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## Proposed pound draws criticism

The location of a proposed dog pound in Heppner, drew criticism Monday night from residents of the area concerned about the noise of impounded dogs.

Pat McMinn, a resident of Sperry Street near the proposed pound, told the city council she is in favor of the city having a pound, she just didn't want it in her neighborhood.

The city has been having problems with dogs running loose, and has proposed that a pound be built to house the dogs. A licensing and leash law has already been passed, and will be enforced once the pound is completed.

The best location for the pound is on city-owned property on Riverside Street across from the Chevron Oil Bulk Plant, the site of the sewer treatment facility.

McMinn, along with Burt Corbin, another resident of the area, told the council they are concerned that the impounded dogs will make noise and keep them awake at night. Corbin has one of the closest homes, about 300 feet away.

Under the city's new dog control law, owners will be required to purchase a yearly tag (\$4 for spayed animals, \$10 for unspayed) and keep their dog either on a chain or leash, or enclosed in a yard. An animal control officer will look for loose dogs in the city, and take them to the pound when picked up.

When dogs are picked up, the law provides for a fine of \$20 on the first offense for the owner to get back his animal, with the fine increasing to \$40 on the second offense, and \$60 on the third.

Dogs may be put to sleep if not picked up by owners within five days.

A city council committee has looked for the best location in town to build the pound, and decided on the Sewer treatment plant, mainly because the city owns the property. Materials for construction of the pound, which must have running water and heat in the winter, have been donated by Columbia Basin Electric, and Umatilla Ready Mix. Labor for construction will be

donated to keep costs down.

In an effort to insure that no problems with pound develop, Mayor Cara Costa asked both McMinn and Corbin to serve on the committee overseeing construction of the pound.

In other business at the Monday meeting, Fairboard Chairman Charley Daly asked the city to eliminate a monthly sewer fee being charged to the fair.

The fee was instituted last fall when the fairgrounds hooked up to the city sewer system, but the city had been sending a \$110 per month sewer charge to the county, and Daly said the fair board knew nothing about the charge.

The monthly fee was reduced by the city in April to \$38 per month, however, Daly said the city should eliminate the fee altogether.

"Everytime somebody uses the fairgrounds it brings money to town. We feel the city should donate usage of the sewer. We think \$38 is unfair, and we surely think \$110 was unfair," he told the council.

Daly asked that in the future the city should contact the fair board on matters concerning the fairgrounds, adding that the board did not even know there was a sewer charge until members read it in the paper. The council took no action on the request, but referred it to the appropriate committee for study.

In other action, the council appointed Chuck Holt to a vacant spot on the council.

heard from Carl Thorpe who wants to purchase or lease two acres of property at the landfill site. No action was taken because the land would have to be advertised for bids.

heard from Bob Krein, who asked that the city hold off signing an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers taking over responsibility for the new ball field underneath the dam. Krein said the Corps built the field "with a big hump in the middle" making it unusable as a little league field. He is trying to get the Corps to flatten the hump before they turn it over to the city. "Outfielders can only see

the top half of the batter," Krein said in describing the severity of the hump. "It would be nice to end up with a ball park instead of that big hump." City attorney Bill Kuhn said the city has not yet signed the lease, and would send a letter to the Corps asking that the problem be corrected.

granted a request from Howard Pettyjohn of Heppner, asking for city sewer and water hookups for a planned office complex to be located at the edge of town. The building will house the Soil and Water Conservation District, Morrow County Extension and other services to be located in a seven-office complex. The building will be 30,000 sq ft, and is expected to be ready for occupancy this fall.

okayed a new ordinance raising the fee for magazine sales from \$1 to \$25. The fee will not apply to in-town charitable or non-profit groups, and is aimed mainly at out-of-town salesmen.

turned down a request from Blue Mountain Community College to reduce the city pool rates for BMCC class from \$25 to \$10. "We're going out here to ask people of this town to approve a tax levy. I don't think it would look too good for us to be lowering our rates," said councilman Floyd Wilks.

passed an urban growth boundary joint management agreement between the city and the county. The urban growth boundary includes areas around the city, not in the city limits, but expected to be annexed at a later date. The agreement gives the city planning commission input into land use in these areas.

