

# 4-acre park addition dedicated

A four-acre addition to Cutsforth Park, which will add 10 more campspaces to the county-owned facility, was dedicated last Tuesday afternoon.

On hand for the dedication was Barbara Cutsforth, who donated the additional property for the park ex-

pansion. Barbara is the wife of the late Orville Cutsforth, who gave the original property for Cutsforth Park.

The new addition to the park features 10 spaces with sewer, water and electric hookups for recreational vehicles and brings to 22 the number of hookups available at Cutsforth

park. The park addition was financed through a \$26,000 grant, and the same amount of matching county money, said Morrow County Judge Don McElligott.

Much of the work on the new campsites was done by the Morrow County Youth Employment Crew, Charlene Papineau, director.

"These kids have worked hard," said Papineau. "It may have just turned their lives around."

The boys stayed at Cutsforth Park over the summer working on the new addition, which included building a 1,000-ft pole fence from trees cut in the mountains.

"It took six days to build the fence," Papineau said, "and these kids learned how to hammer and how to nail, and some of them didn't even know how to drive a nail when they came up here."

In addition to the expansion of the park by four acres, the pond at Cutsforth park was also worked on this summer. The old pond was completely dug out, deepened and widened. A board wall was installed on one side so the small lake will be accessible for swimming and fishing by handicapped persons, said McElligott.



(L-R) Barbara Cutsforth, Don McElligott, Donna Lynn Dougherty and Eldon Gilbert look over new fence at Cutsforth Park.



Shawn Adlard, Barbara Cutsforth, Gene Long, Charlene Papineau, Bobby Cate, Judge Don McElligott and Donna Lynn Dougherty cut the ribbon for the new park dedication.

## Commissioners approve emergency funding

Morrow County Court last Wednesday agreed to provide \$2000 emergency funding for the Teddy Bears Workshop as soon as it becomes a non-profit corporation, the Heppner Daycare Center.

Nancy Welborn, owner and manager of Teddy Bears Workshop, Ann Spicer and Marianne Kahl presented the daycare center's problem to the Court. Welborn has been working without salary during the summer months and because the center has had only 9 1/2 full-time kids has had to pay many of the center's expenses out of her own pocket. With 16 full-time kids, Welborn said the Center could break even. She was willing for awhile to continue without salary, she said, but could not continue meeting expenses also.

The center is licensed for 30 children, Spicer told the court, and the license can be extended to include five more children.

Spicer reminded the court that a daycare center operating in Heppner about 10 years ago for three or four years experienced an increase in full-time children when school started because high school age babysitters were no longer available.

"The problem," Spicer said, "is that a daycare center can't be funded properly on a private ownership basis. If it becomes a non-profit organization, it becomes eligible for grants, the federal hot lunch program, and other possible sources of income including fundraisers for specific items needed for center operation."

Spicer told the court that she was not charging the Day Care Center, but was donating her time in filing papers for non-profit status. She also told the court that it would not be a problem to set up a required board of directors for the non-profit daycare center and that once established the board would look at and consider all cost-saving possibilities for the daycare center.

Morrow County Judge Don McElligott told the delegation that they had made a good presentation and obviously needed emergency funding, and since there was not a single, large business which employed most of the parents using the center's service, he didn't know where they could get the emergency funds except from the county.

Commissioner Jerry Peck pointed out that the county could not subsidize a private business and could not authorize any funding until it received notice that the daycare center had become a non-profit corporation.

The Court also held a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's request for a zone change from industrial to rural service center the zoning of property recently required by Columbia View Community Church. The Court voted to support the planning commission's request.

In other business, the court: approved an agreement for lawn care services at the North Morrow Annex.

approved three days of vacation time for Ed Struthers.

heard that the Road Dept. had completed paving on Bob Jepsen's road, all of Rhea Creek Road, Ella Road, and Ridee Road.

## Boeing to dedicate antenna range

Sen. Bob Packwood will be a special guest at the dedication of Boeing's Boardman Antenna Test Range at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 28, Riverside High School.

