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Forest fire burns 48 acres at Fairview

Fairview campground is open and a forest fire that burned 48 acres including an edge of the campground is out and over with, a spokesperson for the Forest Service said Tuesday.

A 23 person crew with the help of 15 local district personnel fought the fire for two days last week. The third day, only part of the crew was needed. Crews have moved on to fight

fires in Southern Oregon. The area is being patrolled for any hot spots that might flare up again. John Keersmaker, who was last week's acting forest ranger, said.

The fire was fought mostly from the ground after the first day when a helicopter stationed at Ukiah dropped water on the blaze. The crews

worked from the ground, Keersmaker said, with some contracted help from John Britt's timber fallers, Len Morley's caterpillar tractor which built a fireline, and John Britt's water truck.

The fire started at the highway, the acting ranger said, although its cause is not known.

Jury divided following trial of Boardman man

The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict following the trial of Jon Thomas Starke, 36, Boardman, on charges of Attempted Rape I, Assault IV, and Burglary I.

Trial began Thursday morning, September 3 with the selection of a jury. The jury was seated at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. The state presented

its case Thursday afternoon and Friday before court was recessed for the three-day weekend.

The defense presented its case Tuesday.

Starke was arrested near Boardman by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office on May 18.

English-speaking Canadian notes language difference

Everyone talks so American, Kimber Lee Howell, a 4-H exchangee from Fruitvale, B.C., Canada said about her visit to Heppner. "I just laugh," the language is so different, the English-speaking Canadian said.

She spent the week of August 31-September 5 with the Bob McLaughlin family of Heppner and visited Heppner High School for a day before returning home where school started after Labor Day. Her school is larger, about 900 students in grades 8-12 and more formal, she said. "We try to dress up for school."

in Heppner, however. She herded cows for the first time ever, before stopping by the Gazette-Times office to talk about her trip. "I liked it," she said of the herding experience. "I will encourage other 4-H'ers to come here because of the great experience."

At home Kimber Lee lives on a hobby farm with her parents and two younger brothers. Her dad works at a smelter where he earns the family's living, but the farm boasts a cow for milk, chickens for eggs, rabbits for meat, and three horses for riding.

Fruitvale is about the same size as Heppner, but has more trees and mountains and colder winters, she said. It's not so dry there.

Just before heading toward Heppner, she competed with 27 other 4-H'ers at Vancouver, B.C. She sewed a top and skirt for the clothing construction competition and earned a spot as one of 10 finalists, but failed to place in the finals. This, she explained was her second year of competition, and her third year in 4-H clothing club.

Through her 4-H club, she learned of the opportunity for different 4-H sponsored trips. At a spring conference, she was one of 32 (out of 72 attending) chosen to go on a 4-H trip. Others went to Toronto and Montreal, three came to Oregon. "I wanted to learn more about the U.S. in general and about the 4-H program in the U.S.," she said why she was chosen for this particular trip.



Kimber Lee Howell

Morrow 4-H'ers earn awards at state fair

Many 4-H'ers from Morrow County qualified and entered their projects at the Oregon State Fair. The following awards have been reported to the Gazette-Times:

Tole painting: Championship-Erin Fishburn, Heppner; Reserve Championship-Kara Anstegui, Heppner; Blue-Alecia Tarnasky, Heppner; Blue-Shanna Evans, Irrigon.

Art: Championship-Swayne Evans, Irrigon, for a bronze casting of a coiled cobra; Blue-Swayne Evans, Irrigon.

Photography: Blue-Hud Wilkins, Ione.

Foods: Blue-Andrea Miles, Heppner for cookies; Blue-Alison Sullivan, Ione, for cookies; Blue-Peter Pearson, Heppner, for a quick bread; Blue-A.J. and Alecia Tarnasky of Heppner, for an uniced cake; Blue-Shanna Wilkins, Ione, for an uniced cake; Blue-Kari

Morgan, Ione, for a yeast bread; Blue-Christy Stroeber and Benji Pearson of Heppner, for international foods; Blue-Judy Jepsen, Ione,

Speech and hearing program accredited

Umatilla ESD Speech, Language, and Hearing Program has recently been awarded accreditation of its speech-language pathology and audiology services by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The American Speech-Language and Hearing Association is the nationally recognized professional association for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists and accredits training programs, personnel, and service programs throughout the United States.

