

Darlene Lovgren wins Vegas trip in Central Market grand opening

Darlene Lovgren won a trip to Las Vegas at the Central Red Apple Market grand opening in Heppner Aug. 29 through Sept. 8. Lee Winters and Rita Hill each won a gift certificate for \$100 of groceries during the store giveaway.

Winning \$25 gift certificates were: Merle Cowett, David Allstott, Ilene Laughlin, Jenny Bingham, Bill Nichols, Lorena Shuman, Marj Gardner and Florence Holt. Georgia VanWinkle won a barbecue; Ruth Nutting a TV; Cyde

Estes a bike; Shawna Wilson a Nintendo; Pam Minster a squirt truck; Randy Lott and Rose Marie Buschke each a 34-quart cooler; Molly Rhea a Nintendo Game Boy; Karen Thompson and Mike Proctor each a Magic Johnson basketball.

Osmin resigns

By Anne Morter

Judy Osmin resigned as the mayor of Lone at the last town council meeting, leaving the position vacant. Anyone who is interested in running for the position must organize a write-in campaign since the filing deadline has passed.

The town council is also encouraging interested parties to organize write-in campaigns for the three council positions that will be voted on in the fall.

Vets service officer attends workshop

Morrow/Gilliam Co. Veterans service officer Rita Hedman will not be in Heppner office Sept. 20. She will be attending training workshops in Salem and Portland Sept. 18-20.

Grange to honor members

Lexington Grange has planned a reception on Sept. 17 to honor all 60, 55, 50 and 25-year members, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck.

Speaker for the evening will be the State Grange Treasurer John Cameron.

Heppner Day Care enjoys end-of-summer picnic



Day care kids celebrate with picnic.

On August 30 the staff and children of Heppner Day Care had an end-of-summer vacation picnic at Hager Park.

Children and care-givers walked through town to the park carrying balloons with the names of the children who attend day care. Over 50 balloons were released.

Anyone finding a balloon with the children's names in it is asked to please write and let day care know.

Twenty-six children and three staff members enjoyed the picnic lunch and the fresh summer air. The older children spent the afternoon playing at the park.

Grain growers take prizes at state fair

Eric Anderson and Kenneth Smouse, both of Lone, and Chuck Nelson of Lexington each won first place at the 1990 Oregon state Fair for their grain exhibits.

Anderson took first and an OSU Foundation project award for his soft white wheat seed grain. Nelson's first place soft white wheat commercial grain entry also won a Harvest States award. Ken Smouse took first place for his six-row barley and also received the Pendleton Grain Growers award.

Columbia Basin announces planned power outages

Columbia Basin Electric Company has announced that Heppner, Lexington, Hardman, Ruggs, Blackhorse, Parkers Mill, Upper Willow Creek, Hinton Creek and Blakes Ranch will be without power Sunday Sept. 16 from 6 to 10 a.m.

On the same day, Ione, Olex, Rock Creek, Mikkalo, Clem, 8 Mile, Shutter Flats and Lower Willow Creek will be without power from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to Columbia Basin, this outage should be the last needed this year in order to make connections to the new line, unless something unforeseen occurs.

Justin Nelson reading program winner

Justin Nelson has been announced the winner of the Heppner City Library summer reading program. Justin is the son of Chuck and Lisa Nelson, Lexington.

Story hour will get underway at the city library on Monday, Sept. 17, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. All preschoolers and their parents are invited to attend.

Regular library hours are 1:30 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and 1:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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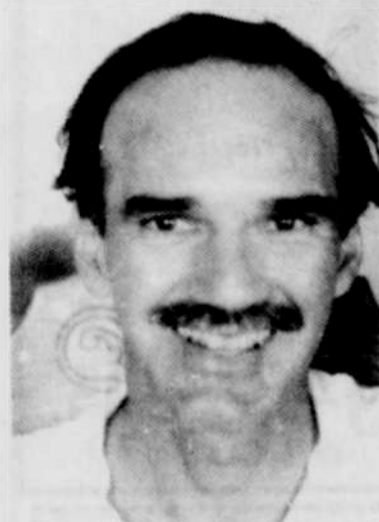
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Town bands together to welcome Cycle III bicyclists



Bicyclists look through mountains of bags at fairgrounds.

It was a whirlwind weekend romance—but what a romance it was—when nearly two thousand bicyclists swept into Heppner Sept. 9 on the first leg of their journey with Cycle III, a bicycle tour across Oregon. And "seldom was heard a discouraging word," to quote an old cowboy song, from either bicyclists or townspeople.



Geoff Kronick

The first cyclist to arrive in Heppner was Geoff (pronounced Jeff) Kronick of Lake Oswego, who admitted to leaving Pendleton, the starting point of the tour, before the Cycle III opening ceremonies. Kronick, who left Pendleton at 6 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, and arrived in Heppner at 10:15 a.m. (yes, the same day), said that he received a T-shirt, a button and "lots of applause" for his efforts. Kronick, 35 and single, said that he also participated in Cycle II and has had "a great time" on this tour.

Judie Laughlin, Heppner, homestay organizer for Cycle III, said that around 108 were scheduled to stay in local homes. Laughlin said that everything went well, "except for the fact that the ones that didn't show up didn't call their hosts."

