

MCEA to open crisis headquarters

Morrow County teachers will open a crisis headquarters on February 1, organized effort to deal with ongoing contract dispute, according to Maureen McElligott president of MCEA. "We're opening a headquarters in Heppner and Boardman, McElligott said. "This will provide a meeting and work space in the north and south end until this crisis is resolved."

According to an MCEA news release, contract negotiations have been at an impasse for several months with no additional meetings scheduled, for the current school year (88-89). The release goes on to say the school board is offering a zero percent salary increase with insurance kept at the 87-88 level; and a one percent wage increase for 89-90 and 90-91. A neutral fact-

finder recommended a 4.5 percent wage increase and continuation of the current insurance agreement where the teachers pay 5 percent of insurance costs. According to MCEA, the teachers accepted the factfinders recommendations while the school board rejected them. As the factfinder pointed out in his report, the school board has admitted there is more than enough money in the budget to fund the fair settlement recommended by the factfinder. "The teachers feel the board is forcing us to strike over this," said McElligott. "It's hard to understand the board's position when they already have plenty of money to settle the contract without raising the taxes."

The teachers have not yet taken a strike vote, says the release.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones, 989-8189

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday evening with a special meeting for initiation and installation. Julie Dick was initiated with Delpha Jones acting N.G. Following later Leila Palmer D.D.P. assisted by the Marshall, Hilda Yocom installed those unable to attend the Pauline lodge for installation. Installed were: Frances Peck as V.G., Julie Dick, chaplain, Annetta Padberg OSG, Leila Palmer LSVG, Luella Taylor as Jr. Past NG, and was presented her PNG jewel by the NG Geri Martin. The next meeting will be Thursday with the revealing of Secret Sisters and drawing of names for 1989. Cake was served.

Earl Miller has returned to Seaview, WA. after a few days in Lexington.
Lawrence and Sharon Schoonover and daughter from the Tamarack Inn on Weston Mountain were visiting friends and relatives last week.
Don't forget the card party Saturday evening at the Rebekah Hall, one of the winter series.
Mike and Lyn Burcham from Pendleton visited his mother, Dorothy Burcham one day last week.
Linda and John Ripple were Portland callers last week.
Master of the Lexington Grange and wife Virginia and Cecil and Delpha, Ken Jones, Carl Smouse were those attending Pomona at Boardman on Saturday.
Betty Marquardt attended the funeral of a relative in Portland on Friday and then rode back with her brother and sister-in-law, Gerry and Sue Messenger who spent the weekend in Lexington visiting Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Messenger.



Tim West a Physio-Control representative from Portland is showing the nurses at Pioneer Memorial Hospital how the new CMS 6000 E works. This is a heart-patient monitoring system that, unlike the old system, does not have to be physically attached to the system. The patient wears a transmitter the size of a small pouch. The 6000 E is located at the nurses station and can monitor four beds at a time. It will automatically record on a strip the cardiac condition of the patient to be interpreted by the doctors and nurses. "This is state-of-the-art in monitoring patients in ICU and CCU" says Ernest Wick, hospital administrator.

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police department reports handling the following business during the past week:
Jan. 23: 10:15 p.m.-request of officer for Security Check.
Jan. 24: 10:01 p.m.-assist Fire Department; 10:51 p.m.-request of officer for Security Check.
Jan. 25: 1:26 p.m.-Civil Matter; 6:49 p.m.-false alarm.

Jan. 26: 3:58 p.m.-Accident; 4:58 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 7:43 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.
Jan. 27: 9:24 a.m.-assist ambulance; 10:48 a.m.-motorist assist.
Jan. 28: 10:09 p.m.-Juvenile Report; 10:16 p.m.-report of Loud Noise.

IFYE student to visit Morrow County

Oregon 1988 IFYE to The Netherlands, Renee Warriner of Lebanon, will report on her experiences in Morrow County on March 8, 9 and 10, according to Bill Broderick, Oregon State University Extension agent.

Warriner, a former Linn County 4-H member and now a student at Western Oregon State College, lived and worked with Dutch families from July until early November under the International 4-H Youth Exchange Program (IFYE).