Achieving national accreditation demonstrates that the Umatilla ESD



Oregon State Fair Photo by Timothy Hendrix

Selling Morrow County

Jane Rawlins waits for visitors to come by the Morrow County Booth at last week's Oregon State Fair in Salem.

Wheat growers raise money for research

The fund-raising phase of the project is winding down and wheat farmers soon will see their own program at Oregon State University.

"We have raised more than \$500,000 from the wheat industry, and the state Emergency Board approved \$500,000 as matching money. That means we're now able to establish a \$1 million endowed chair in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State, which was our goal," said Eric Anderson, Ione wheat grower and chairman of the wheat industry's "Selecting for Excellence" committee. The committee is made up of volunteers from the wheat industry.

Anderson and fellow committee members have been working among wheat growers because research results in increased profits, he said. Although these are tough times, people—though not as many—are still making money farming. Most wheat farmers with any money to give did so as soon as they found out what we were doing. They realize that at least

part of the reason they are making money is the 5-10 bushels per acre more we are getting from the Oregon State developed varieties of Stephens wheat than the yields growers in neighboring states are getting from other varieties of Stephens, he said.

Much of the \$500,000 was raised in Morrow County with large donations from the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Morrow County Grain Growers and the Port of Morrow. The largest amount, though, came from growers pockets in Morrow and surrounding counties, he said.

Bob Buchanan from Umatilla county was co-chair of the committee before he was named Oregon Director of Agriculture. He was mainly responsible for convincing the legislature to come up for matching funds for the endowment, Anderson said.

In the beginning, Anderson admitted he was not sure where the \$500,000 would come from, but he was sure they would be able to raise it. The endowment will use only the interest each year to fund a project or a person in addition to the regular staff at Oregon State University. The guidelines for using the endowment are broad enough to allow it to be spent for research marketing, plant breeding, or whatever other needs

for advanced foods.

Additional awards will be reported as information is received from the state extension service.

County Court and schools join to celebrate Constitution's 200th

The County Court will celebrate the Constitution's bicentennial Tuesday, Sept. 15 with the help of pupils from Heppner Elementary School. A similar celebration is planned at the Courthouse Annex in Irrigon Wednesday, Sept. 16.

The commissioners will plant a tree on the Courthouse lawn in Heppner, Tuesday, read a proclama-

tion and the preamble to the constitution, and release helium balloons with messages from Heppner Elementary students.

Two pupils from each grade at A.C. Houghton will cap a morning's program by attending the tree planting and balloon release at the Irrigon county offices.

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From left: ERC teacher Kay Chinen, Bill Cox, Wilbur Jackson, Bill Smith, Sheryl Conklin (seated), Bob Isted, Jason Britt, Cory Sweeney, Troy Akeson, Rick Pettyjohn and A.J. Wright.

Pancakes for an Apple

The Heppner Masonic Lodge sponsored a pancake breakfast last spring when a motorcycle road rally came through Heppner. Money earned from sale of the pancakes was donated to Heppner Elementary school for an Apple IIe computer.

Heppner Elementary School Principal Don Cole receives a check for \$828.75 from the Heppner Masonic Lodge President Bill Smith. The computer will be used in the school's Education Resource Center.

With the computer drill and practice skills become a game for the students Chinen said.

Teachers recognized for achievements

At the annual Morrow County School District inservice day held August 28, at Heppner High School, a number of teachers were recognized for special achievements and for community service. The categories and teachers recognized were as follows:

Masters Degrees and New Certification:
Jan Sharp-Sam Boardman Elementary sixth grade Masters Degree from Portland State University, August 1987 and Ad-

ministrative Certification completed, August 1987.

Sarah Carlson-Heppner Elementary School-seventh and eighth grade Science, Masters Degree from Oregon State University, August 1987.