Mayor Cliff Green with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service both on the council and as mayor.

heard a request from the U.S. Geological Survey asking that they be allowed to place a stream monitoring device in Willow Creek 100 feet above the Court Street Bridge. The council will request that an official from the agency attend a meeting to discuss the proposal.

## Health care scholarships awarded

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation has announced the 1985 winners of the Earl and Hazel Wilson Memorial Scholarships. Established as a gift by the Wilsons to the Foundation, the earnings from a portion of the gift are dedicated each year to scholarships. The total amount of scholarships granted this year was \$2,600.

Two students, Anne McLaughlin and Carlene Rathbun were awarded scholarships for the second time. These awards were \$400 each. Six other students were awarded scholarships for the first time in the amount of \$300 each. These students are Judi Ward, Sheridan Sweek, Jennifer Hughes, Averile Panter, Jodi Padberg, and Stephanie Payne.

The Scholarships are available to any resident of Morrow County who wishes to pursue a career in a health care related field. Recipients are awarded based on scholastic ability and financial need. Available funds are divided among the worthy candidates.

Donations to the Scholarship Fund would increase the aid given. Donations may be sent to Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, 564 E. Pioneer Drive, Heppner, OR 97336. Please mark the checks Scholarship Fund.



Anne McLaughlin Carlene Rathbun Judi Ward



Sheridan Sweek Stephanie Payne



Jennifer Hughes



Jodi Padberg



Averil Panter

## Area students compete in Special Olympics



Left to Right: Millie Fowler, Jason Britt, Staci O'Brien, and Dean Handbury front row. Levi Connor, Richard Pettyjohn and Brandi Miracle Back row.

Friday, May 3, 11 students from Heppner, 2 from Ione, 2 teachers, and a host of volunteers, excitedly boarded a school bus at 7:15 a.m. on their way to participate in the Special Olympics at Hermiston.

Approximately 400 athletes ranging from 18 months to 54 years old participated. They came from schools, group homes, and organizations around the region. Hermiston's team was the largest with 125 athletes. Ione the smallest with 2.

Special athletes chose three events in which to compete from a list of 40 for every ability. Some of the choices included: a bean bag toss, three legged race, sack race, frisbee throw, sit ups, bowling, jump roping, soccer kick, and wheel chair races. A new event, the pentathlon, consists of five events. Athletes must wait until the end of the day to see if they have won.

The three-event athletes are awarded ribbons immediately following the finish of their events.

Students from Heppner who competed were: Millie Fowler, Staci O'Brien, Levi Connor, Veda Taylor, Dean Hanbury, Jason Britt, Richard Pettyjohn, J.D. Lancaster, Brandy Miracle, Marci Stookey, and Sheri Coe.

Students from Ione attending Special Olympics were: Derek Osmin and Sheryl Conklin.

Hermiston High School's Athlete and Key club members, teachers

aides, relatives, and friends from all teams usher athletes to their events. Help, cheers, smiles, and laughter characterized the day, reported an observer.

The Olympics concluded with a parade of all the teams. Music and entertainment was provided by Hermiston High's Marching band, Flag Corps, and dance team.

Heppner and Ione students brought home many ribbons including a third place ribbon for Ione's team and a second place team ribbon for Heppner. Team members proudly pinned their ribbons to their shirts in reward for their accomplishments.

By the end of the day, all participants were wind blown, well dusted with Hermiston sand, and satisfied, notes the observer.

## Pioneer picnic set for May 26

The Morrow County Pioneer Picnic will be held at the fairgrounds in Heppner, Sunday, May 26. This year's hosts, the descendants of Andrew and Sophia Carlson, have announced that registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The host family will furnish ham, rolls, and beverages for the dinner which will begin at 1:30. Those attending are asked

to share a potluck salad, dessert, or hot dish.

