

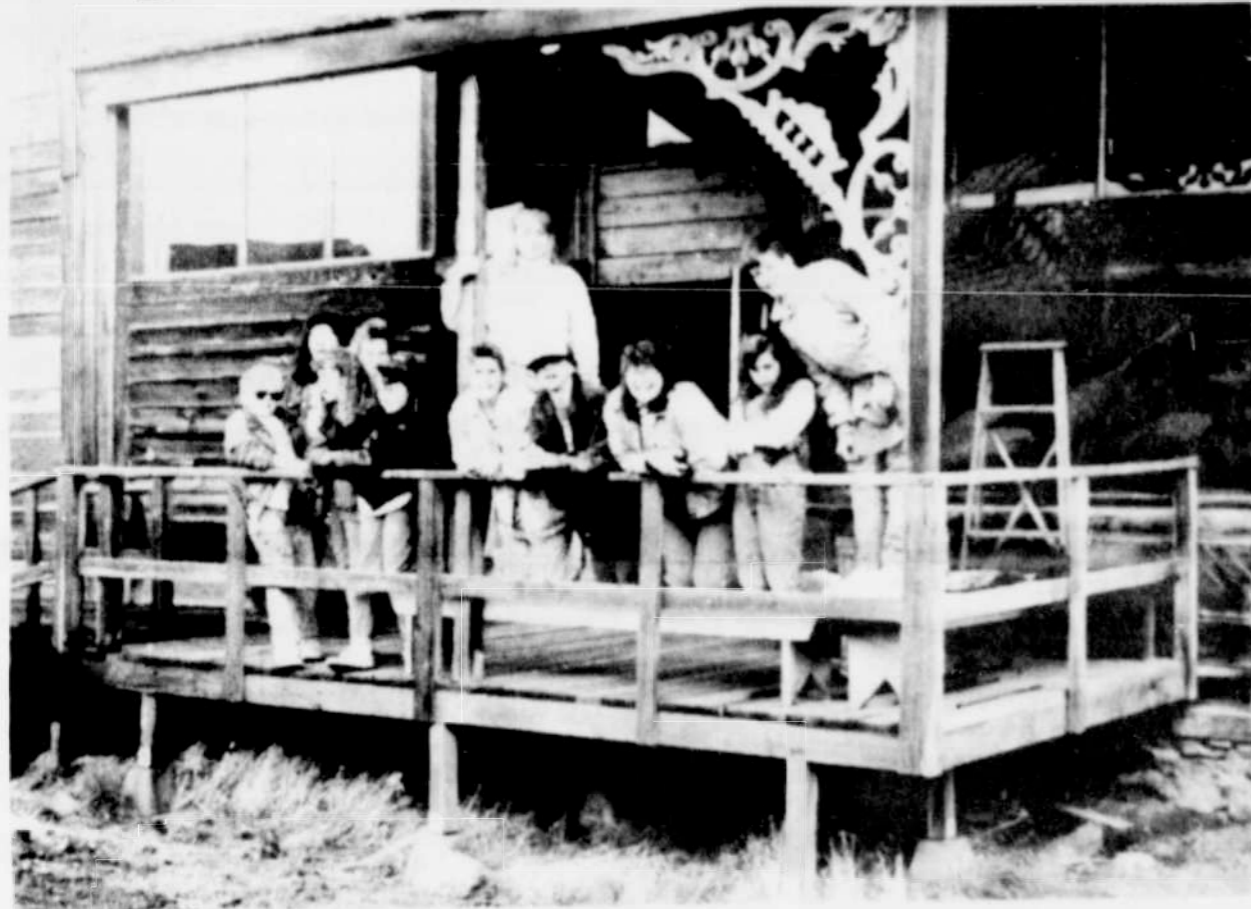
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## 8th graders spend week in Heppner



Centennial students enjoyed having some time while on a tour of the Ghost Town of Hardman. More pictures page 2

The Portland Centennial Middle School students and a selected number of Heppner eighth graders exchanged places last week. Every year the two schools change places with their counterparts to see what living in the city/country is like in comparison to where they live. This has been a very good learning experience as many of the Portlanders have never been to a rural area, and many of the local students have never been in a city situation.

The Portland students arrived in Heppner Saturday and were taken to the homes of their host families. Monday was school as usual and the students were taken on a Wheat League tour of the Lyle Peck ranch to observe a wheat farming operation. Tuesday was the stockman's tour to Sand Hollow and Buttercreek with dinner that evening at the Tom Curran ranch.