Duffy Nabholz of Dallas, Texas, stayed with Steve and Molly Rhea and family in Heppner. Nabholz, 42, a real estate investor with a wife and two children, nine and six years

old, at home, said that the tour was "good, except the third hill kind of wore me down." Nabholz said that he averaged around 13.7 miles an hour, while a friend of his had a 15.7 mile-an-hour average. Although it was Nabholz' first time on Cycle Oregon, he had been to Oregon before, back-packing on the Pacific Crest Trail in the Three Sisters Wilderness. He also has relatives in the Eugene area. Nabholz said that he runs around 600 miles a year and plays rackets to keep in shape. "If you're not in good shape, you're hurting. A lot of people were struggling on that last hill." While the temperature was around 90 degrees on Sunday, Nabholz said that, coming from Texas, the heat didn't bother him as much as the hills.

Claudia Hughes, Heppner Chamber of Commerce manager and ramrod for Cycle III arrangements in Heppner, spoke to a chamber meeting Tuesday, saying "I'm so proud of this community. The organizations that volunteered worked so hard...you were all in there pitching." Enthused about the bicyclists and the response of the townspeople, Hughes

was however, disappointed in the state's role in the bicycle tour. "The state (Oregon Tourism Division) was no help at all," she said. "It was a tough job. If we did some things wrong, we're sorry." Hughes went on to thank Cara Costa, Heppner mayor and co-organizer along with Hughes, Marlene Currin, committee chairperson in charge of food, Terrie Cutsforth, who arranged entertainment, and Judie Laughlin who shares Heppner TV office space with the Chamber and was also home stay coordinator.

Many of the townspeople were impressed with the friendliness and cleanliness of the bicyclists.

Jerry Hollomon of the Shoe Box shoe store in Heppner said, "I had a gal (cyclist) come in and say goodbye to me and my wife. She said 'If we get to vote on this next year we're going to vote to come back to Heppner.'" "They're really a clean bunch," he added. "They really left the town pretty clean."

Meg Murray of Murray Drug said "We had lots of people in the store, everyone who came into the store was really pleased at the reception, and not one negative comment." It turns out that one of the bicyclists was her husband Rod's second cousin. The Murrays also hosted several people at their home.

Jenny Bingham, Murray Drug employee, said "Wonderful. I thought it was great. Everybody was very friendly. I didn't see anybody who was obnoxious."

Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun said the weekend went "real good," with "no problems" during Cycle III's visit to Heppner, a town with a population smaller (at 1,485) than the number of bicyclists on the tour (1,900 at the last count.) Rathbun said that all three Heppner Police worked over the weekend, compared to the two usually scheduled.

Chamber of Commerce President Cliff Green said "It's (Cycle III) a positive experience for the town. It showed once again what we can do when we work together." But he also added, "I think Cycle III management people have something to learn when dealing with small towns."

Renee Devin, office manager at Heppner City Hall, said that 240 people swam at the Heppner swimming pool Sunday. The pool was open from 3 to 9 p.m. at a cost of \$2 per person. In charge of the local booths, Devin said "Some did okay. Some didn't."

Some of the local stores and restaurants, anticipating large crowds, were disappointed in the numbers of bicyclists patronizing their stores. "They (the bicyclists) were very nice people," said Ruth Maben, owner of Court Street Market in Heppner. "They didn't buy as much as expected. I'm glad we didn't stock a lot."

The bicyclists seemed as pleased with the townspeople with many indicating that they would like to come back.

"A lot of them asked me, 'What other events go on here?'" said Doug Dubuque, Kinzua Corp. production manager.

"I think they're going to be on Main Street again," said Hughes. "So many said they were coming back."

"I thought it was a good experience. Someone said something about asking them back again, but I think it's a little too soon," said Marianne Kahl of VanMarter & Kahl Insurance."

Heppner Mayor and co-organizer of the event, Cara Costa, said that after being up for 36 hours and just settling down for a nap around 3 p.m. Monday, she got a knock on her door from someone inquiring about scheduling a three-day bike race in Heppner.

Costa and Hughes, in addition to organizing the whole event locally, also sat up all night at the Heppner Elementary school so that bicyclists could use the showers and restrooms at the school. Some bicyclists camped at the school grounds and others were situated at the fairgrounds. Dinner was also serv-

American Legion-watermelon; and Central Market-frozen yogurt.

Handling breakfast Monday morning were: the Heppner Masonic Lodge-French toast; Willow Creek Country Club-condiments; Episcopal and Lutheran churches-bran muffins; Methodist Church-cantaloupe; Nazarene Church-dispensing cold drinks; and Neighborhood Center-hot drinks.

Many other groups supplied services, food and support.

Hughes said that the funniest situation they encountered was when they ordered a quantity of large institutional-size cans of vegetarian beans for vegetarian bicyclists and received only small cans. "Gwen Healy, Cara Costa and I hit Central Market and started throwing cans of beans into carts—anything with no meat in it," said Hughes. "The funny thing was, we had bicyclists at the table asking for the recipe. There was no recipe."

Costa and Hughes wouldn't reveal



Cara Costa (l) and Claudia Hughes 'alright, good job Heppner' at the school grounds and breakfast at the city park.

In charge of the dinner Sunday evening were: Cattlemen and Cattle Women-steak; Senior Citizens-baked potatoes; Heppner High sophomore class-cleaning and sorting potatoes; Elks club-marinated salad; Ione United Church of Christ-condiments; St. Patrick's Altar Society-vegetarian beans and dinner rolls; Nazarene Church-dispensing cold drinks; Heppner Day Care-monster cookies;

Cross-country tournament

Sunday Men's play at Willow Creek Golf course Sept. 16 will be the annual cross-country tournament. The course design is changed and par now becomes 68. Some plans have been changed due to the ex-

pected power outage, but organizers still hope for a good turnout.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded for gross and net. The cost is \$3 and the shotgun start will begin at 8:30 a.m.

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