president of the economic development corp. "We need some interest from the county to perhaps

extend this time limit set by the Corps."

The Heppner Economic Development Corporation requested a statement of interest for recreational purposes from the county to extend the Corps' six-month time limit.

County Court unanimously passed a motion to send their statement of interest to the Corps of Engineers.

In other business, Judge Don McElligott proposed to the members of the Heppner Economic Development Corp. that all the city mayors and economic development corporations in Morrow County meet together and discuss what business they want to attract to the county.

"We need to all pull together instead of each of the corporations going their own way," said McElligott. "What's bothered me is that the Port of Morrow is going one direction, the city of Boardman goes another and then there's the cities down here going still another."

The Heppner corp. expressed their interest in meeting with the other corporations. No date was set.

Business continued with Morrow County Court doing the following:

- held a public hearing concerning a state grant application for constructing an access road for the Interstate 84 interchange in Boardman. The court approved the plans for the \$600,000 project and agreed on the sum of \$36,000 to match funds with the state grant.

- received a recommendation from the democratic central committee to appoint Roy Drago of Boardman as Morrow County Sheriff. Larry Fetsch of Heppner formally resigned from the position last week because of health problems. Roy Drago is currently acting as sheriff until an appointment is made. The Court took no action.

- held a public meeting to finalize a land exchange between the county and Bob Harris of Heppner.

- received a resignation from Jim Launer from the Morrow Co. Search and Rescue Posse. Launer will be moving to La Grande.

## CowBelles to sponsor Money Seminar

The Morrow County CowBelles will sponsor a "Money Seminar" on Wednesday, April 20, at the Heppner Elks Lodge, announced Marlene Currin, publicity chairman for the Morrow County CowBelles.

The seminar will begin at 7 p.m. with a no-host social time and hors d'oeuvres. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., a program will feature two speakers from the First Interstate Bank: Don Younger, trust officer, Administrative Headquarters, Trust Department, Portland, and Harley Sager, commercial loan officer at the Heppner Branch. Sager has

been involved in agricultural credit since 1966. He has been associated with all phases of agri-business in Hermiston for nine years. Currin reports. "The CowBelles wish to make women aware of their credit opportunities today. We feel that many women would

### Scouts to sell pepperoni sticks

Local Club Scouts will begin selling 18-inch pepperoni sticks door to door in Heppner on Tuesday, April 19, reported a Scout spokesperson. Purchase price will be one dollar each.

The Scouts will continue door to door sales for one

week, and if all the sticks aren't sold in that time the remaining sticks will be sold at a booth in front of Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance office in Heppner during the Moonlight Sale on April 28.