

## Lexington couple hosts Enterprise reunion

Ken and Lucile Peck of Lexington, hosted the USS Enterprise reunion on June 13, 14, 15. Forty-four members of the crew and their wives attended. There were 27 RVs parked and three tents pitched at the ranch. Although this was a northwest get-together, people were present from California, Nevada and Florida.

The ship was commissioned May 12, 1938 and five "plank owners," men from the commissioning crew, attended. Captain Pete Taylor, USNR, Ret., who had the distinction of downing the last of the 911

Japanese planes credited to Enterprise, flew in from Seattle. USS Enterprise was the most decorated surface ship in World War II and participated in 21 operations and campaigns. The ship's air groups sank 71 ships, damaged 192 others, and caused damage to many shore installations. The Japanese reported the ship sunk six times, it moves so far and so fast over the Pacific that the Japanese also once reported it as three different carriers.

She was finally disabled by a Kamakaze suicide plane on May 14, 1945. The ship was dismantled and

sold for scrap metal in 1959. The first nuclear-powered carrier of the United States Navy is carrying on the name and traditions of USS Enterprise.

The next northwest reunion will be in Seattle in 1988.

## Local delegates attend state convention

Waste awareness was brought to the attention of the 277 delegates attending the 59th annual convention of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs June 8-11 at the Monarch Motor Hotel in Clackamas. How do we dispose of old medicines, chemicals, oil, plastics, used products, and our many empty household containers? How are we contaminating the land, water and air? This is a real problem that has no easy answers. It was reported that state officers attended the Energy Awareness Conference in Washington D.C. and one was held in the Portland area this spring.

Helen Martin and Loree Hubbard represented the Lone Garden Club at the convention along with 11 other delegates from Blue Mountain District No. 10. Jane Rawlins, delegate from Heppner Garden Club and Assistant Director of District No. 10 accompanied the Lone delegates. She took the place of Blue Mt. Director, Cece Slocum of Hermiton who could not attend. The three made the pre-convention tour of the Leach Gardens and the Willamette National Cemetery, both supported by the Federation.

The theme-Multnomah Cares--About Birds and Bees, About Butterflies and Trees, About Herbs and Flowers, and Blue Star Memorials Under Oregon Showers was carried out in the favors and table decorations which were given away daily.

Besides the reports of State Officers, 17 District Directors or their



Lee Padberg shows load of wood to be auctioned at Reno night Saturday.

## Lightening causes outage

Saturday afternoon lightening hit a top crossarm on a transmission structure near the Nelson ranch on Baseline Road and damaged the crossarm and insulators causing a one-hour 42-minute power outage over most of this half of the electrical system, Mark Lovgren of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op reported.

Lightening seldom strikes within the Columbia Basin system, Lovgren continued. It's rare that it hits the

power lines; however, Saturday's storm was unusual with a mixture of sheet lightning and direct strokes taking out many of the lightening arrestors in the system. Columbia Basin crews repaired five individual outages in addition to the major outage on Baseline Road.

A crew of three replaced the top crossarm, insulator string, and damaged insulators on an adjacent pole.

## Local girl to compete at pageant

Jessica Sumner, daughter of Charlie and Cindy Sumner, Lexington, has been selected to compete in the Little Miss Jr. America Pageant at the Red Lion Motor Inn in Portland, Saturday, July 5.

The contest is open to 8-12 year olds and Jessica was selected to compete by the Oregon pageant committee. Prizes for the statewide contest include a trophy, camera, TV, and a trip to Florida for competition at the national finals.

Contestants are judged during a personal interview, sportswear competition, and gown competition.

Sponsors in the competition are Morrow County Grain Growers, the Heppner Elks, Tom McConnell and Charlie and Cindy Sumner.



Jessica Sumner

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## Reno night coming Sat.

"With over 100 prizes worth thousands, the odds favor winning," claims Peggy Fishburn, prize coordinator for the June 21 Little Reno Night. "Even folks with bad luck ought to win at this one."

Games, including 21, poker, craps, roulette, Lew and 4-5-6, begin this Saturday June 21 at 7 p.m. upstairs at the Elks Lodge. The activity fund-raiser is a first annual project of the Heppner Booster Club.

