

Mike Olson retires from Kinzua

KINZUA PINE MILLS COMPANY



Walt Nix (l) log yard supervisor, Mike Olson and Paul Sumner, personnel and safety director.

Mike Olson, 62, retired from Kinzua Corp. on July 11, after 44 years with the mill.

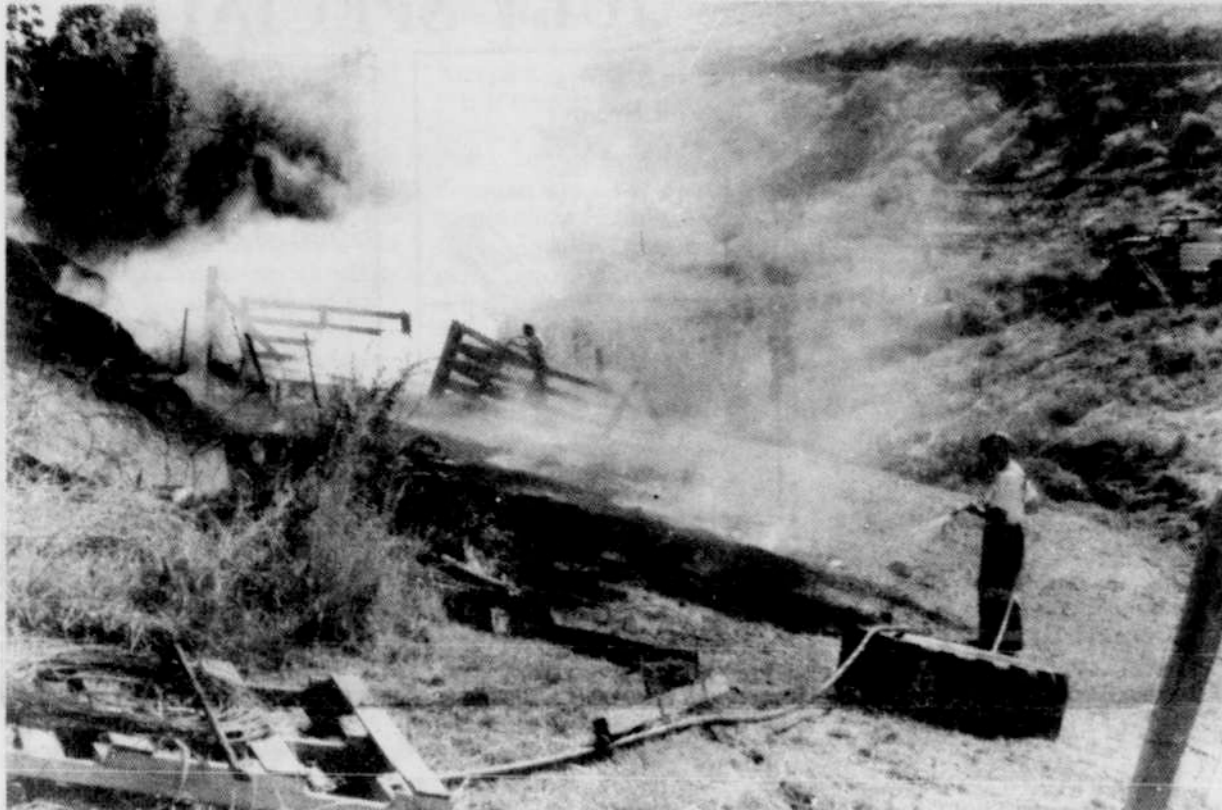
Mike, who was born to Marion and Ida Olson on July 7, 1928, in Des Moines, Iowa, came to Heppner in March of 1946. His father, a candymaker, brought Mike's sister, Millie (Breeding) to Heppner in February of that year so she could be married. Their father got a job in

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Grass fire breaks out near Heppner pool



The Heppner Fire Department responded to a fire which broke out in the grass behind the Heppner Swimming Pool on Tuesday July 17

at 4:54 p.m. The fire was called in by Heppner Fire chief Forrest Burkenbine.

The grass fire, believed to have

Photo by Joyce Hughes

smoldered since a Heppner Fire Dept. practice burn the previous evening was out at 5:11 p.m.

Rea undergoes transplant

Carol Ann Rea, who is suffering from leukemia, underwent a bone marrow transplant on July 12 at the Fred Hutchinson Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

According to Judy Rea, Carol's sister-in-law, Carol was "up and around the next day" and is doing "real well." She is expected to remain in isolation an average of 45 days.

Carol may receive cards at Swedish Hospital 10 S.W. Carol Ann Rea Room 1011, 747 Summit Ave., Seattle, WA 98104.

Rea, of Hermiston, was diagnosed with leukemia in May 1989 after

receiving a blood test in connection with an arthritic condition in her knees.

She is the daughter of Kenneth and Leila Palmer and was born and raised on her parents' farm between Lexington and Lone.

She married Dallas Rea in 1963 and they have two daughters, Dylan Rea, Hermiston and Janell Hasenbank, Adams and one grandchild.

Several fund raisers were held in the area to help with medical expenses, which average around \$10 thousand for a donor search and \$16 for marrow procurement. Patients are asked to pay all costs prior to a transplant.

Pre-fair edition deadline Aug. 3

Deadline for the pre-fair edition of the Gazette-Times is Friday, August 3. Anyone with advertisements or stories about fair and rodeo events

should have them into the Gazette by 5 p.m. that day.

The annual Morrow County Fair and Rodeo will be held August 15 through 19.

