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Council votes to solicit bids for development of landfill

The Heppner City Council voted to solicit bids on the development and maintenance of a second trench at the city landfill located at Blackhorse Canyon.

A large crowd was moved from city hall to the fire hall, after which a much heated discussion followed regarding the closing of the landfill in July.

A serial levy in June allocated funds for \$45,000 per year for three years operation of the landfill. The levy was passed three to one in favor of the levy. The landfill was closed in July when the landfill met its capacity. The city was obligated at this time to get a one-year conditional permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The council consulted an engineer

for \$10,000, who instructed them that it was not feasible for the city to operate the landfill so action was again postponed.

According to Ken Bailey and councilman Wilbur Jackson, it is not feasible for the city to buy and maintain a caterpillar for the work at the

landfill. Just purchasing the cat would use the money allocated and this does not include fuel and maintenance.

Mike Jewett of Hermiston Sanitary Disposal was approached by the council as to an alternative to expanding the landfill. He said they were open to picking up the city garbage and hauling it to Hermiston. He also gave an alternative for the city to build a transfer station here which could be open one day per week and then hauled to Hermiston. He said it is coming to this one day.

Bill Kuhn had talked to DEQ and "it is my opinion, there is some give and take there, they can still be talked to over coffee," referring to the fact that he thinks they will work with the city on a solution to the problem of keeping the landfill open another year.

Mayor Cara Costa went on the record saying that the taxpayers voted to O.K. the landfill opening of Parcel B, three to one, and she recommended that "the council get Parcel B operating and contract out the work."

City Recorder, Marshall Lovgren was asked the financial report of the landfill. He replied that the landfill costs around \$12,000 per year to operate and the city has taken in equally as much, for the last two years.

The Chamber of Commerce, represented by president Fred Lundin, offered their support to the council to "maintain the landfill and not give these jobs to Hermiston."

The main concern of the council was that they would not have the funds to maintain the landfill and all the "unknown" costs that are projected to maintain it. The overall opinion of the people at the meeting was to support keeping the landfill open and deal with the unknown costs as they arise.

Councilman Gray was quoted as saying "the landfill is possibly going to cost more, maybe not, we (the council) will come to you (the people) for this money and will expect you to help us."

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New teachers become acquainted with county



Photo by Joyce Hughes

New Morrow County Teachers were taken on a tour of Morrow County to see schools, industry and the mill operation last Wednesday. They are back row L-R: Sara Eurich, Ione High School; Rod Benson, Michelle Warburton, Heppner High School; Jannie Allen, Stacie Briggs, Heppner Elementary; RaNae

Bowling, Columbia Jr. High; Ralph Werner, A.C. Houghton & Columbia Jr. High. Front row L-R: Mark Atkinson, Marie Fuller, Riverside High School; Elisa Carlson, Jeanie Colton, Sam Boardman Elementary; Carol Uhler, Sam Boardman & A.C. Houghton.

Green returns from Lions sponsored trip to Australia

An opportunity arose for Kirsten Green this summer, when the Heppner Lions Club offered to sponsor her for a trip to Australia. Kirsten graduated from high school this year and was very excited about the prospect of this trip.

Her first stop before going to Southern Australia was in Los Angeles where the exchange students from all over the United States met for an orientation before taking off on their great adventure.

Forty hours after leaving Heppner on June 24, Kirsten arrived in Adelaide where she was met by her host family Barry and Sandy Moore. They spent two days in Adelaide and saw lots of koala bears and kangaroos. They then traveled to where she would be making her home for three and one-half weeks, Robe, South Australia, which consists of some 1200 people, except during the tourist season when it swells to 10,000 people. Robe is a well-known tourist area on the coast and is geared for tourists with many hotels, motels and caravan parks, which are the same as R.V. parks in the U.S. Kirsten did a lot of body surfing while she was there. Her host family had students her age and they showed her the sights and entertained her.

July 20 she moved to Nhill, Victoria, which is a state north, for another four weeks with Ken and Jean Schultz. The Schultz family lives on a sheep ranch. Kirsten got to eat lots of mutton while there as this is the main meat in Australia. Every meal consisted of mutton, always three vegetables, usually pumpkin, which is eaten as a squash, peas and carrots.

The language in Australia is English, but their slang is very different from ours here in the U.S. After only being in Australia for two days, Kirsten's host father asked her if she was "knocked-up"? Kirsten was at first speechless until she learned that "knocked-up" meant that he was inquiring if she was "tired". She was relieved to find out that he was not asking what she had assumed he was asking.

While in Australia, Kirsten was invited to Lion's Clubs and schools to explain what the Lion's Clubs in Oregon were about. She learned that the Australians think the people in the United States are "terrific" and that they love American T.V. and films and think they are "great".

It was winter while Kirsten was in Australia and very much like our fall.

Kirsten noticed the styles are very

much like they are here, however, clothing is very expensive. For example, a pair of "501" jeans would cost about \$70. The exchange on their money is 65c on the dollar.

Kids in Australia start working much earlier than kids in the U.S. One girl that Kirsten knew of, quit school at 15 years old to start working in a bank. This is a very common practice there.

The income level in Australia seems to be mostly average or below. Families are wealthy if they have very large ranches and many cattle or sheep.

Kirsten says not many kids know of the Lion's Club program. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age. There are many programs such as Japan, New Zealand and Australia, among others. Kirsten only had the expense of her travel and spending money. The rest was covered by the Lion's. She would "definitely do it again, it was a real experience."