Wednesday, the Portland students visited the ghost town of Hardman. Carl McDaniel along with his two sisters, Opal Cook and Elsie Leathers told the group about life in Hardman at the turn of the century. The anxious youngsters also had a chance to explore the old buildings in town.

Each visitor received either a Hardman cap or shirt compliments of the Hardman Community Center and host, their families.

The group left Hardman for Anson Wright Park where they were greeted by Warren Plocharsky, Heppner Ranger District Forester. Plocharsky explained an overview of the National Forest and the role of the Heppner District.

The evening concluded with a weiner roast at the park.

Thursday, the students had the chance to tour the Kinzua Mill, seeing the sawmill and lumber end of the industry, with Paul Sumner as guide. A short jaunt to the Willow Creek Dam and Lake and tour of the Morrow County Museum arranged by Marsha Sweek, completed the day.

Friday evening was a special dance for the visitors.

Some of the Centennial students were invited to give their comments on their trip to Heppner.

Gavin McCreery, Gresham, stayed with the Gary Munkers family in Lexington. He thinks Eastern Oregon is "different, pretty cool". Gavin likes the idea that no one locks their doors. He said he "didn't get enough lunch" at school, and was planning a trip to the drive-in. He says in-between classes here, you see everyone. They have between 750 and 800 students in their middle school.

Cy Kennedy, of Boring, stayed with the Alvin Ashbeck family at Pine City. He thought it was a long way from everything. "Everyone here starts driving at a very early age", according to him. On the farms, they help by driving in harvest. "I think the Heppner Exchange is really neat, and (I) hope they keep it up", says Cy.

Marcy Simpson, Gresham, stayed with the Tim Coe family in Heppner. The first day she was in Heppner, her host family took her to the Wranglers Playday. "There are some very young riders, they are very good", she says. An example of what she might do for excitement

in Portland was after a Blazer basketball game, she and some of her friends followed the Lakers team to see where they were staying to get their autograph. They saw some of the gang members that are in Portland but "we got out of there in a hurry".

Jud McCauley, Portland, stayed with Kevin Scott. He said they went downtown at 10 p.m. one night. He would not be allowed to do that in Portland. He saw some 'Skinheads' at the arcade once. He said he and his friend were very respectful to them.

Stacy Waples of Gresham stayed with the Pat Sweeney family. She says here you "don't have to be afraid". She has been to Eastern Oregon as she has some cousins in Hermiston.

Tara Reynolds of Gresham stayed with the Dave Eckman family in Heppner. Tara was very quiet during the interview, but she did say that Heppner reminds her of Washington.

The students boarded a bus early Saturday morning for their trip back to Portland.

Hopefully, they had some good memories to take with them.

## Luck of the draw....

Michelle Papineau of Ione was pleasantly surprised last Friday when she was notified that she was the winner of \$1,000 for being the fifteenth caller of the OK 95 Radio Super Set. It is unusual for an out-of-state winner of this Tri-Cities radio contest because of the time involved in dialing the area code plus the number.

Michelle is one happy girl. Congratulations Michelle.

### Update

Police Chief Doug Rathbun came home from a Spokane hospital Tuesday after suffering a heart attack last week. He might return to work in 30 days according to a report from City Hall.



Michele Papineau

## Concerns expressed on hotel taxation

"Life after construction goes on," said City Attorney Bill Kuhn, referring to the Heppner Hotel, St. Patrick's Senior Center, whose expenses must be met by the city.

But County Assessor Greg Sweek added to the city's hotel problems by informing City Council that the building has lost its historical building tax exemption status. Based on the hotel's projected income of \$567,710, the building's property taxes would be \$18,000 per year.

However Attorney Kuhn said he disagreed with Assessor Sweek's interpretation of the statutes and the city council voted to file an appeal.

Concerns about hotel expenditures being paid through the general fund were expressed by William Maddern, Heppner, who stated that he was worried about increased taxation.

"We have several options when it comes to meeting hotel expenses,"

said councilman Arnie Hedman. He added that until the hotel is fully occupied, it will not generate enough revenue to meet both the mortgage payment and utility costs.

Mayor Cara Costa explained that the Senior Citizen Center is obliged to meet expenses for that portion of the building, while the city is responsible for managing the apartment complex. "It's going to take time but we will fill the apartments," said Costa.

