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## Hotel residents enjoy apartment life



Bernice Nash, St. Patrick's Hotel resident, sits back and enjoys her new apartment with the two children she babysits each week. Left of her is Christine Sweeney and on her right is Frankie Ledford.

The opening of the new St. Patrick's Hotel, senior housing has created quite a stir in the community. Ten of the 19 apartments have been rented and all but one on the third floor are filled.

In visiting with Mrs. Bernice Nash, a resident at the hotel, it was discussed as to why she and her husband, Lincoln had moved to the hotel in February. Mrs. Nash said it was her husband's decision to sell their house and move. He decided it

would be easier for them not to have to take care of a house and do the yard work. He is very happy with the move. Bernice says "it's not like a house, but we like it." She babysits with two children several days a week. Their apartment looks over Main Street and is right across from the Post Office.

There are meeting rooms downstairs for the residents use. Other groups utilize these rooms also.

The hotel residents have created a community in a community. They look after each other and visit back and forth.

The remaining apartments will be advertised within the next two weeks in Tri-Cities, Umatilla, Wheeler, Gilliam, Grant and Union Counties. The units rent for \$325-365 including water, garbage and electricity. Telephone and television are optional. These apartments are equipped with full kitchen facilities and

are one-bedroom. There is one handicapped access apartment downstairs which is not rented at this time.

The advantage of these apartments is their accessibility to downtown. The grocery store, Post Office, and drug store are within walking distance. There is a deck upstairs for those wishing to use it.

Interested persons may contact Joyce Kay Holloman 676-5241 or Ann Spicer 676-9141.

## April 9-15 is Nat'l Victim's Rights week

April 9 through April 15, 1989 has been declared "National Victim's Rights Week" to promote improved services for crime victims.

The observance also marks the second full year of operation of the Victims Bill of Rights, established to give protection to the often-overlooked crime victim.

If you have been a victim of a crime, you may have felt overlooked by the criminal justice system. The rights of the defendant, including the right to an attorney, the right to remain silent and the right to trial, are guaranteed by the Constitution. These are important safeguards intended to guarantee individual liberty. Now, however, crime victims have been recognized and given rights which reflect their importance to the system.

Legislation passed in Oregon in

1983, established a State fund under which victims of violent crimes can be reimbursed for their medical expenses and loss of income. It does not allow reimbursement for property damage, however.

The same legislation also requires criminal defendants to pay an assessment to the Crime Victim's Compensation Account (CICA), of \$20, for misdemeanors, \$50 for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and \$50 for felonies. One-half of this money is then available to counties to set up Victim-Witness programs administered by the District Attorney's office.

In Morrow County, Vi Wilgers serves as the program coordinator on a parttime basis. Her duties include contacting crime victims and determining restitution, providing assistance to crime victims who

wish to receive reimbursement for lost income and medical expenses, coordinating witness appearances at grand jury and trials, and helping victims through the often-traumatic court process.

Under recent legislation, crime victims are now given the right to sit through the trial, and cannot be excluded from the courtroom.

In addition, they now have the right to be present at sentencing and are given more input into the sentencing process.

Anyone interested in further information on "National Crime Victim's Week" or recent crime victim's legislation, should contact either Wallace or the Victim's-Witness coordinator, Vi Wilgers at the Morrow County District Attorney's Office, Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner, OR by calling 676-9061.

## School funding forum to be held

A school funding forum will be held Saturday, April 8 from 9-11 a.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center and from 2-4 p.m. at Riverside High School discussing HJR 1. Carl Hosticka and Representative Mike Nelson will be on hand to

answer questions. Carl is a representative of District 40, Eugene and co-author of the bill and Chairman of the House of Revenue Committee.

"Anyone with questions, this would be a good opportunity to get them answered," says Cara Costa, Mayor of Heppner.

This forum is sponsored by "Yes For Kids".

A video is being made of the forum and is available for viewing upon request.

Anyone with questions may contact Cara at 676-5444 evenings.

## Possibility of third baby being investigated

The Heppner Police Department and the Oregon State Police are investigating the possibility that Paula Lynn Anderson, 22, a woman who is said to have given birth to two babies in Morrow County and "setting them aside" to die, was pregnant when she lived in Baker in 1985 or 86.

Anderson pleaded not guilty last Wednesday to the charges of murder of two babies and two counts each of concealing a corpse and concealing the birth of a baby. She is being accused of giving birth to a baby in June between April 1, 1987 and June 1, 1987 and letting it die. The corpse was found in a closet at her grandmother's home in June which was found March 2. She is also accused of giving birth to a second child in Heppner between December 15, 1988 and February 15, 1989 and "setting it aside" to die. The second baby was found in an apartment in Heppner February 15.

## Booster club meets April 10

Heppner Booster Club will meet Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at Ployhar Insurance.

The agenda will include the upcoming Reno Night and scholarship distribution.

Everyone is asked to attend this important meeting.

