



## May means cleanup and a rebirth of civic pride

**By Justine Weatherford**  
 Now that we are well into the merry month of May, it is time again to get going with home and community cleanup campaigns. The Chamber of Commerce is sort of tagging after several eager merchants this year. The back door beautifications by Bud's Pub and Cal's Tavern and Restaurant really took the lead in 1986 civic improvement.

The older 4-H Youth, inspired by Birdine Tullis and Fred Lundin of the Extension Service and Carl Martin of the Oregon State Police are continuing the improvement in the Mini-Park area which is so close to those improved back entrances of Bud's and Cal's. They are eradicating weeds and will do more planting there. There is some talk about building a bench which would circle the big old tree in the Mini-Park.

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce is most eager to stimulate more pride in Historic Heppner. They are asking Mayor Costa to issue a "Clean Up Proclamation" which will set specific schedules for community cleanup efforts. The chamber has already contacted the Heppner Garden Club membership about planting the big boxes along Main Street which were put in place last year. Club President Jane Rawlins and Secretary Martha Doherty have begun this work and other garden club members will be assisting with the project soon.

Because this year when more Americans than ever are expected to visit the northwestern states, Heppner needs to put its best face forward. May is the first month in which heavy travel is expected as the World's Fair, Expo '86 is already opened in Vancouver, B.C., and many who travel there will be seeing Oregon for the first time. Along with Washington and Idaho, Oregon is really reaching out to these travelers. The newly formed "pretend" State of Eastern Oregon is hopeful of getting some of the hordes of travelers to come this way and to look about in this "other Oregon."

Before Memorial Weekend the newly revised county promotional

brochure should be ready for distribution. It will carry the state's new logo "Oregon, Where You Are More Than Welcome." Morrow County's largest May event will be the County Pioneer Picnic on Sunday, May 25, which is being organized this year by the Kilkenny descendants.

Let us all demonstrate our pride in our area by really cleaning up and beautifying our homes and every part of our area this month. Get with it right away.

# Senior Citizen site under discussion

With approximately \$60,000 currently in their building fund, the senior citizen center building committee is waiting for Morrow County's attorney to finish drawing up a deed for a 100 x 150 ft. lot located on the Morrow County fair grounds.

The senior citizens had originally planned to build a senior center on a site across Hinton Creek which the county had deeded to them. Funds are included in this year's county budget to build an access road and a bridge to that site. The county also set aside \$41,000 to help pay for construction of the building. The senior citizens were expected to hold fundraisers to earn the rest of the money needed to finance the center's construction.

In February, with approval of the County Court, the Fair Board applied for a lottery fund grant to help finance a building on the fairgrounds which could be used during the fair for exhibit space. The Fair Board at that time said that should they receive the grant money, they would turn it over to the senior citizens on the condition that they build the senior center on the fairgrounds. The Fair Board also said that they would sign a long term lease for the section of the fairgrounds where the building would stand so that the senior citizens would, in effect, own

the land and the building and be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of both.

During the public hearing which preceded the court's approval of the application, the fair board pointed out that if the senior center were built on the fairgrounds, the fair would benefit by being able to use the center's main dining hall for additional exhibit space during the fair. The Fair Board also pointed out that they do not have funds to build the additional exhibit space.

The senior citizens also pointed out at the February hearing, that the site at the fairgrounds would make the center more available for community use and that the access to the building would be easier.

At this point in negotiations, says senior building committee chairman Jane Rawlins, the senior board has officially rescinded all motions to build at the Hinton Creek site and intends to build a 60' x 80' building 30' from the fairgrounds fence parallel to the highway and 30' from the fair pavilion along the parking area which is located on the site that has been known as the little league field.

Although the lottery fund grant has been denied, the Fair Board is still officially offering the site at the fairgrounds for the senior center. but

have decided to deed the ground to the senior citizens rather than signing a long-term lease.

