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Ione Legion Honor Guard

The Ione American Legion Post sponsored a brief memorial program Tuesday in honor of area veterans. Dick McElligott, assistant post commander offered a prayer of thankfulness for America's victories in war and greater victories in peace. Speaker Conrad Tworek

Appreciation

said that on Veterans' Day it is important to show appreciation for our country's veterans. The 85% voter turnout in Ione for the general election is an indication that the community is thankful for, not apathetic to, the blessings of the country, he said.

Five honored at HHS

By Ashley Conklin

Four seniors and one teacher at Heppner High School have recently been honored through awards presented by the HHS student council for the month of October.

Ashley Conklin was nominated and voted on by the teaching staff as Student of the Month. Conklin is active at HHS. He is the student body vice president, reporter for the National Honor Society, a member of the basketball and track teams, editor of the school newspaper, and is on the yearbook staff.

Joe Taylor was the school's boy Athlete of the Month while Tina Davidson and Cindy Stroeber were the Girls Athlete of the Month, selected through a nomination and voting by the coaching staffs.

Taylor was the starting quarterback and one of three starting defensive backs on the football team which just completed its first winning season since 1982. Taylor, with

49 tackle points in Columbia Basin Conference action, was voted to the honorable mention defensive all-star team.

Davidson, a second team all-division all-star pick, and Stroeber, an honorable mention all-division selection, were two of the mainstays on this season's Filly volleyball team.

Davidson ran the Filly offense from her setter position this season and was responsible for getting the ball to Heppner's top hitters, with Stroeber among them.

Valery Campbell was selected Teacher of the Month by popular vote at a student Council meeting. Campbell currently teaches all of the Spanish classes at HHS as well as a communications class and an advanced placement English class.

Four of the five award-winners were first time recipients. Conklin has been awarded before.

Heppner students earn high grades

Heppner High School has announced its honor roll for the first nine weeks of the 1986-87 school year. To be named to the honor roll students must earn a grade point average of at least a 3.33 or a high B+ average.

The freshmen class placed the most members on the honor roll. Freshman members are Mark Brosnan, Carri Brownfield, Mary Connor, Jennifer Currin, Danny Lindsay, Ryan Miller, Dean Munkers, Casey Pedro, Wayne Plocharsky, Lana Schmidt, Kim Stookey, and Kevin Tucker. Tucker earned a 4.00.

The senior class had the second highest number of class members named to the honor roll. These students are Ashley Conklin, Missy Eubanks, Trent Harrison, Theresa Lindsay, Jason Palmer, David Pedro, Cindy Stroeber, Sofi Struthers, and Matt Wilson.

Juniors named are Duane Ball, Kathleen Brazell, Mark Fishburn, Shannon McLaughlin, and Dan Struthers. Sophomore members are Michelle Beck, Mike Mahoney, Bryan Padberg, Benji Pearson, Susan Plocharsky, J.J. Shaw who earned a 4.00, Brent Temple, and Nance Wright.

A record number of students earned Most Improved status by raising their grade point average at least .50 from last spring semester.

Sophomore Libby Britt made the most improvement followed closely by sophomore Tracey Bond. Other students who raised their grade point average by at least a full point were seniors Donna O'Neal, Cindy Stroeber, and Joe Taylor, juniors Jacque Johnston, Sheila Piper, and Sherri Warnock, and sophomores Lori Cecil, Dina Ruiz, Nance Wright and Susan Plocharsky.

Students who improved their grade point averages between .50 and 1.00 were Dorothy Hays, John Kenny, Tareena Nash, Sheri Piper, Ty Arbogast, Kim Bond, Kirsten Green, Shannon McLaughlin, Jennifer Rill, Dan Struthers, Mike Van Schoiack, Craig Angell, Steve Arbogast, Lisa Ferrell, Barney Lindsay, Will Martin, and Sandi Turner.

French named Assistant Minority Leader

Ray French (R-Dist. 59) has been elected assistant minority leader for the House of Representatives in the Oregon State Legislature.

French, a second term Representative from Heppner will join House Minority Leader Larry Campbell of Eugene and four other assistant leaders representing each geographic area of the state. Cedric Hayden of Falls Creek, Bill Markham of Riddle, Stan Bunn of Newburg, French, and a final yet-to-be-chosen member

County reopens road

Morrow County Court last Wednesday re-opened N. Division St. in Irrigon. The paved street had been closed by the Court to protect a young orchard on both sides of the road. Re-opening the road will facilitate emergency plans for evacuation of the area if an accident should occur at the Umatilla Army Depot during a project to destroy stored nerve gas, the county commission said. N. Division St. joins the North (back) gate of the Ordinance depot.

