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The Tower



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Construction on "The Tower" began last Saturday at Heppner Junior High. Bob Isted, Bob Briggs, Phyllis Payne and Jean Strange originated the idea and with the help of Columbia Basin, Masons, Kinzua, Morrow County Grain Growers and the kids, who helped design it, the "Tower" was almost completed over the week-end. Evan Weygandt (L) helps Jean Strange.

Morter graduates from WSU

Diane L. Morter graduated at the 92nd commencement of Washington State University, on May 7 with a B.S. degree in Food Science and Human Nutrition. She was asked to speak at commencement because of an Agriculture award she received. Diane is a 1982 graduate of Ione High School.

She just recently received the Washington State University Aggie of the Year Award which goes to the top graduating agriculture student, at an awards banquet of the WSU College of Agriculture and Home Economics. She was also named to the dean's honor roll, and was honored as an outstanding senior in food science.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Morter of Ione.

Bowl-a-thon is May 16, 17 18

A Bowl-A-Thon is going to be held at Heppner Bowl in Heppner, on May 16, 17 and 18. This is a benefit for Austin Coiner, who is scheduled to have open heart surgery.

Pledge sheets can be picked up at the Heppner Bowl.

For more information, contact LaRae Kindie, 676-5223, or Terry Smith at 676-9208.

People are encouraged to participate.

Rural health care symposium scheduled

Oregon State Senator Eugene Timms (R-Burns), and State Representative Ray French (R-Heppner) will meet with State Senators Michael Thorne (D-Pendleton) and Charles Norris (R-Hermiston), as well as representatives from the offices of Senators Hatfield, Packwood and Representative Bob Smith at the Oregon Rural Health Care Symposium in Joseph, May 13 and 14. Other attendees in-

clude physicians and hospital administrators from Eastern Oregon as well as leaders from the Oregon Health Sciences University. The conference has been arranged to allow legislators, physicians, and hospital administrators an opportunity to discuss the problems facing rural health care and to discuss possible solutions. Topics to be discussed included recruitment and retention of rural physicians,

economic concerns and limitations due to the malpractice crisis, and the future of rural health care in Oregon. Senator Timms and Representative French have been leaders in finding solutions to the rural health care crisis. They were instrumental in the passage of Senate Bill 428 which has greatly relieved some of the economic pressures on rural hospitals identified by the State of Oregon to be at risk for closure.

Telescope purchased with soup labels

The Heppner Parents club have organized the saving of Campbell Soup labels, which has taken about two years. After accumulating 7600 labels, they purchased a telescope for the school. The community was very helpful in collecting these labels, of which they only need the front portion. A number of items may be purchased with labels, such as sports equipment, books and computer discs. This week the telescope is going to be taken to Tupper for use at the Outdoor School.

The second grade classes helped count and package the labels while learning to count their hundreds. The teachers thought this was very helpful to the children in their numbers.

Labels may be left at the grocery stores or at the elementary school. Any help with this project would be very much appreciated.



LaRae Kindie, president of Parent's Club, Don Cole, elementary principal at Heppner, and Chris Adelman, are looking over the new telescope recently acquired by collecting Campbell Soup labels.

Three money issues face voters May 17

Morrow County voters will face three tax issues when they go to the polls next Tuesday. The Morrow County school district is asking for an up-dated tax base, the county is going for a paired-down levy request and the Morrow County Medical Board is presenting its budget for approval again.

School tax base

"I think an up-dated tax basis makes better budget planning because over the years you know things have to be done and you can plan for them better when you have a tax base," School Superintendent Doyle McCaslin told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce last week.

Earlier this year, voters turned down a proposed \$7,382,295 school operating levy, and as required by state law the district is putting a new tax base on the ballot.

The tax base request is for \$8,612,025. The district's present tax base, (\$884,898) was established in 1916 and represents only 9 percent of the total funds needed to operate the district for one year.

Once a tax base is approved, the amount may be levied each year without a vote of the people. The base may also be increased by 6 percent each year without a vote.

If the base is approved McCaslin said, only \$7,382,295 would be levied for the 1988-89 year. "We have proposed already what we need." The higher tax base amount would go into effect in 1989-90, he said.

Morrow County Levy

"We think we're responding to what the voters wanted us to do, which is cut substantially," Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson said, in explaining the \$406,000 cut from the county budget since its defeat by voters earlier this year.

The budget cuts resulted in a \$354,513 reduction in the proposed property tax levy, Carlson pointed out.

"One of the complaints I have heard is there are too many employees in county government and too many at the courthouse," said Carlson. Since the levy defeat eight positions at the county have been eliminated including: an appraiser, an assessors clerk, a museum position, a deputy sheriff, one conservation technician, three positions in the road department and a part-time accounting clerk.

In the past ten years the county has added one accountant, one assistant accountant and two part-time sheriff dispatchers, and lost one person in the clerk's office, Carlson said. "If someone can show me where the additional growth is, I'd like to see it."

