



Jill Conklin (left), Benji Pearson, and Michelle Beck.

## Chosen for Girls state

Two students from Heppner High School and two from Lone High School have been chosen to participate in Oregon Girl's State this summer. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, the week-long program allows girls to participate actively in government.

Sophomores Jill Conklin and Benji Pearson from Heppner were selected by Heppner teachers. Karla Davison and Rondi Tews both juniors at Lone, were selected by the Lone Legion Auxiliary. Michele Beck is an alternate from Heppner.

Girls were chosen on the basis of leadership, character and honesty, cooperativeness, community participation and service, and scholarship.



Rondi Tews (left) and Karla Davison.

## Boosters plan fundraiser

By Ashley Conklin

Planning has already begun for the second annual Heppner Booster Club's Reno Night fund-raiser set for June 6 at the Heppner Elks Club.

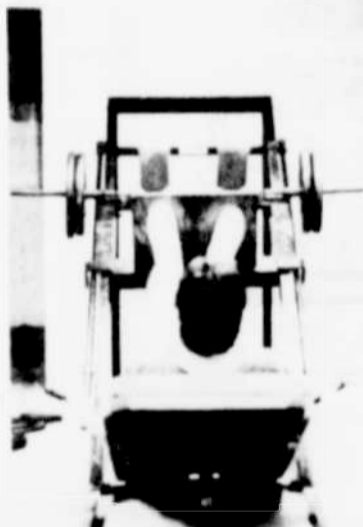
Funds from the Reno Night will be used to cover costs for different items which the Heppner Booster Club will purchase for the 1987-88 school year.

The Booster Club sponsors a \$200 scholarship each year for one boy and one girl at Heppner High School. Funds raised at the Reno Night will help pay for the scholarships.

The Booster Club was also responsible in helping purchase a weight

rack for HHS as well as a new leg weight machine.

Other things the Booster Club has been responsible for include the sign at the east end of Heppner honoring last year's state girls basketball championship team, sponsoring the boys summer league basketball program, providing refreshments for different sports banquets and visiting football teams, engraving different trophies at HHS, paying for HHS cheerleader pom poms and covers, and assisting the HHS dance team meeting their expenses.



Arkie Smith demonstrates new leg machine at Heppner High School purchased by the Heppner Booster Club. Photo by Mike Poyer.

### Listed on honor roll

David Steagall, son of Bob and Beverly Steagall of Lexington, is named on the Honor List for All Valley Community College in Fairbanks, Alaska. To earn a place on the list, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade average based on 4.0.

## Reduced fee blood tests offered at Pioneer during National Lab Week

Pioneer Memorial Hospital will celebrate National Laboratory Week April 13-17. In honor of the occasion the hospital laboratory will offer blood testing at a markedly reduced fee. Cardiac Risk Profiles (Cholesterol, Triglycerides, H.D. Lipids) combined with a comprehensive chemistry profile (Glucose, Potassium, Sodium, etc.) will be offered that week on a cash only basis for \$15 for tests valued at over \$60.

Patients may present themselves to the hospital office between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. April 13-17 and the laboratory staff (Vicki Birkby, Bud Randall, and Phyllis Hampton) will draw blood for these tests. It is most valuable to omit alcohol and fatty foods for three days prior to the testing and to come in before you have had breakfast, a lab-spokesperson said. Patients will receive, by mail, copies of their results no later than April 21. Unless patients specify otherwise, Lab results will also be forwarded to Dr. Thiessen for permanent record at the clinic.

Dr. Thiessen will be at Pioneer Memorial Hospital Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. to explain the significance of these lab results. Everyone is encouraged to attend this informative session and present their questions to Dr. Thiessen.

On Wednesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Vicki Birkby, Laboratory Supervisor will show a video tape provided by the American Red Cross on the AIDS Virus and the AIDS Patient. The tape is approximately one hour long and is part of our hospital permanent library. Parents are especially encouraged to view its contents.

There will be displays on a) early detection of colon cancer b) antibiotics and which one to use c) procedures for patient billing d) facts about blood donations.

The laboratory staff invites everyone to visit the hospital facilities and view our operations and displays.

## Earns Linfield scholarship

Sophie Struthers, daughter of Ed and Marie Struthers, of Heppner, has been awarded a \$6,000 scholarship to study art at Linfield College.

Struthers, a senior at Heppner High School, is one of 41 winners from seven states in Linfield's annual competitive scholarship competition. Winners were selected on the basis of competitive exams administered at Linfield earlier this year.

To stay eligible for the scholarship beyond the first year, a student must maintain a 3.25 grade-point average (based on a 4.0 scale) and must remain in good standing with the college.

Three Grangers received the Golden Sheaf award last Sunday for fifty years continuous membership in the Lexington and Rhea Creek Granges. Morton Wolverton, Master of the Oregon State Grange, presented fifty year pins and certificates to Mildred Wright, Wavel Wilkinson and Ruth Bergstrom at a special recognition day at the Lexington Grange. Other fifty year members present were Alfred Nelson Jr. and Kenneth Snouse who have had membership in the Lexington Grange for fifty seven and fifty eight years respectively.

