

Costa may have to step down as mayor

Heppner Mayor Cara Costa may be forced to step down from her position as mayor because of residency requirements, it was learned at the Heppner City Council meeting Monday evening June 10.

Costa will move out of the Heppner City limits following her upcoming wedding June 21. City attorney Bill Kuhn says he believes Costa will have to step down and is unable to vote in city elections. He said he is researching the issue. Costa said that she is willing to serve as mayor until the end of her term in December 1992 and the council has indicated its support.

Also at the Monday evening meeting new city administrator Gary Marks was sworn in as Heppner city recorder, municipal judge and budget officer.

In other business, the council:
* Approved a resolution adopting a sewer-use charge system study as the basis for city of Heppner sewer use charges;

* Approved an ordinance establishing sewer use charges;
* Approved an ordinance pro-



Mayor Cara Costa swears in new city recorder Gary Marks.

viding rates to be charged for water service; and

* Held a public hearing adopting the city of Heppner budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1991. New regulations call for a \$50 security deposit required for hookup

for city services, up from \$25; and shortening the time span between nonpayment and water shutoff from three to two months. City treasurer Rene Devin said the changes will reduce the money lost on delinquent bills.

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First Interstate bank makes changes



New branch manager Jackie Allstott (l) replaces Harley Sager who transferred to Hermiston.

First Interstate Bank of Oregon has announced a series of personnel moves in conjunction with the newly-opened Eastern Business Banking Center in Hermiston.

Harley Sager, Heppner branch manager for the past eight years, will transfer to the new center, located at the Hermiston branch. Sager said that he will continue to service customers in the Heppner, Condon and Fossil areas as well as spending some time in the field. He said he and his wife, Bertha, will continue to live in Lexington.

Sager began his career with the bank in 1956 and has been manager

of the Heppner branch since 1983. He assumes commercial lending responsibilities in his new position. He is active with the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, the advisory board of the Morrow County School District and the Lexington Baptist Church.

Jackie Allstott will succeed Sager as the manager of the Heppner branch. She has been with the bank since 1969. Active in the community, Allstott is a member of the Heppner Economic Development Corp., Soroptimist International,

American Cancer Society, City of Heppner Budget Committee and is on the computer curriculum advisory committee for the Morrow County School District.

Manager of the new Hermiston center will be Don Reay, Hermiston. He has been with the bank since 1966 and was most recently manager of the bank's Eastern group. In addition to Sager, he will be joined by Robert Kennedy, Pendleton, Tom Worstell, Hermiston and Dan Kuenzi, Pendleton, to provide commercial and agricultural lending expertise.

Pool opens Sunday with free swim

The Heppner swimming pool will open for the summer with a free swim on Sunday, June 16 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Regular pool hours have changed this year because of budget constraints with recreational swim from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., lap swim from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and evening recreational swim from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. The pool will be open Mondays through Fridays for lessons from 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Weekend recreational swims will be 1 to 5 p.m. The pool will be closed Mondays except for lessons.

The pool will be closed on July 4 and August 17 and 18 for rodeo weekend. During fair week the pool will be open for one session only from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. The last day of the season will be August 25.

Returning pool manager will be Sarah Carlson, assisted by Michelle Beck. Instructor guard is Shane Palmer; lifeguards are Charlie Rathbun and Donita Sharp; and cashiers are Tiffany Harrison and Lori Straley.

Individual and family season tickets will remain the same as last year \$25. and \$60 respectively. Daily swim costs per session will be \$1 and lessons are \$15 per student per class, up from \$10 last year. Season tickets may be purchased only at city hall. Lesson sign up and payment will be at the pool.

Session I swim lessons will be held June 17 to 28 with advanced beginners, pre-school, intermediates and

beginner I; session II from July 15 to 26 with beginner III, pre-school, swimmers and beginner II; and session III from July 29 to Aug. 9 with advanced swimmers, advanced beginners, pre-school, intermediates and beginner I.

Lifeguard training classes are scheduled from June 17 to 28, week days from 8 to 11 a.m.; and July 1 and 2 and July 8-12 from 8 a.m. to noon. The classes are open for those 15 years and older. City treasurer Rene Devin said that the city is hoping for a big turnout at the lifeguard training sessions so that people may prepare to become lifeguards the following year, or be available as substitutes.

New water heaters have been installed, the pool has been painted inside and out and new mats have been placed in the showers, said Devin.

Irrigon youth dies in auto accident

An Irrigon youth, Anthony T. Boggs, 17, died following an automobile accident at Big River Farms (formerly SK Farms) 15 miles from Boardman.

