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Four return from China tour

by Ashley Conklin
Three area high school track athletes and their coach have recently returned from a 10 day tour of China with the Amateur Sports Development.

Jason Dougherty, Jason Palmer, Kim Sager, and coach Dale Conklin were part of a 39 member, four-coach Class "AA" and "A" track team which spent 10 days at the end of June in China.

"It was really a trip for cultural experiences in which we were exposed to the sights, sounds, and smells of the Chinese way of life," Conklin said.

The contingent spent the first two days touring and shopping in Hong Kong. On the third day of the trip

the group took a hydrofoil to Macau where they spent two days with tours of the city and of Mainland China.

With the Mainland China tour the group saw the beginning of the rice harvest which Conklin said was his favorite part of the trip. The rice harvest is accomplished entirely by hand with no machines. The Chinese don't waste anything, saving even the straw to fuel their home kitchen stoves," he said.

An all-star girls basketball game between an American team and a Chinese international team was scheduled at Macau. However, the U.S.A. team did not make the trip, so a girls' team was made up of the girls on the track team.

A lot of time was spent in Macau and Hong Kong shopping where the American dollar was worth about \$7.70 Hong Kong dollars.

"It was a really good place to do a lot of bargain shopping," Dougherty said.

After the group's stay in Macau, they went back to Hong Kong by hydrofoil where they had free time until an all-day track meet on the sixth day.

At the track meet the Oregon all-star teams competed with athletes from several Hong Kong athletic clubs. The meet was conducted under international rules using heavier implements and higher hurdles than those used in high school meets. The meet was put on by the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association.

Palmer, hurling the bigger, heavier discus won the event with a distance of 115-9. He was also fourth in the hammer throw, a 16-pound ball and chain event. His toss was 82-0 1/4. He also competed in the preliminaries of the shot put but failed to make the finals. It was

the first time Palmer had ever thrown the hammer.

Dougherty finished sixth in the 110 meter high hurdles in :18.36 and fifth in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 1:04.77.

The high hurdle race was run with 42-inch hurdles compared to 39-inch hurdles used in the high school ranks. The intermediate hurdles were run with 39-inch hurdles compared to 36-inch hurdles used in a high school 300-meter hurdle race.

Sager was to compete in the 400-meter hurdles but became ill and was unable to compete.

"The track competition was really a bonus and a small part of the overall trip," Conklin said.

The next night the group had a dinner sponsored by the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association and went swimming in the South China Sea among other activities before returning home.

"Seeing China was a real experience," Palmer said. "The sights and smells of Hong Kong were interesting."

"The trip was fun," Sager said. "I wish we could have stayed longer and I wish I could go back."

The group also had exposure to the Hong Kong subway system, which Conklin described as "terrific," that carries nearly one million people each day in a city of nearly 5 1/2 million residents.

"I liked most of the tours and wished I could have stayed longer," Dougherty said. "I met a lot of great people."

"It was great and I met some nice people," Sager agreed.

"It was great and I would have liked to stay longer," Conklin added. "I didn't like the smells of Hong Kong the first day but quickly got used to it."

Landfill Public Hearing Schedule

Wednesday July 15
Irrigon Courthouse
Annex-10 a.m.
Riverside High School
Boardman-7:30 p.m.
Friday July 17
Ione Legion Hall-1 p.m.
Heppner Courthouse
7:30 p.m.

Clerk's office verifying signatures on landfill petition

Over 400 signatures were turned into the County Clerk's office Monday, asking voter approval before a large-scale landfill can be constructed in Morrow County.

Two Boardman men, Dean Mason and Jerry Simpson, gathered the signatures on petitions circulated around the county the past ten days.

Wording on the ballot says that voter approval would be required on the location, development or operation of any landfill located in the county, which accepts garbage from outside the county.

The petition was prompted after Tidewater Barge Lines, which operates barges on the Columbia River, proposed the construction of a 600-acre landfill near Finley Buttes, 16 miles south of Boardman in central Morrow County.

If the petition is valid (182 of the 400 signatures must be registered voters in the county), the issue would be on the November 3 ballot, said County Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth. Bloodsworth said her office is now in the process of validating the signatures, and should be done by the end of this week.

If the landfill is established here, it would be used to dump commercial and residential garbage collected from communities along the Columbia River.