Ekstrom donates signs to Fair Court



Nancy Ekstrom (left), Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Jepsen and Princesses Dana Flanagan and Tricia Coe display the magnetic signs Mrs. Ekstrom made and presented to the Fair Court.

Wranglers plan trail ride July 21

The Wrangler's Riding Club has scheduled a trail ride for Saturday, July 21.

There is a new route this year that should prove to be fun and scenic for anyone who enjoys a horseback ride through the mountains.

Departure time will be 1 p.m. from the first set of old corrals past the Paul Hisler Ranch (1½ miles). Riders will then head up country to ride through the Hughes Ranch in the Johnson Creek area around to Arbuckle Corral and back to the Don Bennett cabin.

A barbecue will follow the ride at Bennetts' cabin with hamburgers, salads and cold drinks. Prices are the same as last year, \$5 for singles and \$15 per family.

Anyone planning on attending should contact Judy Barber at 676-5037 or Susan Hisler at 676-5878. Non Wranglers are welcome.

CBEC plans power outage

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative has scheduled a power outage for Saturday, July 21 from 4 to 9:30 a.m. for Heppner, Hinton Creek, Sandhollow, Blackhorse, Lexington, Lone, Ruggs, Hardman, Parkers Mill, Blakes Ranch, Willow Creek, Olex, Rock Creek, Mikkalo,

Clem, Eight-mile and Shuttler Flats.

CBEC manager Fred Toombs says that the outage is so that workers may make connection to the first portion of the new construction on Baseline road and make switch repairs, among a number of other things.

Fire burns 167 acres

A fire started by lightning consumed over 167 acres on the Heppner Ranger District over the weekend. The fire burned mostly grass, brush, and a small amount of Ponderosa Pine.

The Grassy Butte fire broke out two miles southeast of Bull Prairie on Friday before noon. The fire was reported at 11:30 a.m. by the Tamarack Lookout. Two Heppner District firefighters in the area responded immediately and attempted to control the one-acre blaze but

were unable to contain it. The fire escaped and four crews were ordered along with three loads of retardant. At one point about 100 people were involved working in two 12-hour shifts.

The Grassy Butte fire was contained early Saturday morning with crews remaining until Monday. Heppner Ranger District employees, along with crews from North Fork John Day, Walla Walla, LaGrande and Baker districts, were involved in fighting the blaze. A dozer and water truck owned by John Britt Logging also assisted in the efforts.

The Tupper Work Center housed and fed the crew, with local catering provided by the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Lightning started three other small fires less than ¼ acre last Thursday but all were contained quickly.

The wet conditions late this spring have resulted in a better than average grass crop in the mountains. As this grass and other fuel become dryer, the Heppner Ranger District reminds everyone to be very fire conscious when visiting the district.

Cheryl Ripple improving

Cheryl Ripple of Heppner, who was admitted to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland suffering from kidney failure is improving, although she is still in critical condition, according to a friend, April Wilson.

Wilson said that Cheryl is now conscious and alert, but still on a respirator and undergoing dialysis

and antibiotic treatment. Cheryl was admitted to St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton on July 3 and flown by helicopter to Good Samaritan on July 6.

A trust fund has been established and donation cans have been placed around town to help with medical expenses for Cheryl, who has no medical insurance.

Fifty attend Pre-Fair workshop



Photo by Joyce Hughes

M.C. Extension Agent Carol Bennett explains what pre-fair is about.

Nearly fifty 4-H members, leaders and parents attended "Pre-Fair" on Saturday, July 7 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The goals of educational pre-fair activities are to help members become familiar with 4-H fair events and facilities; to learn about the variety of contests open to all 4-H members; to understand the variety of awards and premiums, and to learn the right moves for modeling in "Style Revue" and "My Favorite Outfit" contests.

Youth attending pre-fair included Boardman residents Brandi Purcell, Mary Escobedo, Kristi Mason, Jade Marston, Lara Fritz and Roseann Dalto. Lone members participating included Marc Orem, Randy Scott, Katie Barrett, Megan Proudfoot, Maci Childers, Jamie Lovett, Kara Miler, Luke Swanson, Jacob Taylor and Lela Gribskov. Attending from Heppner were Lori Moeller, Josie Proctor, Mindy Binschus and Phillip Spicer Kuhn. Melissa Cutsforth, Stormy Howard, Toni Kemp, Tina Kemp, Jessica Sumner of Lexington and Tracey Osterlund of Condon also participated.

Alecia Tarnasky and Peter Pearson, junior leaders, opened the program with the 4-H Pledge, and a demonstration of interview judging. Nancy Miller and Pat Pettyjohn involved the youth in a food and nutrition judging contest. Cindy

Osterlund taught outdoor fun activities. "Shoe Factory" was a favorite.

Gladys Hobbs and Andy Mesteth of Irrigon gave a demonstration of how to prepare a supply box for food contests. "Being organized and prepared ahead of the contest will help you to enjoy fair competition much more," shared the junior leaders.

The new "Beef Ambassador Presentation," sponsored by Oregon CattleWomen was introduced. The beef promotion material used in the contest was distributed. Sheridan Tarnasky taught members basic modeling steps and turns. "Knowing the right moves will help increase your confidence during Style Revue," shared the Style Revue coordinator.

Chloe Pearson concluded the program with a presentation for adults only. "Filling out 4-H contest pre-registration forms and fair premium sheets is never anyone's favorite task," explained Mrs. Pearson. However, "filling out the forms correctly is bound to increase a member's enjoyment of fair activities."

Kathy Cutsforth and Bobbi Childers managed registration and snacks.

The Pre-Fair was coordinated by Carol Bennett, Extension agent.

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