Dirk Dirksen-Riverside High School-Mathematics Masters Degree from Eastern Oregon State College, August 1987.

Terri Franks-North End Speech/Language Therapist Masters Degree from Eastern Washington University, August 1987.

Liz Curtis-Heppner High School Counselor New Basic Counselor Certification from Oregon State University, August 1987.

Brenda Weygandt-Heppner Elementary School Counselor New Basic Counselor Certification from Oregon State University, August 1987.

Community Service Awards:
Cara Costa-Heppner Elementary School-Mayor of Heppner.

Marvin Peterson-Ione Schools-Community Signs:
Del LaRue-Ione Schools-PeeWee Basketball.

Ron Prindle-Sam Boardman Elementary-volunteer Fireman in Umatilla for four years;

Milt Reynolds-Sam Boardman Elementary-volunteer Fireman/EMT in Boardman for six years;

Dean Robinson-Ione Schools-volunteer Fireman/Ambulance in Heppner for six years; also, advisory committee in Heppner.

Jane Dean-Sam Boardman

Elementary-Lioness Club, Grange, Garden Club, many years of service.

Permanent Status Awards:
The following people have completed three probationary years with the District and have now reached the status of permanent teacher as of August 28, 1987: Karen Clough-Heppner Elementary School, Geneva Mathews-Ione Schools, Sharon Morris-Ione Schools, Katherine Hoskins-Sam Boardman, Elementary School, Theresa Proctor-Sam Boardman Elementary school, Terry Starr-Sam Boardman Elementary school, Phillip White-Columbia Junior High School, and Jay Harman-Riverside High School.

School enrollment expected to increase

The first day of school enrollment figures were 50 pupils less than for the first day of school last year, the district office reports. However, enrollment for this year was expected to pick up after the Labor Day weekend.

District-wide 1741 attended the first day of school this year compared to 1791 last year. Ione school showed the largest increase with 28. Two other schools with increased attendance on the first day were Heppner Elementary and Jr. High with an increase of eight and A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon with three more pupils attending. Attendance at Sam Boardman was 43 less than the first day last year; Riverside High School in Boardman was a close second with 42 fewer students attending. Columbia Jr. High in Irrigon and Heppner High School each had four fewer pupils attending the first day of classes.

Free ad to promote Heppner

YOU DESERVE A CHANGE OF PACE

Heppner invites you to visit rural America.....

Blue sky, wide open spaces and all the fresh air you can breathe!

<p style="text-align: center;">Tour our unique Museum and picturesque Courthouse; fish in Willow Creek Lake.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Visit the many small businesses which serve the area with a wide variety of merchandise and services.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">We are 20 minutes from the Blue Mountains; hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, snowmobiling, woodcutting, cross country skiing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Play a challenging 9 holes at Willow Creek Country Club. Willow Creek Open, Couples' Tournament, etc. OGA rated.</p>

Celebrate St. Patrick's Weekend here each March. "A wee bit o' Ireland in Oregon!"

The Heppner area will receive some free advertising this month, thanks to a local businesswoman who got lucky at a recent convention in Portland.

Joyce Holloman, co-owner of the Shoe Box shoe store in Heppner, was attending a seminar on downtowns when she got lucky and won a \$214 quarter page ad in The Downtowner Magazine.

She decided to donate the ad to be used for promotion of Heppner, and with the help of Gazette-Times graphics specialist Marie Struthers and Chamber Manager Claudia Hughes came up with the above design.

The ad will feature information about various events and points of interest in Heppner and the surrounding area, and hopefully be published

close to Pendleton Round-Up time.

"The Chamber of Commerce paid for my way to the conference," said Holloman, "so I thought it appropriate to give the ad to promote the area."

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

September 1 - 7 High Low Prec.		
Tues.	96	60 .0
Wed.	78	42 .0
Thurs.	75	48 .0
Fri.	81	51 .0
Sat.	85	51 .0*
Sun.	88	55 .0
Mon.	89	54 .0