At their last meeting, the senior citizens added some suggestions to the deed which the Fair Board had taken for granted, Rawlins says. The seniors wanted access to the building and use of the parking area included. Purchase price for the land is the use of the senior citizen main dining hall and restrooms during the week of the fair.

Both the fair board and the senior citizens board are saying officially that there is agreement on the conditions of the deed. Unofficially, members of both boards have expressed objections. They have objected to building a senior center in the middle of what has been the little league. It would also, they say, take the use of the field from the

teams at the grade school. In addition, they have said that the county should not give away so much land in the middle of the fair grounds. Others say that the county gave the senior citizens the land on Hinton Creek, so they should build there for that reason. Additionally, they say that not everything has been considered which must be before accepting the ground from the Fair Board.

The County Court must make final approval of the sale of the land on the fairgrounds, but said at the public hearing in February that they would approve whatever the senior citizens and the fair board worked out together to their mutual benefit.

The Fair Board will discuss the final draft of the deed at a 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 12 meeting at the Fair Grounds.

## Check voter registration status

Day-of-election voter registration which has been in effect in Oregon has been eliminated, reminds Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth.

Any person wishing to register to vote in the last 11 days before an election must do so in person rather than by mail. Prospective voters will

also be required to provide some evidence of residence before being allowed to register.

Bloodsworth stated that the new rule is welcomed by County Clerks. "The new rules will help us to more effectively identify those who are qualified voters. We have always encouraged a rule like this because it has always been a tough job determining in such a short time whether a person was really a resident."

The new rules state that a prospective voter may register in the period from 11 days before the election to a period one day before the election by appearing in person at the Clerk's Office or other designated station. The applicant can then "prove" his residency by either bringing a signed statement from another registered voter attesting to the applicant's residence, or by providing one item from a list of 15 "indicators of residency," including a driver's license, a bank statement, or other piece of identification including the applicant's name and address.

"Anyone who has not voted in the last two years is sent a 'purge card' in the mail," said Bloodsworth. "Those people are not considered registered to vote any more unless they send their 'purge card' back to the Clerk's office. People who were sent a 'purge card' and ignored it and then show up to vote on election day will not be allowed to vote as they are no longer registered to vote."

The Clerk's office urges voters who are in doubt of their status to call in advance at 676-9061.

"If you anticipate a problem, or are unsure, come in anytime and we will deal with it," concluded Bloodsworth. "All it takes is a telephone call and we can help."

## Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots are available at the Morrow County Clerk's Office for the May 20 Primary Election.

Registered voters who anticipate being unable to vote on election day are urged to come into the Clerk's office or write a letter to the Clerk requesting an absentee ballot. One letter may be written for both a husband and wife, but must be signed by all voters requesting ballots.

## Jr. Bowlers successful at state tourney

Twenty-four members of the Heppner junior bowling league ended their first season with a trip April 25-27 to Grants Pass and the junior bowlers state tournament. Seventeen of the 24 who bowled at the tournament received trophies for their efforts.

Bowlers competed in the nine game scratch tournament with other bowlers of their same ability. Most bowled in the Class G, or lowest class because their average score in regular season play was 0-74 pins per game.

Nine of the team members, however, bowled at least one game at the tournament that was 50 pins over their average. Heather Hughes, Alecia Tarnasky, Amy Robinson, Brody Struckmeier, Chad Doherty, Steve Rollis, Chris Schultz, Sonny Scherrer, and Jon Kindle all will receive a bowling pin award for their efforts.

With three places awarded in the Class G team event, the Heppner bowlers captured the first two: The Rippers, Heather Hughes, Ray Corwin, Sonny Scherrer, and Tony Kozina who was a substitute for Donny Pointer placed first with a team series of 1,087; and the Gutter Dusters: Chad Doherty, Chad Skroch, Chuck Rollis and Travis Hughes placed second with a team score of 1,078.

Five places were awarded statewide in Class G doubles competition with the Heppner team of Alecia Tarnasky and Jon Hanna placing third with a score of 522.