Boggs was trapped in a vehicle which had gone into a canal near Homestead Road, east of Poleline.

Four males were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

The accident is still under investigation according to the Morrow County Sheriff's department.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department is challenging area kids with a DARE - Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

The program, designed to teach children drug resistance skills, is a 17-week classroom program scheduled to begin this fall in Morrow County schools.

Started eight years ago by the Los Angeles Police Department, as a joint program with the Los Angeles Unified School District, the DARE program "recognized the need for a comprehensive long-term educational approach to prevent substance abuse among children." The program initially focused on elementary school children, but has since become a comprehensive program for students in grades K through 12.

The program will begin in sixth grade classrooms throughout Morrow County.

"This program addresses both drugs and alcohol," said DARE instructor and Morrow County Sheriff's deputy Steven Myren. "One of our problems in this county is the high use of alcohol."

Myren stresses that the program provides information to kids and deals with the kids honestly...instead of just telling them to "just say no." The program also uses high school role models—high school kids who have stayed off drugs and alcohol, get good grades, but are still popular with other kids—to come into the schools to assist with the program. DARE's success depends on a partnership among kids, parents, teachers and law enforcement.

"DARE goes far beyond traditional drug abuse programs. Typically these programs emphasize drug identification and the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. They warn children not to use these substances, but don't teach them how to resist the pressures to try them. DARE gives children skills to recognize and resist the subtle and overt pressures that cause them to experiment with drugs and alcohol," said a DARE news release. The program will provide students with information on alcohol and drugs, teach students to say "no" to drugs, while providing an alternative, teach students decision-making skills and the consequences of their behavior and will build students' self esteem while teaching them how to resist peer pressure. "The system is "pro-

Barbecue and tour held at Drake farm



Pam Zwi (R) talks to farmers during tour. Zwi is plant breeder at Columbia Basin Ag research center.

The Morrow County Conservation Farm of the Year tour was held last Friday, June 7, ending with a barbecue dinner. The Doug Drake

farm, this year's winner of the coveted award, hosted over 125 guests for barbecued steak and a tour of the farm.

The Conservation Farm of the Year is selected each year by the Oregon Wheat Growers League, with help from the Soil Conservation Service, the SWCD, the extension office and last year's winner. Each wheat growing county selects a county conservation winner and then a state winner is selected from among them. The state conservation winner is announced at the annual OWGL convention.

Drake was selected for the honor for many reasons, according to Fred Lundin, OSU Extension agent. Drake has constructed many miles of new, level terraces and grass waterways in order to control erosion. He has begun a practice of subsoiling his farm to encourage water infiltration instead of runoff. He has also been a member of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee for over nine years. "Doug and Carley Drake have earned the honor of Conservation Farm of the Year," said Lundin.

Police use seized car for drug ed



Deputy Steve Myren displays DARE car to be used in drug program

active" said Myren, "rather than reactive."

According to Myren, the program is already in effect in Hermiston and Pendleton and, once in place, has received "no negative comments." "It's an excellent program," said Undersheriff Verlin Denton. "This will be the most effective program they've come up with," added Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago.

Myren will spend around a quarter of his time on the DARE program, but will still cover Sheriff's Dept. calls.

He has been with the Sheriff's Department for almost two years and has been in law enforcement for about five years.

Myren logged 80 hours of intense training at the Oregon Police Academy by Los Angeles Police Dept. staff. Instruction included

public speaking, teaching techniques and classroom management.

Myren will not be alone in his visits to county schools, he will be accompanied by a pretty impressive-looking black Camaro, seized from a Morrow County drug dealer. Myren says that every item on the car was either donated or paid for by

donations. "This car is a billboard that advertises to drug dealers, 'hey, I could lose my car,'" said Myren. "The car is a real draw for kids." Myren says that donations or money earned by sales to the public are not for profit, but to be recycled back into the drug prevention program to help turn a DARE into a success story for local kids.

G-T offers recycled paper

The Heppner Gazette-Times has added recycled paper to their paper stock in the printing department.

"We want people to know we do have recycled paper available," says G-T owner David Sykes. "There's more concern for the environment now, and we have the paper to meet those concerns."

Ballots mailed

Ballots for a Morrow County School District operating levy of \$359,197 outside the tax base have been mailed to Morrow County voters. A school tax base increase of \$8,032,690 was defeated by Morrow County voters on May 21.

The mail-in ballots must be received by the county by 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25.

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