The two dates set for the trials are July 17 and August 28. The cases are to be charged separately due to the time frame involved. The trials are to be heard in Circuit Court in Morrow County.

According to Morrow County District Attorney, Jeff Wallace, "we are aware of the possibility that while living in Baker, Anderson was pregnant, and we are following up on that."

Baker attorney Bob Moon is representing Anderson. She is being held without bail in the Benton-Franklin County Jail in Tri-Cities. She has been held there since March 17.



Paula Anderson

## Operating levy, medical fund and Port bond all passed

The Morrow County Operating Levy passed last Tuesday with a total of 855 yes and 708 no votes.

In a news release from the County Judge's office, it was said that the budget committee worked under a limitation that could not exceed 6 percent of last year's levy. All departments and agencies that required taxpayer support were asked to honor that limitation.

"I believe the taxpayers took a close look at the amount of the levy and determined that it was a levy that supported the basic services without

many extras," says Judge Carlson. "It is really gratifying that the public passed the levy on the first ballot. 'I think it is an indication that the public is confident the county government is responsible and that we are mindful of the fact that the levy we put together reflects the conservative nature of the community'."

The Morrow County Medical Fund levy passed with a vote of 1005 yes and 522 no votes. The Port of Morrow Bond Authorization was also a go with 930 yes and 582 no votes.

## Teleconference/town meeting is April 18

A satellite teleconference and town meeting to discuss school funding in Oregon is scheduled for April 18 according to Fred Lundin, Oregon State University Extension Agent. "A panel of experts discussing school funding problems and Ballot Measure One will be broadcast live to Heppner and to seventeen other sites around Oregon," Lundin said.

A teleconference is a live television transmission in which the receiving station is linked by telephone with the transmitting one. "Downlink sites such as ours will be able to ask questions of the panelists during the broadcast," Lundin said.

Sponsored by Oregon State University, the teleconference is titled "Oregon School Funding at the Crossroads". The three panelists are Richard Munn, Director of the Oregon Department of Revenue, James Scherzinger, Director of the Oregon Legislative Revenue Office, and Dr. Bruce Weber, Economist at

Oregon State University.

"We are planning a town hall meeting around the teleconference," said Lundin. "The teleconference will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:15 p.m. The town hall meeting will follow immediately and last until about 9 p.m. The meeting is at the Heppner Elks Club and everyone is welcome. We hope that this type of program will help to answer questions about both school funding and the ballot measure to be voted on in May."

The teleconference will also be transmitted on Heppner Cable TV channel 3, and can be received by those with satellite dish antennas on Westar V, channel 4.

Umatilla County is another downlink site, and the meeting will be held at Blue Mountain Community College in the Pioneer Hall auditorium. For more information on that meeting, contact Mike Stoltz, OSU Extension agent in Pendleton, at 276-7111, ext. 235.

## Court to attend Portland Meadows races

The Morrow County Queen Nancy Bailey and her Princesses Amy Greenup, Jody Ashbeck and Shawna Cash, will attend the Portland Meadows Races on April 8. The Fair and Rodeo sponsors a race, "Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Purse" which will run that day. The Queen and Court will present the lucky winner with a horse blanket and have their pictures taken with the winners.

The Court will receive a backside tour of the track at 9 a.m. which gives them a preview into what racing is about. The Lower Terrace with windows by the finish line is furnished for the Court and their families at 1 p.m. as the afternoon of racing begins.

The Nomad Restaurant in Boardman shows the races and bets can be made there also.

The Queen and Court have also submitted their application to enter

## Wrangler playday is April 9

The Heppner Wranglers will be holding their first playday, Sunday, April 9. The day will begin with the election of officers, a potluck at noon and games will begin at 1 p.m.

There will be pole bending, barrel racing and stickhorse races for five years and under. There will be breakaway dummy races for the older group.

New members are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Judy Barber at 676-5037.

the Portland Rose Festival Parade this year. Applications included the names, descriptions and a colored photograph of the court submitted no later than March 31. "We should be hearing from the Rose Parade Officials by April 10," says Marlene Curran, Court Chaperone. "It will be my first experience with the Rose Parade, but this year's court expressed a real desire to go and they look wonderful in their outfits, so I said let's go for it."

Queen Nancy Bailey has chosen the bright and beautiful colors this year of magenta and silver.

## Weather Report

By City of Heppner

	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	56	33	.18
Weds.	56	30	.01
Thurs.	56	36	.07
Fri.	53	31	.01
Sat.	55	34	.11
Sun.	54	30	.01
Mon.	53	31	.0

## Market Report

Completions of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, March 27	
Soft White	
April	\$4.56
May	\$4.55/\$4.50
June	\$4.48/\$4.35
July	\$4.25/\$4.20
August-Sept.	\$4.20
Barley	
April	\$117/\$116
May	\$115 T
Pik	99%
New Crop	\$111 T

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