

Budget hearing set for March 2

Morrow County citizens will get a crack at the details of the 1988/89 county \$9.3 million dollar budget. The meeting will be held Wednesday evening, March 2 at the Heppner Elementary Multi-Purpose room at 7:30 p.m. Members of the County Court, budget committee and department heads will be on hand to explain the programs of service that are currently ongoing along with planned expenditures on county roads.

Judge Carlson will provide the brief presentation of the overall budget with questions to be fielded by department heads and organizations represented in the budget.

This year's levy will be presented to the voters by mail ballot. The ballot will be in the hands of the registered voters early in the week of March 7. Deadline for returning those ballots to the County Clerk will be March 22 at 8 p.m. and must be in the office at that time according to Barbara Bloodworth, County Clerk. Anyone interested in the cost of services provided by county government should attend this meeting to hear the explanation of the budget and to offer their input, Carlson said.

The Morrow County Extension Service along with the Heppner Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the hearing.

Live stage show in Condon on March 18 & 19

The first live stage show of the new season will be presented by the Liberty Players of Condon, when they perform the comic melodrama, The Saloonkeeper's Daughter, by Jack Sharkey and Dave Reiser. The performance will be held at the historic and renovated Liberty Playhouse on Condon's Main Street Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

The tradition of the western melodrama is brought to life by the cast of 12 fun-loving characters in this spirited production. The humor will charm you, the music will entertain you, and the refreshments served in the foyer of the Liberty Playhouse will satisfy any other cravings you might have.

With parts in the production are Loren Byrd, Duane Johnson, Barb Anderson, Juli Lantis, Randy Anderson, Jan Stinchfield, Susie Smith, Cris Kennedy, Dave Jones, Cassandra Flatt, Sam Burt and Andrew Jamieson. Frank Bettencourt is director and Mary Dyer is providing musical accompaniment.

The cast invites the audience to take part in this show. Because the play is a melodrama, its full success depends upon enthusiastic audience participation. That is to say, the audience is expected to cheer heroism, boo and hiss villainy and sigh its sentimental best.

The setting, as you might have guessed, is in the wild west, not too very long ago. A bartender, harangued by his saloon girls and the man who holds the mortgage on his saloon, is assisted by his customers and even the town parson and his daughter, Charity Kindly, in an effort to maintain ownership of the saloon.

Surely a night of memorable entertainment at the Liberty Playhouse in Condon, as guests of the Liberty Players.

Tickets are \$5 per seat for each performance and there is no reserved seating. Call (503) 384-2421 for additional information. Memberships to the Greater Condon Arts Association will be available at the door, and membership discounts apply to admission.

Auction yields interesting items

The St. Patrick's Day auction committee met February 25. The auctioneers for the event will be Triad Auctioneers of Arlington.

Ann Spicer and Cara Costa have sent letters to celebrities to request items for the auction. To date, they have received about a 10 percent response. Some interesting items have been sent to the committee, some of which are; a golf ball signed by Tom Watson, an autographed poster from Paul Anka, a pewter tankard with the initials of Paul

Newman, a baseball hat from Tom Landry, two free dinners from Beni Hana of Tokyo, a christmas album from the Judds, a book autographed and written by Pat Boone and one of Jim Farley's cowboy hats.

One item donated locally was an opening day pheasant hunt for four people on Buttercreek. This item was donated by Paul and Susan Hisler.

Items are still needed for the auction. Contact Pat Sweeney for more information regarding this event.



Pat Sweeney, chairman of the St. Pat's Day Auction is showing some of the unique items that will be auctioned on March 19, in Heppner. The items were donated by noted celebrities in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Winner of Heart's Desire contest



A Sewell Manufacturing Company suit from Gardner's, was won in the Heart's Desire Contest by Christy Lovgren, Heppner. One-hundred fifteen people entered the contest that was held during the month of February. Roe Gardner is presenting the suit to Christy's husband Mark. The drawing was held Monday evening, February 29, at 5 p.m.

New deputy comes to Morrow County

"I was getting water-logged and rusty, so I had to come back to God's country to dry out," one of Morrow County's newly-hired deputies said of his return to eastern Oregon.