The IFYE program was established nationally in 1948 to build international understanding and is financed in Oregon through contributions to the Oregon 4-H Foundation. Each Oregon delegate spends about three months "reporting" to people of the state upon returning.

While in Morrow County, Warriner will speak to schools, 4-H groups, service clubs and others interested in the program. Although her schedule is filling rapidly, some dates are still open, Broderick said. Groups interested in hearing Warriner should call the Extension office at 676-9642.

Warriner reports that she was impressed with the "unity of the family" in The Netherlands. Most meals are eaten together and family anniversaries, such as birthdays, are important.

She spent much of her time in rural areas, working and living with farm families. One of her host families lived 4.5 meters below sea level in the Polder, that is land claimed from the sea only 45 years ago.

Jr. Bowlers earning way to state tournament held in Portland

Heppner Junior Bowlers are doing some fund raising so they may attend the state tournament held at Milwaukee Lanes in Portland April 29 and 30.

January 21, they held a pop can drive and took in over \$400. They are now through February 15 soliciting sponsors for a Bowl-A-Thon to be held February 15, 16 and 17 at Heppner Bowl. Sponsors may donate by the pin or by the game with a three game limit.

The bowlers will be selling candy in March to further their cause.

The money they receive goes for

expenses and entry fees for the tournament. They will need \$2,500 for this year's expenses.

Anyone wishing to contribute may call Terry Smith at 676-9208.

Heppner Junior Bowlers are self supporting and earn the money for their activities.

The first year, 1985, six teams went to the state tournament. The program continues to grow and this year 16 teams will go. In 1985 they had first and second place winners, plus many individual trophies. Last year out of the 52 children that went to the tournament, 20 trophies were brought home.

Sweeney heads Northwest Steelhead Assoc.

Nearly 70 people from Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties were gathered at Heppner Jan. 11 to help form the area's first Northwest Steelheaders organization.

Organizer Pat Sweeney of Heppner called the meeting to order and introduced Blanchard Smith, natural resources director of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders from Lincoln City.

Smith explained that the organization is made up of men and women interested in protecting salmon and steelhead runs in the Northwest. The concerns of individual chapters, Smith said, are important to the larger organization and will be heard.

The organization's goal is to improve sport fishing throughout the Northwest.

Last year Northwest Steelheaders spent over \$45,000 on fisheries improvements. The organization has been making improvements on and protecting fisheries in the Northwest for nearly 30 years. Over 30 chapters are scattered throughout Oregon.

The association helps local chapters by interfacing with other agencies to facilitate cooperation, said Smith at the meeting, and by providing resources.

Locally, the chapter would work with the state's Fish & Wildlife agency, clean up fishing areas, bring in speakers with fish habitat expertise, work with kids, organizer Pat Sweeney gave as examples of chapter activities. He said the chapter would probably meet every two or three months at locations throughout the three-county area, and that a board of directors and committees would be established to enhance membership involvement.

The local chapter will receive

its initial funding from a \$100 rebate from the association. Local fund raisers will finance projects on an ongoing basis.

Jim Moorely, education director for Northwest Steelheaders, indicated he is researching educational programs and noted there are high school and junior high chapters in other locations.

He also noted a litterbag program the association has going, and that he will need the input of local members to determine what educational programs are needed.

Brad Smith and Errol Claire of the Department of Fish & Wildlife explained that their agency has been working with the Steelheaders association to build fish runs. They noted the fish run in the John Day River is still wild, the fish are not planted, and Fish & Wildlife is working to keep it that way through habitat improvement projects. They said 15-20 miles of habitat improvements are accomplished each year along the river.

Claire indicated the local chapter can add support to the Rock Creek passage project, which hopes to restore a healthy fish habitat in that stream.

Elected president of the newly-formed chapter, which boasts over 70 charter members, was Pat Sweeney of Heppner. Sam Burt of Condon was elected vice-president.

Nancy Brownfield and Sharon Biddle, both of Heppner, were elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

The next meeting has been set for Sunday, April 9. A time and place will be announced.

Nearly 30 prizes were distributed to charter members in a drawing at the meeting.

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