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Heppner High School Vo-Ag students listen to instructions before planting the trees on lower Rhea Creek.

800 trees planted on lower Rhea Creek

Last Thursday, 18 Heppner High School Vo-Ag students planted 800 trees along lower Rhea Creek on Robert Hoskins' farm.

The trees were planted in order to stabilize Rhea Creek's channel and to increase the habitat along the riparian zone. Bob Adelman and John Tunberg from the Soil Conservation Service and Scott Madison of the Hoskins' farm told students. To explain the trio directed, and assisted students planting the trees.

The students involved were Bert Cason, Brian Koleman, Ed Hamlin, Roy Farley, Prodith Thongdy, Mike Gorman, Danny Lindsay, Mark Brosnan, Wayne Plocharsky, Tom Kenny, Ty Arbogast, Ted Schwarz, Dean Munkers, Terry Gray, Angie Ashbeck, Jodee Ashbeck, Phil Estberg, Jason Maben, and Vo-Ag instructor Roger Records.

John Tunberg instructs the students on the purpose of planting the trees.

City Council

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expenses, and to destroy 10-year old files of the city.

Mayor Cara Costa read a letter from a former member of the city library board stating objections to members of the board living out-of-town, and questioning the city's policy on this.

City Attorney Bill Kuhn said the engineers who originally worked on the city landfill are again looking into it and have notified DEQ, so there would be a few months leeway on use of the facility before deciding what to do in the future.

City Crew Foreman Dave Winter reported poison Hemlock on the banks of Willow Creek in Heppner will again be sprayed. Cost will be $100 for the spray, with donated labor. He was authorized to go ahead and make the arrangements.

Hotel project will progress

Now that Heppner voters have approved a change in the city's charter to allow it to borrow money for the Heppner Hotel renovation, the next step will involve a lot of paper work, City Attorney Bill Kuhn said Monday.

Kuhn said he will be working to free up grant money the city has been awarded by the state and to complete an environmental-impact review to answer the state's concerns about the historic preservation of the building.

Within a month, Kuhn said he hoped the money would be freed up so the city could begin advertising for an architect to draft the final plans and specifications for remodeling the hotel into a senior citizen housing unit.

It may take two months to review resumes and hire an architect and then another two months before the city will be able to advertise for a contractor, Kuhn said. Once a contractor begins work, he continued, the estimate we have is six to eight months to complete the work at the hotel.

"The uncertainty is gone and I'm hopeful the project will be completed by summer next year," the attorney concluded.

G-T sportswriter awarded

Gazette-Times sports writer Ashley Conklin captured first place in the sportswriting division of the Oregon High School Writing and Photography contest. Conklin, the son of Dale and Linda Conklin, is a senior at Heppner High School and editor of the school's newspaper, The Hehisch.

Conklin also picked up an honorable mention in the sportswriting division. The Hehisch also received an honorable mention placing in the overall newspaper category. Adviser of The Hehisch is Mike Royer.

Conklin's first place story, "Senior Leadership Sparks Mustang Gridders," distinguished him as the only student from a Class "A" school to win or place in any of the individual categories.

Conklin's honorable mention story, "Former Fillies Adjust to Different Teammates," also gave him the distinction of being one of only two people to have two stories place in the contest.

The Hehisch was also the only Class "A" paper to place in the contest. Parkrose, Sheldon, and Glencoe High Schools finished first through third in the overall sweepstakes.

This year's contest included 361 entries from 51 different Class "AAA", "AA", and "A" high schools throughout the state.

The writing contest is sponsored by Oregon Press Women who will present the youth awards at their spring conference in Portland April 11.

Ashley Conklin

Mill jobs draw 250 applicants

Nearly 250 people turned in applications for approximately 20 jobs which will be available when Kinzua's new stud mill begins operation this summer.

Jobs will involve all skill levels, Kinzua's personnel manager Doug Dubuque said. Many of the applicants had a lot of sawmill experience and came from as far as LaGrande, Pendleton, and John Day.

Applications were accepted at the mill two different days for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon each day. The first morning applications were accepted, Dubuque said, Kinzua's entire parking lot was jammed with cars. He had intended to have applicants come through the office, he said, but instead had to distribute applications outside in the parking lot.

Dubuque said he doubted that Kinzua would need to ask for more applications, "I expect to find good, experienced sawmill people from the applicants we already have," he concluded.

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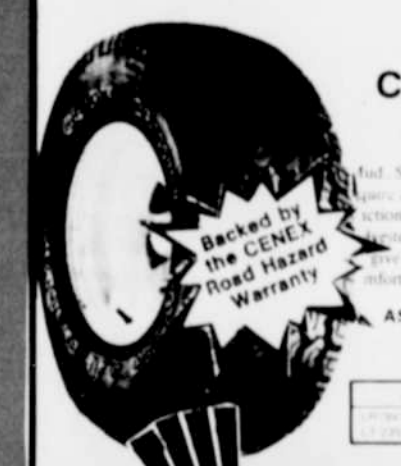

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