

## To celebrate 100th birthday

Ethel Fay Eskelson-Wilcox will celebrate her 100th birthday August 19. The longtime Morrow County resident now resides at a nursing home in Portland.

She was born at Lexington and is one of the nine children of Mary Ann (Phariss) and Joseph Eskelson. Her father worked on the railroad branch line from Heppner Junction. When the line was completed the family stayed in the area and filed a "homestead claim" in the Social Ridge area.

She attended Social Ridge School and looked forward to meeting her friends there. As a youngster, raised on the farm, her chores included milking, herding pigs away from wheat sacks at harvest time, feeding chickens, gathering eggs, gardening, cooking, washing, household chores, and keeping younger siblings from falling into watering troughs.

She recalls the hot Sunday afternoon of June 14, 1903 when she and her older sisters tended to the younger ones and did chores while her parents and older brothers went to help following the cloud burst that flooded Heppner demolishing the downtown area and leaving many dead.

Taffy pulls, basket socials, and dances required that she and her sister put on their good dresses at home then fold the skirts and petticoats up to their armpits and pull on divided skirts to ride their horses

### 124 attend 1940-46 Heppner reunion

Three former teachers were honored as the classes of 1940-46 celebrated a reunion at the Heppner Elks Lodge Saturday and Sunday, August 1-2, according to Co-Chairman Jim Barratt of Corvallis.

Juanita Leathers Carmichael, Heppner; Lyle Swenson, Cle Elum, Washington; and Beth Bleakman Hynd, Pendleton, were honored by their former students.

There were 124 at the dinner and dance Saturday night at which time awards were presented. Harry O'Donnell, '41, Heppner was chosen as the person who had changed the least in 46 years. Kathryn Thompson Webb, '41, Walla Walla, won the same award for the women.

Eunice Hyatt McElligott, '43, lone, has had the most children with 11. Claudine Drake Warren, '43, Heppner, has the most grandchildren with 11, and Sydney Van Schoiack, '45, Heppner, has the most great grandchildren with two. Bob Van Schoiack, '46, Heppner, has the youngest child age 17.

All but eight members of the 1942 Heppner High Football Team, considered the best team ever to wear a Mustang uniform, were on hand to celebrate with their coach Lyle Swenson.

State of Oregon photo books were presented to 15 who attended from out-of-state, including Mary Kay Blake Singer and Don Jones, Scottsdale, Arizona; Frances Wilkinson Oslund, Denver, Colorado; Hugh Crawford, Coronado, California; Joe Hughes, Los Angeles; Bob Pinkney, Bremerton; Dean Sprinkel,



Ethel Fay (Eskelson) and Robert Bennet Wilcox on their 70th wedding anniversary.

into Lexington. When they arrived they had only to step out of the divided skirt and shake down their dresses and petticoats.

August 18, 1904 she married Robert Bennet Wilcox, a teacher first at Social Ridge then at Lexington school.

They moved from Lexington in 1916 to Oakland and then Klamath Falls where Robert worked in the Reclamation System farming and teaching school. Ethel helped the Red Cross and with other community efforts, including home extension. Their children became involved with 4-H clubs.

They returned to Morrow County in 1923. Three of their six children joined the Navy during World War

II. After the war they sold their ranch and began touring the United States. They settled in Ashland for several years where Ethel worked at the Ashland Hospital and eventually became a Licensed Practical Nurse; she was in her sixties when she was capped. She continued to work as a volunteer at the Veterans' hospital after their move to Portland. They had been married 72 years when her husband died in 1975.

Their children are Mary Eva, Charles Bennett, Dorris Lorene, Claude Edward, Lester Joe, and Glenn Howard.

### Walk/run planned at Pilot Rock

Pilot Rock Lions and Boosters are sponsoring a 5k and 10k walk/run Saturday, Sept. 12 beginning at 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$5 and proceeds will be donated to the Pilot Rock Athletic Complex Project. Awards will be given to race winners in seven age divisions. For further information, contact Meet Director Deacon Perkins, Box 335, Pilot Rock, Oregon 97868, phone 443-4881, 443-2671 or 443-8291.

### 20 attend Dick family reunion

The descendants of Louis Edwin and Martha Dick met for the first time at a reunion held at Lake Penland August 1-2. Louis and Martha Dick first settled in Morrow County at lone in 1922. Twenty-eight family members representing Kemp and L.E. 'Ed' Dick Jr. and their families met at Ed's cabin on Lake Penland.

Kemp Dick's family included his wife June; Daryl and Anita Dick from Portland; Gary Dick from Newport; and Diane and Gary Synder and daughter Breanna and son Joey from Canby.