Tidewater would barge the waste up the river in sealed containers, off-load the containers at the Port of Morrow dock in Boardman, and truck the waste to the landfill site. The landfill would accept only non-toxic material. Tidewater officials say.

The Morrow County planning commission gave its approval for the dump two weeks ago, granting a conditional use permit for its construction. The landfill permit still has to have the approval of the Morrow County Court.

Since the planning commission approval, however, Simpson and Mason have requested in writing an appeal of the decision, saying the commission made a "serious omission" in the proposal. (The letter to the court is a separate action from the petition.)

The appeal states that the county cannot approve a landfill for more than 40 acres. The Finley Buttes site is considerable more at 600 acres.

County Planner Deane Seeger said Tuesday he had read the letter, but had no comment. "I understand the

Recovered from fall

The lineman who fell 50' from a power pole July 1 is now out of the hospital and expects to be able to return to work next week.

Greg Karlson fell 50' when he stepped on a knot and it cut out from under him while he was framing a pole.

He broke his nose, some of the bones in his left wrist (which is still in a splint), and had several cuts. His ribs are still a little sore, he said, and he had trouble breathing after swimming earlier this week, but is sure the doctor will release him to go back to work soon.

He is one of nine climbers in the crew for Bart and Assoc. the contractor for reconstruction of the main power line into Heppner. Work on the \$1.5 million project began in May and is expected to be completed this fall.

Karlson has been a lineman for eight years and has traveled with his wife and two children to almost every state except those in the Northeast.

district attorney is looking at it," Seeger said.

District Attorney Jeff Wallace said the appeal had been returned to Simpson and Mason because the planning commission decision "was

not appealable."

Public hearings on the landfill are scheduled Wednesday July 15 before the Morrow County Court. A hearing will be held at the Irrigon Courthouse Annex at 10 a.m. and again



Beat the Heat

Evan Weygandt, 10, of Heppner beats the heat as he "hot dogs it" off the diving board at the Heppner pool Tuesday. People all around the area were finding ways to beat the heat as the temperatures climbed toward 100 degrees.

City zoning review approved

By Avon Melby

A state-required review of the city of Heppner comprehensive plan and zoning code was approved by the Department of Land Conservation and Development on July 6, city planners were told Monday night.

The city planning commission started work on the update called in the periodic review last fall, and has put a lot of hours in the process. Dan Meader, planner from The Dalles was hired to assist in the work and was paid by the state.

Heppner's plan was first accepted and approved by the state July 10, 1980.

Deane Seeger reported on progress of the county in landscaping and making changes at the Courthouse Annex in the old dental building near the hospital. A drip system for irrigating the lawn is being installed. Screening has arrived to cut off the view from neighbors. Work on the parking area is underway. Gutters will be installed to direct water from where it could get

under cement. Painting, and all projects are expected to be completed within a month.

Asked about the heliport, which was also to be upgraded in this work before the city would allow an unrestricted conditional use of the property, Seeger said "It is in limbo." Nothing is being done until it is determined if there will be a continuation of the helicopter service for the area.

A variance to setback requirements was approved for Charles Dowse at 375 Linden Way. He wants to construct a shop for his own use in back of his double-wide mobile home there. It will be of pumice block with wood frame covered by aluminum which will be painted to match the mobile home. He wants the set-back to be inside his property from the alley by one and one half feet, instead of the required 10 feet. He said other structures built by neighbors were lined up so the approximate 1 1/2 feet would be in the same depth from the alley.

Doctor hired to serve Boardman clinic on temporary basis

By Stan Talbott
After 10 days without an attending physician, the North Morrow Medical Clinic now has one.

According to Ernest Wick, county medical administrator, the county has hired Dr. Benjamin Kenagy.

Dr. Kenagy, Eugene, has practiced medicine since 1955. "He practices in various places in Oregon as needed," said Wick. "He was fairly recommended by many of the local physicians."

Dr. Kenagy was in Boardman

Tuesday and Wednesday to assess his new surroundings. He signed a contract which runs through the middle of next month. By that time, the Morrow County Medical Board plans to determine the course of Morrow County health care.

Dr. Kenagy will return to the clinic beginning Monday, said Wick. He will be there Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone wishing to make an appointment with Dr. Kenagy can contact the clinic at 481-7212.

