

V & G has new owner



Gale Gray (L) new owner of the V & G Restaurant and Lounge, stands outside the lounge with helpers Betty Mathews and Bob Allen.

Gale Gray has officially purchased the Bunchgrass Saloon in sunny downtown Lexington, as of August 1.

The name has been changed to the V & G Restaurant and Lounge. Gale's helpers are Betty Mathews, bartender and Bob Allen, cook. Bob and Betty were with Gale when he was at Beecher's Cafe in Ione.

They will be making some changes in the menu. Breakfast will be served every day. They are also having luncheon specials Monday

through Friday. Wednesday evening is an All-You-Can-Eat fish dinner with French fries, cole slaw, garlic bread and coffee. Saturday evenings will feature a Prime Rib dinner. They will be catering to families and groups.

The V & G will be open seven days a week 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays.

Stop by and see Gale and his crew for an evening out.

Eckman making time count

Joan Eckman is on a winning streak. This local barrel racer is making it tough for other barrel racers in the state.

Last weekend Joan, who hauls with her sister and brother-in-law Maureen and Shane Crossley of Hermiston, traveled to four rodeos over the week-end. From Ontario to Longview, Wa. to Hillsboro and Redmond, they were kept very busy.

Joan won second in the first go-round at Longview, Wa., second in the second go-round and first in the average for a win of over \$850. From Longview, they traveled to Hillsboro, where Joan won first place and approximately \$900, with a time of 17.6. Forty-one girls participated there and sister Maureen placed fifth. Joan is now one of the

leaders in the barrel racing for the Pacific Coast Rodeo Association (PRCA), which was previously the Oregon Rodeo Association (ORA). She is also leading in the Northwest Rodeo Association (NRA) and Washington Rodeo Association (WRA).

Two weekends ago, Joan placed first at Glenns Ferry, Id. and Maureen was second. That weekend she also placed fourth at St. Helens, Wa. and second at Portland. Maureen placed first at Portland. Maureen also split first at the Joseph rodeo that weekend. Together, they pretty much dominate the cans.

This coming weekend Joan, and company will travel to Omak, Wa., Hermiston for the Farm City Pro Rodeo and Klamath Falls.

Soccer planning meeting Aug. 15

An organizational meeting for a Heppner, Lexington and Ione Soccer program will be held at the Columbia Basin Co-op Conference Room, Monday, August 15 at 7 p.m.

The program will include a 7-8 year old division, 9-10 year old division, and 11-12 year old division boys and girls combined teams if there is sufficient interest.

All interested parents particularly those that can coach or referee are invited. All that is required to coach is love of children.

Please contact Stuart Dick, 989-8450 for further information.

This soccer program is being sponsored by a newly formed Inter Church Youth Committee.

Wagon Wheel gets facelift



The Wagon Wheel Cafe was getting a new look last week. Chuck Marquardt is doing the work on the building which is just about complete.

Tourism committee tours Boardman Marina

Following a brown bag lunch at Boardman Marina the meeting was called to order by Lisa Mittelsdorf in the absence of Fred Lundin.

Claudia reported on first planning session of the Governor's Conference and the ethnic evening which will include Indian, Mexican, Japanese, and Irish food and entertainment. It was suggested that the placemats might be used for one of the meals at the conference.

Claudia distributed posters requesting 35mm slides for a multi-screen production during the Governor's Conference. The importance of Morrow County being represented with adequate slides was stressed, as the production will be made into a video available to counties. Deadline is August 31.

Dave Sykes sent a report on the restaurants contacted about placemats. Dodge City was not willing to pay more than \$10 per thousand and others were unwilling to commit; therefore it was Dave's recommendation that \$10 be the price offered to restaurants. The committee decided to go with the \$10 per thousand, so that placemats will be circulated before the hunting season is over. It is important that they be used previous to fair, round-up, hunting season and other times when traffic is heavy.

Roger Williams reported the first scenic By-Way designation is in

Tennessee and it's looking good for the Blue Mt. Scenic By-Way. He will be submitting proposal to show why this area is a by-way candidate and how it fits with land management. When the proposal is ready, letters of support will be needed from Chamber, Tourism Committee, and the county.

Claudia reported dates are needed for the 1989 state calendar of events by August 15.

The group toured the marina and determined it is a wonderful facility and needs lots of publicity and I-84 signage. Sixty-three camp sites are available.

Moved on to KIOSK where Claudia reviewed plans submitted to Info Centers for Morrow County panel. Slogan "Stay and Play Another Day In Morrow County" will be used along with revised placemat copy and pictures of Lake Penland, Courthouse, Oregon Trail, elk in snow, and sailboats on Columbia. Included will be phone numbers for further information. If still possible, Roger suggested Forest Service number could also be listed and they could be of service in future.

Feeling was that Morrow County Tourism Committee should have a Fair booth.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6 at 8:30 a.m. in the Extension office in Heppner.

RMEF sets banquet date

The Pendleton Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has announced that its first annual banquet and auction will be held at the Pendleton Red Lion Motel on Friday, August 12.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is an international non-profit wildlife organization dedicated to conservation of the elk resource, and preservation and improvement of elk habitat in North America. The organization was founded in Troy, Montana in May 1984, and currently has over 30,000 members.

The Foundation's primary objective is to raise funds from private sources to support "on-the-ground" projects which benefit elk and elk habitat. Examples include management related research, elk transplants into areas of suitable habitat, habitat acquisitions, and habitat improvement projects. Although the Foundation is only four years old, it has already helped

generate almost \$1,000,800 for funding of elk projects in several western states and Canadian provinces. RMEF also publishes a quarterly magazine, "BUGLE" - the only major publication devoted entirely to elk and elk hunting.

Committee Chairman Randy Williams announced that the social hour will begin at 5 p.m. followed by the banquet at 6 p.m. The fundraising auction, which begins at 7 p.m. will feature several fine rifles, bows, outstanding limited edition wildlife prints, beautiful bronzes, and other top quality items. Proceeds from the evening will benefit Foundation programs and Oregon elk projects.

Tickets, which are \$37 each or \$50 a couple, include a one-year RMEF membership and a subscription to "BUGLE" magazine. For reservations call Randy Williams, 276-4109 days or 566-2687 evenings.

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