"The antenna measurement facility represents a significant commitment by The Boeing Company to Boardman, to Morrow County and to the state of Oregon," said B. Dan Pinick, executive vice president of the Boeing Aerospace Company. "Our projected investment in the next phase expansion of the Boardman Antenna Test Range will be about \$15 million, and the increased activities will generate the potential for employment growth."

The Boardman Antenna Test Range is located at the Boeing Space Age Industrial Park and maintained by Boeing Agri-Industrial Company. Pinick said expansion of the test range will provide Boeing with a permanent remote research, development and testing facility to

support aerospace programs. Construction on the test range is expected to begin September 17.

Earlier this month, Boeing gained authorization to proceed with the antenna range from the Morrow County Planning Commission, Morrow County Court and the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

Pinick said the dedication will provide a forum to acknowledge and thank the local community, as well

as local, state and federal officials for supporting Boeing's expansion in Boardman. The dedication ceremony is open to the public. Following the proceedings, transportation will be provided to those interested in viewing the site.

Boeing leased the 100,000-acre Boardman tract from the state of Oregon in 1963. The land has been used for a variety of purposes, ranging from agricultural development to aerospace industry product testing.

## Lightning causes fires

**By Avon Melby**  
A fast-moving electrical storm Friday night brought reports of several fires caused by lightning strikes. Heppner Fire Department with four rigs responded to areas on Willow Creek Road where fires were reported during the height of the storm. One fire was fought on weeds and grassland on the Terry Thompson land near Willow Creek dam.

Two other fires were put out about seven miles south on Willow Creek Road, one on Dick Wilkinson property and another on land belonging to Everett Harshman.

Heppner Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine said three trucks were kept busy looking for the other fire

reported, but apparently the "spot" rain which accompanied the brilliant display of lightning put those out before they were located.

The four vehicles and 14 firemen were out about one hour.

Sunday afternoon about 1:30 three trucks were called to the Kinzua plant where a several hundred foot thick chip pile had caught fire on one side and was burning underneath. Burkenbine said Kinzua brought a bulldozer to the area and spread out the chips with it, so firemen could douse the fire with water.

It took all three trucks about one-half hour to extinguish the blaze Burkenbine said, source of the fire was unknown.

## Harvest festival planned

Lexington is having its first annual harvest festival Friday, Aug. 29.

Entertainment and games with prizes are planned for all ages and will include: an adult tricycle race; a penny toss; a coin hunt; and an evening street dance.

Local organizations and merchants are participating in the event. Morrow County Grain Growers will have an Open House; the Rebekah Lodge will sell pie and coffee; Del's market will feature frozen yogurt and broasted chicken, and the garden club and Vic's Chevron will contribute "surprise" events. Balloons will be provided for the kids in attendance.

"It's just a friendly get-together for neighbors and friends to celebrate the end of harvest, to look at the new store in the old Leech Bldg., the Lexington Mercantile, and the remodeling of Mike's Auto Body Shop," said a festival organizer. Some politicians have promised to attend to visit with and answer questions from voters.

## Committee supports area improvement projects

The joint committee of Heppner's economic and government groups met last Wednesday night, and identified two projects on which to concentrate efforts for betterment of economic conditions in this area.

A combination of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Economic Development Commission, Heppner Merchants committee and the City of Heppner, the group

was formed two months ago to coordinate economic efforts in the south Morrow County area.

Wednesday the group identified the Heppner Hotel-senior housing project and Willow Creek Lake recreation park as projects for their support.

The group also discussed the recent failures of the Morrow County School budget, and agreed that a strong school system is essential to the betterment of the county. The group agreed to work actively toward passage of the school budget.

The group also discussed the renovation of the vacant lot in downtown Heppner, and agreed that the project had gone well and greatly improved the "look" of downtown.

## Chamber votes to support school levies

The Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce voted Tuesday to go on record in support of the current school district levy.

School district levies have been defeated three times this year, and the district is asking for a one year levy of \$5,140,643, and a three year levy which would raise \$473,786 for each of the next three years.

The school budget election will be mail in. Voters should be getting their ballots soon, and they must be returned to the county clerk no later than Sept. 16.

The chamber also discussed actively going out into the community seeking support of the budget, including placing signs urging a yes vote in business windows and putting up lawn signs.

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