In other business, the court: -approved a Transportation Committee request to apply for \$3700 for repairs to the Irrigon and Heppner Senior Citizens buses.

-accepted a donation of two parcels of land in the Penland addition to the city of Lexington. The land was given by John Edwards on the condition that the county abandon the old right-of-way to Cemetery Road use and the donated land for straightening Cemetery Road.

-authorized writing a check for \$8000 to Pioneer Escrow for two lots adjacent to the North Morrow Annex.

-talked with Joe Ritzenhaler of Awbrey Computers concerning problems the county has encountered with its computer programs and the computer company's billing procedure.

-heard from Architect Bob Smith that the framing is up for the addition at the North Morrow Annex.

-approved two change orders concerning the annex addition which will save the county money. One order removes an unnecessary drain, the other allows using sod and railroad ties instead of grass next to a parking area.

-canvassed the election results.

-approved \$15,000 for purchase of \$1 million liability insurance to cover the county crusher while it is crushing gravel at the site on Boe-

Co-op to replace electrical line

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op has moved up the scheduled replacement of a badly deteriorated electrical transmission line which should cut down on the number of power outages, president Fred Toombs said at the co-op's annual meeting last Thursday in Heppner.

Toombs said the old line had been scheduled for replacement in 1989 or '90, but "we have determined that it cannot wait," he said.

Toombs said the co-op will begin work on installing a new line in April, with completion scheduled for fall of 1987.

He pointed out that replacement of the line will mean long periods without power, but the co-op will schedule the outages to be of the

least inconvenience to people. "It's going to be a long, long summer," he told the co-op meeting. On the general condition of the co-op, Toombs said 1986 wasn't as good for the co-op as '85. He said numerous power outages caused some people to switch from electrical to wood heat, causing power sales to go down. "And we may not get those people back," he said.

Toombs also cited the general decline in the local economy as the reason for a drop in sales. "We have suffered losses in usage to irrigation, residential, and commercial consumers," he said in his annual report.

A scheduled electrical rate increase from the Bonneville Power

Administration, from which Columbia Basin purchase electricity, will be a problem the co-op has to deal with. "We are waiting now to determine what effect, if any, a BPA rate increase due CBEC in October of 1987 will have upon our consumers," he said.

Toombs also reported that the co-op board had gone over responses to a customer survey sent out earlier, and "I'm sure you will be seeing some changes," he said.

Directors elected during the meeting were: Doug Wilson, Condon; Fred Greiner, Condon; Kenneth Wright, Heppner; and Terry Hollomon, Heppner.

Abstract changes election outcome

Results of the November 4 Heppner council member election have changed following an abstract of the votes, the Morrow County Clerk's Office has announced.

Because so many items were on the ballot, results from some precincts were not reported to the Clerk's office until the early Wednesday morning hours, Barbara Bloodsworth, Morrow County Clerk explained. It is easy to see how an error could be made considering the late hour, she said.

For each precinct, a four-member counting board tabulates the results, the Clerk said. One person reads aloud the vote from the ballot, a second person watches to see that what is written and spoken is the same. Each of the other two members of the counting board marks the vote on a separate Tally Sheet. After all of the ballots are read, the board must add the tallies, check to be sure both Tally Sheets agree, that the total number of votes agrees with the total number of signatures in the poll

books, and transfer the results from the Tally Sheets to a Return Sheet.

One Tally Sheet is then locked in the ballot box with the ballots and one return sheet is posted at the precinct polls. The other Tally Sheet and Return Sheet are taken to the Clerk's Office along with the poll books and locked ballot boxes.

After the election, a three-member abstract committee reviews the Tally Sheets and Return Sheets from each precinct to be sure that they agree, Bloodsworth said. "This is why all election night results are unofficial. The results are official after the abstract which is supposed to catch any errors."

The abstract detected errors in two Heppner precincts. One precinct tallied 88 votes for candidate Chuck Holt, but wrote the number 83 as the total. Another precinct tallied 171 votes for candidate Doug Lowe but dropped the first digit when transferring to the Return Sheet; 71 votes were reported.

It's easy to see how both errors

could have happened, Bloodsworth said. It's not an error in counting or tallying the votes but in transferring and writing the totals. "The tally of the votes can be clearly seen on the Tally Sheets," she said.