In addition to the personnel cuts, Carlson pointed to other reductions in spending, including: cut back in extra help, a \$44,000 reduction in equipment spending in the road department, \$25,000 axed from the dust abatement program, an additional sheriff's car, \$5,000 for building maintenance, \$624 for coyote control, \$1,000 each from mental health fund, weed control and the extension service, \$1,100 each

from senior services and the neighborhood council, and \$1,500 from the water master.

Carlson also showed that services are being evenly distributed at both ends of the county. The north and south ends are each getting their fair share of the road fund, and each is getting about 50 percent of the medical budget, he said.

In one instance he pointed to the \$450,000 being spent to renovate Wilson Road in Boardman, and \$350,000 being spent by the county to re-do 10 to 12 miles of Willow Creek road. The county is receiving five to six million federal dollars on the Willow Creek road project. "That's a pretty good investment of the county's money," Carlson said.

Commenting on the reductions in the county budget since its first defeat, Carlson said, "The voters spoke, and we listened."

Morrow County Medical Budget

Voters will see the same Morrow County Medical levy request that was defeated earlier this year, however, hospital administrator Ernest Wick has pointed out that the county medical levy is five percent less than last year, and 12 percent less than the previous year. "Even with those reductions in the levy it provides for the same services," he said.

Wick reminded voters that the budget provides for additional services in Lexington, Ione and Irrigon, and that two doctors are scheduled to arrive to start practice in the county in mid-July of this year.

ECOAC accepting applications for summer work

The E.C.O.A.C. Employment Training Program (JTPA) is still accepting applications for summer work in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione area. Applicants must be between 14 and 21 years of age and

meet federal guidelines for Title IIA or IIB. For more information on applications, contact Sue Brewer at 763-4235 or write ECOAC, P. O. Box 306, Fossil, Or 97830.

Cole elected president of OESPA

Don Cole, Heppner Elementary Principal, was recently selected as president-elect of the Oregon Elementary School principals Association. He will take over his duties on June 1. Don will then in the 1989-90 year have the office of president of the association.

This year, three regions of the association, Eastern Oregon, Central Oregon and Portland, submitted candidates for the office of president, and eastern Oregon won the bid.

Don has been the regional representative to the State Executive Board for the last three years, chairman of the Legislative committee and was appointed last year to the Governor's Commission on School

funding.

He says his main goal is "to provide training conferences, in-service and be active in the legislature," and "make sure the organization is involved in whatever process it takes to further school funding."

The association, on a national scale, recently sponsored direction and leadership in student councils. Their major projects for this year are sponsoring printed materials for 1) the selection of day care facilities, and 2) new parents-how to work with youngsters prior to school years, growth patterns, etc. These materials are to be distributed throughout the state, in doctors' offices and other public places.

Baehr wins mothers make-over

Patricia Baehr is the winner of the Mother's Make-Over that was sponsored by the Merchant's Committee. The drawing was held May 3. Patricia is employed by the Forest Service.

Patricia elected to give her "make-over" to her boss, Della

her husband Vern, just recently moved to Lexington from Flagstaff, Az. He is employed by the City of Lexington. They are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. Laitinen has been here since Thanksgiving, transferring from Arizona as an advancement in her job.

She is employed as a Business Management Assistant at the Forest Service.

Primary election is May 17

The Morrow County Primary Election will be May 17.

Locally, voters will have the opportunity to vote on Democratic candidates for County Commissioner, G.W. (Jerry) Peck and running against him is Ted L. Sampson.

Gene L. Allen and Steven R. Zielinski are running for the Republican nomination for precinct committee person, position number 1, North Boardman.

Running for Republican State Senator for the 30th District is Robert E. Carpenter and Eugene D. Timms.

These are the only local contested races.

The polls will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. All polling places are handicapped accessible.

The polling places are as follows for Morrow County:

01 North Boardman . . .	Greenfield Grange
02 South Boardman . . .	Sam Boardman School
03 Hardman	Morrow County Courthouse
04 Ione	Ione City Hall
05 North Irrigon . . .	North Morrow Annex
06 South Irrigon . . .	Columbia Junior High School
07 Lexington	Hormon Church
08 Northeast Heppner . .	Old City Hall
09 Northwest Heppner . .	Pettyjohn Building
10 Southeast Heppner . .	Morrow County Courthouse
11 Southwest Heppner . .	Morrow County Courthouse

Meeting Notices

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting May 16 at the Legion Hall. Potluck is at 7 p.m. This is an important meeting. All veterans are encouraged to attend.

Heppner Booster Club will meet Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. All members are encouraged to attend to assist with the planning of Reno night.



Don Cole

Story Hour

Toni Watne is storyteller at Heppner Public Library's storytime this Thursday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m. This week's theme is "Growing Things".

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

	High	Low	Prec.
Wed.	58	37	.05
Thurs.	53	40	.01
Fri.	63	41	.0
Sat.	63	35	.0
Sun.	65	45	.0
Mon.	67	43	.13
Tues	73	44	.0

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Monday, May 9		
Soft White		
May		\$3.30
June		\$3.30/\$3.31
July		\$3.31/\$3.32
Aug.		\$3.32
Sept.		\$3.36
Barley		
May		\$88T
June-Sept		\$89T
PIK		101 1/4%
Hard Red Winter		
May		\$3.35

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