

AAUW awards scholarships

The Heppner-Ione branch of the American Association of University Women have awarded their annual scholarships for 1987. The scholarships are awarded to women who are residents of Morrow County who wish to educate or train themselves. The two winners of the \$300 scholarships are Cindee Henderson and Stephanie Payne.

Henderson is currently working for Morrow County as an accountant and eventually plans to get her C.P.A. Payne is currently a Sophomore at Willamette University majoring in biology. She plans eventually to be a teacher or counselor at the secondary level. The scholarship committee found both of



Stephi Payne

these exceptional applicants to be dedicated to their educational goals and deserving recipients of the scholarship money.

The scholarship committee also decided to award \$100 grants to several applicants due to their scholarship and educational pursuits. These recipients were: Nancy Bruch who is completing her fifth year at Eastern Oregon State College, Noella Rill who is currently a sophomore at Oregon State University, Candi Rudisill, a senior at Ione High School, Suzanne Thompson, currently a senior at Riverside High School and Patricia McElligott a senior at Ione High School.



Cindee Henderson

Students learn about careers

With the vast advancement of technology in society today, it is more important than anytime in history that the young people have a good education and a sound grounding in available career opportunities, said a career education spokesperson.

During the month of May career opportunities will be discussed with Heppner High School sophomores in Steve Wick's career education classes. The students are learning about a wide variety of jobs and future possibilities in those occupations from local people who are currently employed in the positions discussed.

Speakers range from agribusinessman Eric Anderson, local government official Jerry Peck, Blue Mountain Community College president Ron Daniels to veterinarian Dick Temple.

Additional speakers include: Ted Smith-broadcast communications, David Sykes-publishing, Mike Forester-publishing, Frank Pearson, business administration (lumbering).

Douglas Rathbun-law enforcement, Carl Martin-law enforcement, Norm Zeller-game enforcement, Bob Krein-game management, Don Boyce-clergy, Jan Stroeber-cosmetology, R.H. (Skip) Mathews-agribusiness, Tom Alexander-dentistry, Clare Koznek, D.O.-medicine, Bill Kuhn-attorney, Hank Dennis-accountant, Bob Kahl-insurance, Sharon Lewis-real estate, Ken Bailey-heavy equipment/mechanics, Ed Harper-heavy equipment operation, Jay Coil-welding and fabricating, Dawn Hawkins-home economist, Ken Grieb-auctioneer, Guy VanArsdale-logging/business, Jim Hayes-airlines/commercial piloting, Molly Rhea-nursing/home health, Sheridan Tarnasky-nursing, Sandra Rill-health care, John Tunberg-soil conservation, Frank Skaggs-auto mechanic and Tom Welborn-electrician.

These professionals will help reinforce the importance for young people to get an education.



Molly Rhea tells career ed class about nursing.

Area students awarded scholarships

Kevin Hughes, Pendleton has been awarded one of 62 Cenex Foundation agricultural studies scholarships.

Claudia Hughes of Heppner. He is a freshman studying production agriculture at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

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.

It appears that every year the school budget is presented and cuts are made. Building maintenance generally is one of the first items to be cut. Why?

You are correct. Building maintenance is one of the first items to be cut from the budget. I have been on the Boardman/Irrigon Advisory Board for five years and one or more of our building roofs has always been in need of repair due to leaks. Each year the money for building repair has been requested. And each year, due to budget constraints and voter demand for lower taxes, building repairs have been axed.

I think we all agree that the primary responsibility of our school district is to provide an education for our children. After this, comes building maintenance. So...if you need to cut expenses, building repairs and not teachers, programs, sports, lunches, or transportation, is generally the first to be cut.

Some of the items that are continually put off include:

- *Sam Boardman Grade School-complete reroofing.
- *Riverside High-several roof leaks.
- *Ione Grade School-Outside walls cracking.
- *Heppner Jr. High-you name it, it needs repairing.
- *Heppner Grade School-Inadequate heating system.

This list can go on, but I think you can picture the situation. To maintain our buildings, it is important to pass the budget requests. By defeating the budgets request, we not only cut the above-mentioned items, but a large source of revenue. Morrow County has few large industries to help the property owner support our schools. Among these are Lamb-Weston and Portland General Electric (PGE). In the present budget year, (86-87), PGE was valued at approximately \$421,000,000. At the school tax rate of 8.01, PGE paid approximately \$3,300,000. As you can see, industries like PGE and Lamb-Weston are carrying the giant's share of the load.

These companies are in business for a profit. A part of that business includes depreciating their property. PGE is currently depreciating the Coal Plant about 3.5% a year. At their present evaluation a loss of approximately \$100,000 in revenue will occur in this coming tax year. Guess who will be picking up the difference? That's right; you and I.

As you can see, our buildings do need upkeep and we have the resources in our county to pay for them. The longer we put off repairs, the lesser share industry will pay in taxes, and we property owners will share the greater burden.

As a current ad for oil filters states: "Pay me now or pay me later, but pay me. You surely will."

Please save our schools, vote for the budget requested.

(s) John T. Jensen
Boardman Advisory Committee Member
(A school board or advisory committee member will answer your questions in writing in this column; write: "School Questions", P.O. Box 368, Lexington, OR 97839 or call 989-8202.)



John Jensen



Honor students inducted

Ione Honor Society President Chris Rea (left) swears in new members Michelle Papineau, Jill Nelson, and Angi Rudisill during April 24 induction ceremony at the school.

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Bonna Rae Miller 676-5519 eves.

City develops 11 goals

In an all-day session last Saturday, members of the city council and the planning commission worked out a list of goals and policies for the City of Heppner.

Mayor Cara Costa told the city council Monday Sylvia Rose, of the League of Oregon Cities facilitated the days session.

Goals are headed by: "actively participate in and promote economic development of the City of Heppner through partnership with existing organizations."

- Goals listed were:
1. Based on Water System Study, develop strategies for improvements.
 2. Evaluate sewer system and develop strategies for improvement.
 3. Implement safety measures along Water Street.
 4. Evaluate and develop strategy for street improvements.
 5. Develop a city Public Relations Program (including newsletter and promotional image building efforts.)
 6. Evaluate and recommend data and word processing equipment needs.
 7. Install restrooms in city parks.
 8. Update and enforce Dog Control Ordinance. (Construct Dog-Pound.)
 9. Develop and adopt an Employee Health and Wellness Program.
 10. Initiate Employee volunteer recognition program.
 11. Develop an Orientation Workbook Program for Council and Commissions.

The mayor said any citizens wishing to volunteer for advisory groups for any of the above areas of interest are encouraged to contact city hall or call her at 676-5444.

Stating she wished to publicly thank those who took part in the planning she named Wilbur Jackson, Richard Curtis, Terri Denton, Marshall Lovgren, Bill Kuhn and Bill Cox. They mayor also worked with the group.

Not all goals are expected to be completed by a year from now, but work on all of them will be started soon and will be continuing in future years.

Correction

The school district's tax base for next school year is \$884,898 (not \$844,898 as appeared on the bar graph in last week's newspaper.) This year's tax base, \$834,809, was correctly listed on the graph. Next year's tax base is figured by increasing this year's by six percent.

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