River Riders place first at horse show

The River Riders from Irrigon placed first at the Prefair horse show. Second was the Heppner Two Trackers; the new 4-H club from Ione placed third.

The top ten individuals in the judging contest were as follows. First-Elizabeth Smith, second-Sarah Britt,

third-Kim Burke, fourth-Dana Flanagan, fifth-Carman Britt, tied for sixth-Kari Morgan and Judy Jensen, eighth-Debi Driver, ninth-Laurel Temple and tenth-Rondi Robinson.

The top three judges and five of the top 10 were Junior 4-H

petition

at Riverside High School in Boardman beginning at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be continued at 1 p.m. Friday, July 17 at the Legion Hall in Ione and at 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Heppner.

Lake gets boat docks

Money for placement of two boat docks on Willow Creek Lake was approved by the State Marine Board last week in Salem.

The board has approved \$25,000 for two docks at the lake, one dock to be located at the boat ramp to assist boaters while launching, and the other to be located near the cove to be used for mooring short periods of time.

The grant is dependent on the Willow Creek Park District obtaining a lease from the US Army Corps of Engineers for lake front property.

ty, to be used for a day-use and recreational vehicle park. The park district is in the process of applying for the lease at this time.

Park district Chairman Ken Turner, and Treasurer Pat Sweeney appeared before the Marine Board in Salem last Wednesday to request the funds for the boat ramp.

Dave Obern of the Marine Board said Tuesday the docks would be placed in the lake not long after the park district is able to obtain the lease from the Corps.

Schwarz joins Central Market

Len Ray Schwarz is the new butcher at Central Market. He replaces John McCabe who moved to Warrenton to manage a meatcutting company there.

Schwarz is a long-time resident of Heppner, having along with his wife Ann, owned and operated Court Street Market and then Len Ray Processing.

The couple still operate Len's Processing, a custom meat cutting company at their home on Hinton Creek.

McCabe is working as manager of Reid and Hertig, a meat cutting company in Warrenton. He worked at Central Market for 11 years.



Len Ray Schwarz

Scotch Thistle becomes noxious weed

Scotch Thistle has been upgraded to an "A" list noxious weed in Morrow County.

Formerly on the "B" weed list, the change means that landowners are now responsible for eradication of Scotch Thistle on their property.

Infestations of Scotch Thistle in Morrow County are small enough, Weed Supervisor Jim VanWinkle said, that eradication or containment is still possible.

Although it is too late now to begin an herbicide control program, he said, small plants can be chopped off with a shovel. For larger infestations he advised waiting until fall or spring to begin an herbicide program.

The weed causes problems primarily on rangeland and in alfalfa. Fields recently seeded to grass under the Conservation Reserve Program should be watched for Scotch Thistle, he said.



because the weed may have been in the ground but kept under control with regular farming practices.

Brittner leads Heppner at regional junior olympics

by Ashley Conklin

Five area athletes competed in The Athletic Congress Junior Olympic regional track and field meet held last Saturday at Spokane Falls Community College.

Leonard Brittner led the way for

Heppner participants by placing third in the high jump in the 11-12 year-old boys division. He jumped 4-4.

By placing third, Brittner qualified for the national meet to be held in Provo, Utah on the weekend of July 25.

Also in the meet, the 11-12 year-old 400-meter relay team of Andy Ashbeck, Endy Hedman, Kevin Payne, and Sam Sumner placed sixth with a time of :59.04.

Payne also ran in the preliminaries of the 100-meter dash, finishing sixth in his heat to fall just short of making the finals.

members. It is important for new or young 4-H members to realize they have just as good a chance to do well in contests as anyone else and should participate in as many as possible, said Bill Broderick, 4-H agent. Phyllis Brooks judged the event.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

July 6 - 13
High Low Prec.

Tues.	80	58	0
Wed.	75	42	0
Thurs.	70	53	02
Fri.	78	49	0
Sat.	85	55	0
Sun.	91	56	0
Mon.	97	58	0

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, July 14

July-Aug	Soft White	\$2.93
Sept		\$2.95
	Barley	
July		\$84
Aug		\$83.50
	Hard Red Winter	
11% protein		\$2.92
	PIK	
	Generic Certificates	106 1/2% cash