A professional photographer will be available during the picnic for families wishing portraits.

The families of Louis and Charles (Suede) Carlson are the only two families descended from Andrew and Sophia who still live in Morrow County, said a family spokesperson.

## HHS freshman returns from statewide piano solo competition

Heppner High School freshman Kathleen Brazzell recently participated in the State Solo Contest in piano held at Southern Oregon State College in Ashland on April 27.

To qualify for the state contest, Brazzell first had to compete at the District VI solo contest held at Eastern Oregon State College in February. The judges there were responsible for selecting the state contestants from the district. Throughout the state only 11 piano performers were selected to compete at the state level. That

selective process makes the competition very exciting, said an HHS music department spokesperson.

She performed the first movement of "Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven. Though she did not place in the top three, the experience was very valuable and as a freshman, she has three more years to develop her solo technique and compete at the state contest three more times. To be selected to compete at the state level is reward in itself, concluded the spokesperson.

## 10 arrested in Boardman drug bust

By BETH WILLIAMS

Editor, Boardman Enterprise  
Ten Boardman residents were arrested on drug charges Tuesday night following a two-month long undercover investigation by the Morrow County Sheriff Department, Oregon State Police, and Boardman and Irrigon Police Departments.

The joint investigation between the departments was conducted with the help of an undercover drug agent, who allegedly purchased drugs while operating in the area.

Arrested and charged Tuesday were: Calvin Lynn Thomason, one count delivery of a controlled substance, and one count conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance; Donald Wayne Fletcher, two counts delivery; Naomi Nyberg, two counts delivery; one count conspiracy; Laury May Powers, two counts delivery; Linda Frazier, one count delivery; one count solicitation; Mark Henry High, two counts delivery; Kenneth R. Hampton, two counts delivery; one count Possession; Robert E. Tomlin, four counts delivery; one count possession; Billy Cole Tucker, one count delivery, and Verlyn Eugene Crosby.

Tuckers automobile was also seized by police in connection with the investigation.

All the suspects were booked into the Umatilla County Jail, and were arrested as the result of Grand Jury Indictments. They were arraigned Wednesday, and bail was set between \$5,000 and \$25,000 each.

The investigation was the result of citizen complaints of drug use in Boardman, according to the Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago.

Three persons from out of town were also named in the indictment.

Seized in the arrests, which started approximately 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, was a small quantity of marijuana and unidentified drugs turned over to be analyzed.

## Lions install officers

Dave Tharp, 35, was installed Saturday, April 27, as the new Heppner Lions Club president. He has lived in Heppner with his wife, Tina, and daughter, Kirstin, 8, for the past three years.

Tharp, a silviculturist with the Forest Service for 13 years, says that during the coming year the Lions Club will concentrate on carrying out projects it has already started.

Other officers installed include: Secretary - Don Shelton, Treasurer - Dave Hampton, Tail Twister - Rusty Estes and Vice President - David Sykes.

## T-Ball tryouts

Try-outs for Minor League and T-Ball has been scheduled for all Heppner and Lexington children age seven to 10 for Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. in the fairgrounds. Children must be seven by May 1. For more information call Bob Krien at 676-9956.

Try-outs in Ione will also be this Saturday at the grade school in Ione at 10 a.m. Contact Dana Heideman for more information there.

## "Hope for the Best"



Susan West and Cathy Barker sing the theme song "Hope for the Best," in the musical to be performed this Thursday and Friday, May 9 and 10 beginning at 8 p.m. at the Heppner High School Cafeteria. Tickets will be available at the door.

## DMV schedule set

The Heppner office of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be closed during the week of May 13-17, office manager Gene Murty has announced. The regular "third Wednesday" service will not be available at Fossil this month.

The Heppner office was one of three offices chosen state wide to pilot a new computer system with word processing. The office manager expects the system to be installed by the end of May.