We could put the hotel on the tax role, for instance, or we could defer payment on the loan's principal, thereby having enough revenue from present renters to meet utility and insurance costs, councilman Chuck Holt explained.

"It is not going to be taken out of the general fund," Hedman said, adding that the city budget is already appropriated for specific expenses.

City council members agreed to a

final contractor payment to C.P.D. Construction of Troutdale of \$7,761.28 from the construction fund grant money. Withheld from the contractor settlement is a bill of \$2,457 to Columbia Basin for expenses during the construction and a \$1,500 to sub-contractors Alstott and Gentry.

"It will be up to these two contractor entities to settle their labor agreement," Kuhn said. He added that the final payment to the architect is being withheld until all contract agreements are finalized.

City council also agreed to allow \$5000 more in expenses to Joe Miller and Sons, during the present landfill operating contract period ending in September. Miller estimated that the amount is 1/2 of actual expenses incurred due to additional trenching and rocky ground, plus increased amount of garbage.

## 'Hooked on fishing..Not on drugs'



All set for the fishing competition at Willow Creek Dam on Sunday, May 7, beginning at 1 p.m. are Heppner 5th graders, left to right:

Phillip Spicer-Kuhn, Chris Sykes, Andy Burt, Angie Bergstrom, Heather Hughes and Jenny Burkenbine.

## Warren sentenced on Friday

Dennis Warren of Heppner was sentenced Friday, April 28 in Morrow County Circuit Court, on two felony charges.

Warren, 22, was sentenced to one year in jail, with all but thirty (30) days suspended and placed upon one year formal probation on his guilty plea to Attempted Assault in the Second Degree. His jail sentence is to begin May 1, 1989. He was also ordered to make restitution of \$603.81 to the victim, and pay all statutory fees and assessments. As a further condition of probation, Warren was ordered to not possess any weapons, explosives or firearms, ordered to undergo mental health

evaluation and treatment as directed by his probation officer, and subject his person, vehicle and residence to search.

Circuit Court Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Curran also sentenced Warren on Friday following his earlier guilty plea to Possession of a Controlled Substance. Warren was ordered to pay a fine of \$350, sentenced to one year in jail with all but thirty (30) days suspended, and placed on one year formal probation on that charge. He was further ordered to undergo evaluation for substance abuse, and to comply with any treatment program directed by his probation officer.

## BBC to film documentary

Heppner has been in the news quite a bit lately, but this month our name will spread internationally, when a film crew from the British Broadcasting Corporation arrives to shoot a television documentary on the effects of the conservation reserve program in Morrow County.

Britain is in the process of installing a similar program as our CRP, and the film crew may be interviewing local residents about the effects of the reduced wheat acreage program on the Heppner community.

"So if you see some guys around with cameras you'll know what they're doing," said County Judge Louis Carlson. "This program is going to be seen by millions of people." Carlson added.

The BBC will be in the area from May 10 through 13.

## Heppner woman celebrates 99 years



Mabel French celebrated her 99th birthday last week at Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home.

Mabel French celebrated her 99th birthday at Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home where she has lived for the past 14 years.

A cake made by Ruth Parm and decorated with roses and Lily of the Valley, was enjoyed by friends and relatives that stopped to visit. On hand to help her celebrate were her daughter, Florence Green, granddaughter, Mary Ruth Proyer and Lois Hoyerman, of LaGrande, Alma Green and Lorena Jones of Heppner.

Mabel was born on Rhea Creek on April 25, 1890 on her parents ranch. Her parents were Henry and Florence Gay. They had four sons

prior to Mabel's birth and Mabel was a twin to a fifth son, Leo.

Mabel rode horseback with her brothers to Liberty school. She played the piano for Sunday School which her father taught. She continued playing the piano throughout her life.

She married William French and settled in the Heppner area. She has two daughters, Florence of Heppner and Jessie Baker, Derrington, WA, and a son Bill of Heppner.

She was an active member of the Methodist Church in her younger years.

## Weather Report

by City of Heppner

April	25	May	1
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	48	39	.92
Weds.	55	42	.12
Thurs.	57	42	.01
Fri.	58	38	.7
Sat.	66	39	.0
Sun.	73	39	.02
Mon.	64	45	.0

## Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, May 2		
Soft White		
May		\$4.83/\$4.74
June		\$4.66/\$4.61
July		\$4.52/\$4.49
Aug.		\$4.47
Barley		
May		\$11.1 T
Pik		100.5 %
Hard Red Winter		\$4.95
New Crop		\$109

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