David Dugger, 41, most recently from Myrtle Point, was born in Umatilla and raised in the Athena area. He began working for the Morrow County Sheriff's Office last month. He and Diana, his wife of 18 years, will reside in Heppner.

Although law enforcement has not been his only career, he says it's the one he keeps coming back to. He has worked as a city police officer, a deputy sheriff, an Idaho state investigator, and a federal police officer.

Currently he is working on a degree in business administration from Purdue University. He has attended Mt. Hood Community College, Blue Mt. Community College, and has earned a degree in law enforcement from Idaho State University.

Hunting, fishing and golf are among his hobbies.



David Dugger

In addition to law enforcement, Dugger has been a photo journalist, having done contract work both in print and in TV production. He also spent four years in the service and was a combat medic in Vietnam where he gained his nickname, "Doc".

Health Van to be in Heppner

The Health Van sponsored by the Seventh-Day Adventists Church, will be in Heppner on Wednesday, March 9 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. In addition to a free blood pressure check, a computer-generated stress profile will be available. Medical research indicates stress can have an adverse effect on our mental health and physical well-being, so local residents are invited to obtain this profile. If your stress level is high,

the information will be helpful in enabling you to cope successfully. A complete blood chemistry analysis can be secured for a fee of \$20. Those who may have a concern about the amount of triglycerides may wish to either skip breakfast and come early in the morning or eat breakfast, skip lunch and come in the late afternoon. This is not essential, but it will give a more accurate reading.

Feb. is busy month in Heppner schools

Students at Heppner Elementary and Junior High School were busy with special activities during the last half of February. Academically advanced student had several opportunities to demonstrate skill and knowledge and to acquire more knowledge about a field previously studied in the Advanced Studies Class.

The first Knowledge Master Open for elementary school students was held nation-wide February 10. Top students in the 5th and 6th grades participated in this computer-based test of knowledge and reasoning ability.

Competition to select representatives to the Oregon Writing Festival at the University of Oregon in May was held February 16. Classroom and language arts teachers in grades 3-8 nominated their top composition students. These students met with Linda Shaw to write for a half hour on the same topic. Papers were read by six teachers for content and form. The top scorers were designated as the school's representatives to the Writing Festival. The top junior high writer was Sherry Bingham and the top elementary student was Tony Becket. Alternates are Laurel Webber-Gray and Erin Fishburn.

Advanced students were also busy February 22 participating in an OMSI Outreach program on the geology of the Pacific Northwest. These students studied the geologic history of Oregon in depth during the 1987-88 school year. The OMSI workshop provided these students with a review of that curriculum as well as an opportunity to work with rocks and fossils found in the Northwest. They learned how specific rocks are formed and compared fossils found in Oregon during past geologic periods.

HHS students make District All-Star Teams



Left to right: Sandi Turner, Jennifer Currin, Bryan Padberg, Russell Britt, and Dick Devin.

By Jason Dougherty
Jennifer Currin made first team All-Star and was the highest vote getter in the conference. Tami Lindsay made second team All-Star and Sandi Turner received honorable mention.

Busy schedule coming up for Arts and Crafts club

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club will sponsor a Saw Painting Workshop March 22 and 29. The instructor will be Barbara Holt from Hermiston. The cost will be \$25 per person. Any picture may be used and the saws must be prepared for painting. Anyone wishing more information should call Betty Mills.

Robert Walton from Leavenworth, Washington will be teaching an oil painting class April 14 and 15. There will be a day and a night class. The cost will be \$50 and must be paid by March 10. Contact Debe Munkers for information and registration.

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will serve refreshments at the Museum Open House March 19 from 10 a.m.-4

p.m. Each member is asked to bring a dozen cookies or finger foods. During the day artists will be giving demonstrations and art work will be on display. The club will try to provide a mime for extra entertainment.

The next meeting will be March 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Cafe. Anyone interested in arts and crafts is welcome to attend. You may contact Cam Wishart for further information.

Church breakfast this Sunday

A breakfast will be held this Sunday, March 6, at 9:30 a.m. at All Saint's Episcopal Church parish hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

CattleWomen to meet March 8

Morrow County CattleWomen will meet Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at Kate's for a meeting. Some agenda items will be St. Patrick's Chili, 8th grade tour, and the Beef referendum. Women interested in promoting the cattle industry are invited to attend.

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