Ten places were awarded in G



Junior bowling team from left: Steve Rollis, Jeremy, Brian Struckmeier, Amy Robinson, Jim Kindle, Chrisy, Brodie Struckmeier, Cathy Martin, Jon Hanna, Cindy Hudson, Chris Schultz, Eric Skroch, Wayne Martin, Billie Doherty, Jason Hanna, Heather Hughes, A J Tarnasky, Donny Pointer, Jon Kindle, Sonny Sherrer, Ray Corwin, Cathie Pointer, Chad Doherty, Chad Skroch, Travis Hughes, Rick Paullus, Chuck Rollis, coach Sam Worly. Cyde Skroch not pictured.

Class singles competition with Heppner team members placing as follows: second-Chuck Rollis, 298; fifth-Travis Hughes, 282; sixth-Chad Doherty, 280; and a tie for tenth place-Chad Skroch, 260.

Class E bowler, Brody Struckmeier placed fourth in singles competition with a score of 397 for a three-game series.

Six places were awarded for a total of all events, nine games, scratch. In Class G, Steve Rollis placed second with a score of 861 and Travis Hughes placed fifth with a score of 801.

Coach Sam Worley is already looking forward to the season which will begin next fall. The kids had a lot of fun this season and did well for their first year. He will provide instruction for the bowlers ages 6-17 on Saturday mornings. No bowling experience is needed, he says, because bowlers compete with others of their own abilities, not age group. He also plans to start a junior high and high school age league for youth

aged 14-17. It's not just practice and the state tournament at the end of the season, he says. Throughout the season, a handicap league competes with other leagues in the area. The structure is similar to the structure of the adult leagues.

The bowlers had to raise \$1,300 to cover their travel expenses, entry fees, and lodging during the tournament. Local merchants helped with donations to the bowlers, Worley says. Four adult chaperones accompanied the bowlers to Grants Pass. The weekend wasn't all bowling. There was time between competition for swimming at the motel and a pizza party.

## Reno Night set

A Reno Night Saturday, June 21 will feature casino wagering with scrip at the Heppner Elks Club. Money raised from the event, will benefit Heppner Booster Club projects.

Current Booster projects include the sponsoring of two college scholarships, a reader board for high school activities which is currently under construction, and a permanent sign honoring the state champion Fillies.

Players at Reno Night will buy scrip and attempt to amass more while wagering. At the end of play, the scrip will be bid for desired items.

Prizes thus far include a trip to Reno, to the Oregon Coast, a self-propelled lawn mower, 100 gal. of gasoline, two beef halves, a truckload of firewood, one ton of hay, airplane flights to Mt. St. Helens and many more. Auction items are either donated by local merchants or purchased with cash from other donors.

Additional tax-deductible of any kind or amount from individuals and businesses are still being accepted by the Booster Club. Contact Sharon Harrison, 989-8496, Martha Munkers, 989-8532, or Diana Ball 676-5306, before May 15 for additional information, or to make a donation.

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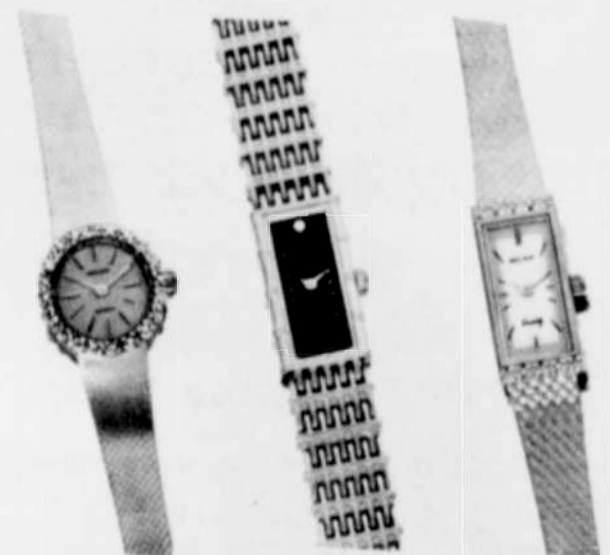
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