She is having a little trouble adjusting to life here again. She is hungry in the middle of the night and makes midnight raids on the kitchen, but is getting re-adjusted.

Anyone interested in the Lion's program should contact the local Lion's Club for more information.

MCWCD exhibits posters for Knapweed

The Morrow County Weed Control District and Extension Service have come up with an educational poster for Morrow County Knapweed Watch.

Over 60,000 acres of Morrow County Rangeland are already infested with diffuse and spotted knapweed. The weed is spread primarily by vehicles. This is the main reason for off road vehicles to stay on roads. After passing through a weed infested area, check your vehicle, remove and burn any

plants that are attached. Report any plants sighted in national forest areas to the Heppner Forest Ranger. It is illegal in Oregon and Washington to use herbicides to control knapweed on forest service or Bureau of Land Management property.

Knapweed destroys wildlife habitat.

Anyone that is interested in posting these free-of-charge posters, contact the Morrow County Weed Control District, 676-5452 or 676-9642.

OSP moves office

The Heppner branch of Oregon State Police have announced they will be located at the Pettyjohn Building, effective September 1.

The office is for the use of the two officers working out of Heppner.

Phone calls to the State Police are still to be directed to the Pendleton number 1-800-452-8150 for the game officer or traffic officer.

"This will enable us to serve the community better," says Larry Davidson, Station commander.

Lexington airport to receive re-surfaced runway

Project Engineer, Terry Kessler of MC2M Hill, Corvallis, estimated the total cost at \$228,930, which left Blue Mountain Paving well under the estimate.

Judge Carlson commended Terry Kessler of CH2M Hill on his coordination of the project.

In other business, the County Court:

Jean Nelson, member of the Historical Society requested the county's participation in cooperation with the state and other agencies to erect signs directing travelers to the Oregon Trail, Wells Springs area.

Requested the Roadmaster to contact Blue Mountain Paving for a bid on an overlay for the fuel island at the Lexington Airport.

Made arrangements to meet with a representative of the Federal Highway Administration and land owners to discuss the Monument-Sunflower Flats road project.

Appointed Gladys Hobbs of Irigoin to the Juvenile Services Commission.

Discussed transfer and exchange of county roads within the Umatilla

National Forest to the Forest Service.

Discussed a possible problem with the weed "Tansy Ragwort". Bob Krein appeared before the Court at the Court's request to join in the discussion.

Instructed the Public Works Department to re-advertise for bids on county tires.

Work on the resurfacing of Runway 8-26 at the Lexington Airport is expected to proceed during the month of September pending approval of Civil Rights requirements under the Federal Aeronautics Administration grant specifications.

Blue Mountain Paving Company of Pendleton, is the apparent low bidder on the runway rehabilitation project. Bids were opened at the Morrow County Courthouse on Tuesday, August 23 with Blue Mountain Paving the only bidder at \$156,748.

The project consists of cleaning and preparation of the existing runway surface, construction of a hot bituminous surface course overlay and pavement markings.

1st and 4th graders to be screened

The Morrow County School District will be screening all first and fourth grades in the areas of speech and language. Other students involved in the screening are kindergarten students who failed or did not attend the preschool screening clinic, all seventh grade students at Columbia Jr. High School, transfers from other districts and parent/teacher/principal referrals. Hearing screening for transfer students and referrals will also be administered to Ione High School, Heppner High School, Columbia Jr. High School and Riverside High School. Hearing screening for all other schools will be conducted at a later date.

Elementary School Thursday, Sept. 1; Ione schools, Friday, Sept. 2 in the morning; Heppner High School Friday, Sept. 2 afternoon; Sam Boardman Elementary School, Tuesday, Sept. 6 and Wednesday Sept. 7; A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Thursday, Sept. 8; Columbia Junior High School, Friday, Sept. 9; Riverside High School, Monday, Sept. 12.

If you have any questions concerning the screening, please call Carol Faith-Peterson at the Morrow County School District office, 989-8202.

The screening will be conducted at the following schools: Heppner

Britt wins mink bear

The spaghetti feed held at the Hardman Community Hall last Saturday was a huge success, according to a member of the committee.

The mink bear was raffled off and the winner was Nella Britt of Heppner. Also raffled was a bed doll won by Anna Schwarzin, Heppner.

One-hundred fifty to two hundred people attended the dinner with bingo following.

The Hardman committee is planning for a donation auction to be held September 19. Items are wanted and they will take anything that is usable, it is needed by September 15. This will be followed by a Basket Social. Ladies attending are asked to bring a basket lunch to be auctioned off.

For more information call 676-9815 or 468-2180.

The Hardman Community Center is available to be rented for any social function. Contact the phone numbers above for more information.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

August 23 - 29		
	High	Low Prec.
Tues.	94	56 .0
Weds.	93	56 .0
Thurs.	90	52 .0
Fri.	84	54 .0
Sat.	88	57 .0
Sun.	94	58 .0
Mon.	88	45 .0

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Monday, Aug. 29		
Soft White		
Aug.		\$4.17
Sept.		\$4.19/\$4.21
Jan.		\$4.35
Barley		
Aug.		\$114 T
Sept.		\$115 T
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First day of School



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Students at Heppner Elementary school rush out the doors at the end of their first day.

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