Generous donations by a wide cross-section of the community have resulted in super prizes. "It should entice nearly everyone and the odds for winning warrants a big crowd," insists Diana Ball, chairperson.

Many of the prizes are worth several \$100. An itemized list will be on flyers at the casino.

Scrip will be used for gaming and accumulated scrip will be used at auction to bid on prizes at the close of the evening.

Refreshments include all kinds of beverages and popcorn. The public 21 years and older is invited.

## Teen staff needed for state fair

About 20 high school age 4-H members will be selected for staff at Oregon State Fair. Assignments will range from one to three days, with teen staff assisting in arranging exhibits, registering contest participants, and greeting visitors to the 4-H area, as well as answering in-

quiries about the 4-H program.

Young people selected will receive room and board while at state fair.

Application forms and additional information is available from the Extension Service, 676-9642 or Box 397, Heppner. Forms are due in the State 4-H Office July 10.

## Irrigon man launches signature drive

Ted Sampson, Irrigon recently announced that he has launched a signature drive to gain a slot on the November ballot as an Independent candidate for the office of Morrow County Judge.

Prompted to run for the commission two years ago by neighbors and friends, Sampson said he decided to enter this year's race in order to offer voters a choice since the Democratic and Republican nominees (incumbent Judge Don McElligott and Port of Morrow Commissioner President Louis Carlson respectively) are "too similar."

Sampson, 39, grew up in Umatilla and now lives one mile west of the family's homeplace where he is constructing his home along the Columbia River. He owns and operates Sampson Livestock, a USDA registered and bonded market agency. He produces cattle and hogs in addition to marketing all classes of livestock and some farm equipment.

After studying one year at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, Sampson returned to attend the University of Oregon at Eugene. He transferred to Southern Oregon College, Ashland, where he graduated with a B.S. in Business-Financial Management in 1969. He holds graduate school credits from Southern Oregon College, the University of Oregon and Portland State University where he was a candidate for a Masters Degree in Business Administration.

In addition to farming and construction work, Sampson has own-

ed and operated Portland Window Cleaning Co., then a construction firm in Eugene, a retail store and his current company, Sampson Livestock.

One of Sampson's main concerns is the unification of the county. "The unification of the county through more productive uses of the bombing range ranks a high on his priority list." "Instead of long-term leases we should only permit one or two-year leases. The county needs to regain zoning and civil control of what is allowed to occur in that area. Citizens should have the final say currently we have none. The flight patterns haven't been changed since the 1960's, yet our population has doubled. The bombing range has physically segregated our county for too many years. That entire area would be more productive if it were developed with roads, agriculture and industry."



Ted Sampson

## Former fair & rodeo queen to try for Miss College Rodeo title

Sylvia Ladd, lone, will compete in the Miss College Rodeo contest the week of June 16-24 in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Montana. Eleven regions compete in the National Collegiate Rodeo Association.

Miss College Rodeo is judged on the basis of horsemanship, rodeo knowledge, appearance, speaking, modeling, and personality. A total of

20 girls are expected to compete. The 20-year-old senior at Oregon State University earned the title of Miss Congeniality at last year's national contest. The 1986-87 queen for O.S.U. would normally have gone to the competition, but Ladd's reign was extended.

A former Morrow County Fair and Rodeo queen, Ladd is a speech-communications major at Oregon State University.

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## Local girls to receive 4-H training

Kim Wright and Paula Plocharsky, Heppner, will travel to the 4-H Center in Salem the last week-end in June to receive their official 4-H Ambassador Training and Designation as well as participate in interviews for national awards. They are among the 63 top Oregon 4-H'ers selected as 4-H Ambassadors.

A special ceremony at the end of the training session will honor the ambassadors, and national award trip nominees will be announced. Final announcement of national awards is September after nominee records are finalized and re-submitted.

It is an exciting and educational event for 4-H'ers who compete for the honors, said an Extension spokesperson. The Morrow 4-H program takes pride in having two outstanding members named as Ambassadors this year.

## Wins beef certificate

Bob DeSpain, Heppner, won a Father's Day beef gift certificate. The drawing at Central Market was sponsored by the Morrow County CowBelles.

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