The program concluded with Master Wolverton telling the group the history of the Grange which is the oldest farm organization in the world. It was instrumental in the establishment of the Department of Agriculture, Rural Free Delivery and Postal Post, Land Grant Col-

## Will travel to United Nations

Karla Davison, a junior at Lone High School has been offered a trip to New York City and the United Nations this summer by the Odd-fellows and Rebekahs lodge.

Davison placed second at district competition in Pendleton in the lodge's annual speech contest. This year's topic was the U.N.'s role concerning human rights, dignity, and resources. Her speech addressed the problems of apartheid and terrorism in South Africa and how the UN could form anti-terrorist organizations and exercise its ability to impose sanctions.

Davison, the daughter of Marlene Davison of Lexington, will have to pay \$200 toward her expenses, the lodges will fund the balance of her trip.

Vince Daltoso of Riverside High School in Boardman won first place in the contest and an all-expense paid



Karla Davison

trip. Last year's winner was Trina Hellberg of Irrigon.

## Grangers awarded for longtime service



Morton Wolverton, Mildred Wright, Wavel Wilkinson, Ruth Bergstrom and Jean Nelson

leges, Experiment Stations and Extension Service and the Pure Food and Drug Administration among other things. It is still one of the strongest volunteer groups that helps with community activities.

Members receiving twenty five year pins and certificates included Adrain Bechdolt, Archie Bechdolt, Velva Bechdolt, Gerald Bergstrom, Marilyn Bergstrom, Barton Clark, Beth Clark, Ned Clark, Kathleen Clark, Grace Drake, Emma Drake, Edna Peck, Harold Peck, Harold Wright, Mary Wright, Ed Hunt, John Wagenblast, Paul Warren, Claudine Warren, Ninon Rill, Rudy Bergstrom, and Henry Breeding.

Others receiving certificates of recognition for continuous membership for more than twenty five and less than fifty years were Lucia Barrett, Jim Bloodsworth, Paul Brown, Berry Brown, Lyle Cox, Barbara

Cutsforth, Mayo Hughes, George Irvin, Georgianna Irvin, Cecil Jones, Delpha Jones, Bill Marquardt, Rena Marquardt, Earl Miller, Helen Nelson, Jean Nelson, Frances Snouse, Marie Steagall, Wilbur Steagall, Robert Steagall, Paul Tews and Lee Wagenblast.

Master Wolverton was accompanied by his wife, Frieda, who is the community service chairman for the Oregon State Grange. Other special guests were Annabelle Yeager, master of Wheatland Pomona and members of Willows, Columbia and Mikkalo Granges.

## Board members answer school budget questions

Editor's note: School board members will answer questions in the newspaper between now and the May school levy election. Questions they address will be those which they repeatedly are asked by voters.

How accurate are per pupil cost comparisons?

It is inevitable that when school budgets are being discussed that someone will remark on the high cost per pupil in one district as compared to another. Tables are available listing these costs, and once a list is in hand, it is certain to be a basis to rank the various districts. This is not always a fair comparison, as all things are not as they appear.

A good example of this is in the area of Education Service Districts. When an ESD exists at the county level it has a budget of its own and the cost is not shown as a cost to the school district on a per pupil basis. Six districts in the state, including Morrow County, do not have an ESD, and therefore have to contract for this service. Morrow County opts to use the service of the Umatilla County ESD and has to budget this cost, which is reflected as a direct per pupil expenditure. Conversely all the districts in Umatilla County have the benefit, as we do, but don't have its direct reflection in the school budget. A per pupil "savings" of almost \$450 per student.

Another area that causes disparity is that of mandated staffing. An example of this would be a librarian-media specialist. Compare the per pupil cost of this staff member's salary divided by the number of students in Heppner High as the same cost to a school the size of Hermiston High. We are talking a few dollars as compared to a few hundred dollars.

Don't read into this that hundreds of dollars per student are being spent for librarians, but instead look at the comparison of the cost spread due to the enrollment difference.

If one should make comparisons then do so with like kinds of districts, not others that are in the immediate area. Also be sure that all the costs are of a like nature. Some districts are spending from a low of \$2300 to as high as \$12,000 per student. Morrow County comes in at about \$4,200, with a state average at about \$3,600.

It is quite obvious that the range of costs is great and the average is an arbitrary figure. Every district looks long and hard at the cost of education and every attempt is made to keep this figure as low as possible, yet provide the quality of education that every student is entitled.

In Morrow County the economic climate is not the best in the state, but, on the other hand, it isn't the worst. As we all look for ways to keep our costs under control, please look long and hard at any attempt to save money by cutting educational dollars. Our per pupil cost may be above the state average but solace may be taken from the fact that this is being done with one of the lowest tax rates in the state.

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