Ed Dick's family included his wife Rachel; Ladd Dick from Whidby Island, Wash; and daughter Lori Rhodes and her husband Brian from Central Point, Oregon. Stuart and Julie Dick and daughters Alyssa and Taryn and son Benjamin from Heppner and friend Wolfgang Grota from Redlands; Erin and Jim Clem and sons Jimmy and Joey from Portland; and Kevin and Jana Dick and

daughters Janelle and Lisa Joe from Portland.

Some of the family members had not been together for over twenty years. Family members enjoyed beautiful Penland Lake as well as horseshoes and badminton. The children especially enjoyed horseback riding under the direction of Alyssa Dick. Another reunion is planned for next year in Portland.

### County health dept. provides service

Condoms for AIDS virus prevention are now available free of charge to clients of the Morrow County health department. The AIDS virus can be transmitted sexually from male to male, from male to female, and from female to male. Condoms have been demonstrated to significantly reduce the risk of transmission of the AIDS virus, and are recommended for risk reduction for all sexually active persons not in long-term monogamous relation-

## New bowling manager at Heppner Bowl

Terry Smith, 23, The Dalles, is the new bowling league manager at Heppner Bowl.

Smith, no relation to owners Doug and Sonia Smith, has worked at bowling centers in Pendleton, The Dalles, and Portland. He bowled in junior leagues for 13 years and represented Oregon in the Junior National Scratch Tournament at Washington, D.C. during his senior year. He has bowled three seasons of adult competition and achieved his first sanctioned 300-game last season in Pendleton.

A 300-game will be his goal in Heppner because nobody has ever bowled one here. Last year his average was 206. Heppner will give me an opportunity to grow and put things together as I was taught to do, he said.

He will organize league bowling and work with junior league bowlers. He will be at the lanes to help bowlers improve their game and to help beginners get started.



Terry Smith (left) weighs bowling ball for Heppner Bowl owner Doug Smith.

Many people can give you advice, he said, but each bowler needs to sort it out for himself and decide what will work for him.

League bowling will begin after Labor Day. Men's leagues are scheduled for Monday and Wednes-

day evenings. Women's leagues are planned for Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Thursday morning. Kids leagues will be Thursday and Friday after school, with an adult-junior league on Sunday. One senior citizen league is also planned.

## Fire Dept has busy week

### Ione streets slated for re-surfacing

Ione's main city streets will be resurfaced in September. Mayor Judy Osmin has announced. Money for the project comes from the state street fund, she said.

Between now and September, the city's maintenance worker will fill chuck holes and prepare the streets for the work. Some of the streets washed by last month's flooding need graveling, she said. The city is in the process of writing a letter to the Soil Conservation Service asking their suggestions for ways of controlling the flooding in town.

In other business, the city appointed Mark Tullis to fill the vacancy created by Wayne Hams' resignation. Hams began serving a four-year term in January. He had been a member of the council for 10 years.

heard information about dog problems, but made no decision.

heard that the city would not be getting an ambulance because not enough people have indicated they would help staff it, Osmin said. A paging system will allow the hospital to contact three lone residents who are First Responders, however.



A full crew and three trucks were called to the City Landfill Monday morning when wind whipped a controlled burn out of control, Heppner Volunteer Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine said.

About 300-acres of rangeland and stubble burned before the fire was extinguished, he said. Crews were called out again in the afternoon when the fire flared up again, but

had the fire under control quickly. Saturday night the department was dispatched by the Sheriff's Office to a fire at the Darold Hams residence on Rhea Creek. Weeds and fence posts burned, the fire chief said; the fire was under control by the time fire trucks arrived. Cause of the fire is under investigation by Oregon State Police.



Hal Bergstrom of the Heppner Volunteer Fire Dept. douses flames at a Tuesday evening Aug. 4 fire at the Episcopal Church. Ashes from the church barbecue pit were cleaned out and ignited when stacked in cardboard boxes. Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine said. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

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### Still time to enter Parade

There's still time to enter the Saturday, August 22 Fair and Rodeo parade says Chairman Joyce Hughes.

To enter, contact Hughes, 676-9228 or 989-8412 or mail entry form to the Parade Committee, Box 925, Heppner, Ore. 97836, before August 14. Entry forms are available in the fair premium book and at the Heppner Gazette-Times and Boardman Enterprise offices. Late entries will be accepted up until the time of the parade but may not be able to be judged.

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded in many divisions including: adult organizations, business floats, out-of-county floats, best mounted family group, queens and courts, best comic, clowns and clown groups, antique and classic car clubs, old cars and trucks, children's floats, children's marching units, and bands and bugle corps.

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