The two errors made a difference in the outcome. Unofficial results listed Chuck Holt as a winner of the council election. The final results make it clear that Doug Lowe won the council spot.

Candidates have 30 days to challenge election results by requesting a recount from the Secretary of State. The person requesting a recount must pay a \$15 per precinct deposit; if the recount changes the results, the deposit is refunded. If the recount does not change the election results, the person who requested it must reimburse the elections office for the actual cost of the recount.

The Secretary of State is not obligated to grant every request for a recount.

72% turnout in general election

Final election results show that 3,098 or 72% of the 4291 registered voters in Morrow County cast ballots in last week's general election. By city, the voter turnout was as follows:

Hardman, 86% or 38 of 44 registered voters; Ione, 327 or 83% of 392 registered voters; Lexington 277 or 82% of 339 registered voters; Heppner 1011 or 81% of 1248 registered voters; Boardman 688 or 67% of 1030 registered voters; and

Irrigon 752 or 62% of 1211 registered voters.

Final election results showed that Louis Carlson won the county judge's race; Irv Rauch won reelection to the County Commission. The following uncontested non-partisan candidates were elected: Jeff Wallace - District Attorney; Charlotte Gray - Justice of the Peace; Brock Linnell, Gene Majeske and Tom Currin - board of directors for the Soil and Water Conservation District; and Cara Costa - mayor of Heppner. Heppner City Council positions were captured by the following: Terri Denton and John Hempel - two year terms; Rick Curtis, Doug Lowe, and Bob Ployhar - four year terms. Lexington council positions were won by Shirley McCarl and Charlie Sumner. Bob Taylor won the Lexington mayor's spot as a write-in candidate. Garnering Ione council positions were Bill Rietmann, Wayne Hams and Harvey Childers. Judy Osmin captured the Ione mayor's race as a write-in candidate.

Committee begins

St. Pat's Day plans

The Heppner St. Patrick's Day committee met Monday at Charlie's Pizza and Video World in Heppner to continue plans for the annual March event.

St. Patrick's Day will be held on March 14 and 15, 1987, Saturday and Sunday. Holding the event on a weekend will allow those from out of town to attend, the committee felt.

The committee also decided to investigate the possibility of restricting parking on Main Street on Saturday. Keeping cars off the main street will allow people to better enjoy the parade and other events planned, the committee decided.

The next meeting of the committee will be January 5, 1987 at the pizza parlor in Heppner. Everyone with an interest is invited to attend, and be a part of St. Patrick's Day celebration in Heppner. For more information contact co-chairmen Jim Farley or David Sykes.

Food baskets distributed for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving baskets will be delivered to local families needing food for the holiday between November 24 and 26, says Pat Scott, coordinator of the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Baskets will include turkey, dressing, pie, vegetables, cranberry sauce, and rolls, amounts depending on family size. "We expect to put up 75-80 baskets," said Scott. This

is the first year for Thanksgiving baskets. Christian youth collected canned goods for this Ministerial Assoc. project. Christmas baskets will be provided as usual by the Neighborhood Center.

Anyone knowing of a family needing a Thanksgiving food basket may give their name to Scott at the Center or to any local minister.

SWCD annual report in this week's paper

The Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District 1986 annual report is included as an insert in this week's newspaper.

The report contains information about Town-Country Day, the conservation reserve program, weed and erosion control and a recap of 1986 district activities.



Ione elementary pupils with Liberty flag.

Learning and telling about 'The Lady'

Students of Ione Elementary School studied the history of the Statue of Liberty in their classes during October.

They concluded their study with a special flag raising and program to celebrate the statue's 100th birthday on October 28.

During the ceremony a centennial commemorative flag was raised on the school flag pole by members of the Boy Scouts. The flag was loaned to the school by Diana Kincaid. During the program students shared information they had learned about the statue; Jason Stillman played a trumpet solo, poems were read and the group concluded by singing "America."

Students learned that the real name of the statue is "Liberty Enlightening The World." This name was given to her by her sculptor, Frederic Bartholdi. They learned that the tablet in her hand has Roman Numerals for July 4, 1776-the date of the Declaration of Independence. The seven spokes of her crown stand for the seven seas and seven continents. The torch is a symbol of the light of truth and knowledge. The broken chains on the commemorative flag are an ancient symbol of freedom from slavery. Students also learned that next to the American Flag the Statue of Liberty is the most famous symbol of United States and the freedom we enjoy.