

## Heppner takes on various responsibilities

By Avon Melby

City of Heppner will be responsible for the Corps' Little League field, Heppner Day Care building, and a new minibus program, if grants are approved and contracts finalized, the council decided at its September meeting.

Bob Ployhar of Heppner Little League, asked the council to be the public agent to accept the field which has been prepared by the Corps of Engineers along with the building of the dam. The city had earlier agreed.

When completed two years ago the centerfield was so high the pitcher could not see the outfield. The Corps has finally resurfaced the field, and Little League is preparing it for next year's play. Little League will plant the grass, dig the dugouts, and do all the preparation. It will be responsible for watering and maintaining the field. The council said it

would accept the field as a city park.

Heppner Day Care, Inc. wants to purchase the privately owned building where it meets. Cindee Henderson told the council there are grants available and the group wants entity to sign for the grant. The group has some Revenue Sharing to apply for one but needs a public entity to sign for the grant. The group has some Revenue Sharing funds but needs more money. The Day Care board needs to know so it can apply for grant funds. The council decided to approve, but only if there is no cost to the city. City Attorney Bill Kuhn said if the city applies for the grant the building will be owned by the city.

Morrow County recently conducted a survey on the need of a bus service in South Morrow county. Heppner Senior Citizens bus needs to be replaced and the court was an-

icipating having one minibus serve both purposes, allowing the general public to have scheduled use of the minibus. There is a fairly new bus serving Seniors in the north end of the county from Irrigon, and residents of Boardman and Irrigon are on a bus line.

Mayor Cara Costa said the county court has now decided it should not be in the bus business and wants the city to take over. There are two grants available.

No action was taken by the council. City of LaGrande has such a program and Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson, Planning Director Deane Seeger, and one of the county commissioners are going to LaGrande this week to see how the program is working. The council decided to send a member along to report back at its next meeting.



Joan Records (left), Pat Edmundson, LaRae Kindie, Cherry Webber, and Kay Proctor.

## Apples for the Teachers

Heppner Elementary Parents Club officers presented apples to the teachers at the elementary school last

week. At the club's first meeting of the year, September 8, they elected officers and planned activities for the

school year. Officers are LaRae Kindie, president; Joan Records, program chairperson; and Kay Proctor, secretary-treasurer.

## Heppner to post monthly bills

By Avon Melby

Where the money goes from city hall will be explained to the public in a list posted in Heppner city hall window each month, the council decided last week. It will show how much was paid to whom. But if you want to know what the money bought you will have to go inside and ask to see the bills.

Ken Key had asked the council last month to publish the monthly bills as the county does its financial statement. It would include what was paid, to whom, and for what. City Manager Marshall Lovgren said he had found it would run from \$23 to \$28 per month for the advertisement. Funds to cover that expense had not been included in the current budget. Saying she felt it was worth the

cost in public relations, Councilman Terri Denton said the cost should be covered by transferring money from other funds. The majority of the council felt a window display of the same sheet they receive would be sufficient. Denton was the only council member voting against the window method.

Council members do not approve expenditures without knowing what the money goes for. The bills are passed around on a clipped sheet for them to read before the motion to pay.

The subject of advertising the financial statement will be presented the budget committee when it meets early next winter. Mayor Cara Costa said.

Costa also said a newsletter from the city, explaining what is going on at city hall and what different departments are doing would soon be sent out with all water bills to residents. The newsletter is to be made up by Council member Angie Pedro and Chamber Manager Claudia Hughes.

Activities for the coming year will include providing refreshments for the school's open house September 22; sponsoring an evening Halloween party with games, activities, and refreshments; providing refreshments for three sports awards banquets; purchasing pencils for Santa to give students at Christmas; planning and working at the annual school carnival; providing ice cream treats for all students and teachers on the last day of school.

The Parents Club is purchasing a book for the school library in memory of sixth-grade student Robbie Briggs.

## DMV office to close during strike

Due to the pending strike by the Oregon Public Employees union, the Heppner Motor Vehicle office will be closed until an agreement has been reached.

The Hermiston and Pendleton offices will remain open for essential business only.

## Heppner planning commission approves remodeling request

By Avon Melby

Request to remodel and enlarge a building at 235 Chase street was made to Heppner Planning Commission Monday night. Mark Hopkins said he was doing the work in August when the state building inspector told him he had to have a permit.

The location is within the 100-year flood plain but this will not affect the permit unless the remodeling will take more than 50 percent of the cost of the building. The extension would not exceed the setback rules of Heppner's zoning ordinance. Hopkins was granted the permit.

Permission to construct a carport at 255 North Court street was requested by Tom Huddleston. He said neighbors had agreed. It would be freestanding on four posts and not attached to a building, but placed over his driveway. It will be of metal and he said it would be non-glaring. He was told to apply for a variance. The request will be advertised and taken up at the planning meeting next month. If there are no objections he will receive the variance.

Planning Commission chairman Nancy Lankford said the 76 sign the commission had allowed to be erected at Cal's Service Center was a turning sign with a light in it. The commission had not been told it would be turning, and there is a prohibition on "moving lights" in the zoning ordinance on signs. Because of the location and lack of residents in the area of Cal's Service Center it was decided to write Mr. Sherman

a letter notifying him to apply for a conditional use at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Attractive booklets containing City of Heppner Comprehensive Plan Policy Statements and the city's Zoning Ordinance were passed out to commissioners by Lankford. They have just been received from Tension Engineering and will replace many looseleaf pages for the commissioners. They are a result of last fall's update of the comprehensive plan for the city.

## Franchises for sale

Look out National Football League. Move over U.S.F.L. There's a new kid in town and franchises are available.

The H.F.F.L. (or Heppner Fantasy Football League) is open for business and will hold its first player draft on September 24 at Kate's Pizzeria in Heppner.

The football league is the brainchild of local sports enthusiast George Koffler and will be comprised of 12 teams. Each franchise will select 10 real NFL players for its team, and the team with the highest point total at the end of the regular season wins the championship.

The league season will be comprised of the last 14 games (if there is no strike) of the regular NFL season, and the top three teams in the league will divide up the prize money.

Franchises will cost \$50.

## Grass Seed From Page 1

properly labeled, may be sent to the department for testing to verify that what is inside is what the label says it should be.

An Idaho seed wholesaler who was present at the meeting said that

because farmers complained the tags fell into the hopper and clogged their drills, some of his seed had been sold stamped with a lot number rather than with a tag attached.

Opened bags of seed and bags



Dave Turner (second from left) and Bob Brown chatted with farmers following seed law meeting at Heppner fairgrounds.

without labels may still be tested at a laboratory, but the department of agriculture can take no action against a wholesaler. Turner emphasized that Oregon law only applies to seed sold in Oregon. If a farmer buys seed out-of-state that is delivered here, Oregon law applies, but if he buys seed out-of-state and carries it home, state law offers no protection. The farmer himself may be in violation of state seed law, however, if he carries noxious weeds into the state.

Other seed problems have surfaced as well. Some have planted their fields and hand no grass grow from the seed. In addition, most who have planted CRP grass have found some cereal rye in the field, a particularly annoying problem to local farmers who have tried especially hard for many years to eliminate rye in wheat fields.

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