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Drs. appreciation day June 22



Drs. Ed and Jeanne Berretta

Festivities planned in honor of Heppner's physicians, Drs. Ed and Jeanne Berretta, will be held this Saturday, June 22.

A ladies' luncheon will begin at noon at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall. There is no charge for the luncheon and all ladies are invited to attend. Entertainment will be provided

by the Lone Drama Club.

A golf playday in honor of Dr. Ed Berretta is planned from 1 to 4 p.m. at Willow Creek Country Club. Green fees will be required from those who are not members of WCCC.

An Italian dinner is scheduled at the Heppner Elks Lodge with a no-host social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner

at 7 p.m. Tickets at \$8 each are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office, Murray's Drug in Heppner and Condon and Bristow's Market in Lone.

The Doctor Appreciation Day is sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and the Heppner Soroptimist club.

Pat Wright appointed to fair board

Pat Wright of Lexington was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the Morrow County Fair Board. Wright retired as the county's health nurse in October, 1990. She has been a resident of this area for 18 years.

"Our fair is important to this county," Wright said. "And I now have the time to contribute to the community. I know a lot of people in both ends of the county and I've always been a good mediator when it comes to dealing with interests of different people," she said.

Wright has been an active fair supporter and an exhibitor each year. In addition to sewing and needlework, she also is a painter and photographer.

Her daughter Sandy, was a 4-H'er who enjoyed showing rabbits and horses. Wright said that at one time "Sandy's prolific rabbits almost filled the fair barn." Sandy also served as a princess on the Morrow



Pat Wright

County Fair and Rodeo Court. Wright said that premium books should be ready for circulation this

month. This year's premium book is dedicated to Theta Lowe, Heppner, who has been a fair superintendent for many years.

The theme of this year's fair is "Catch the Pioneer Spirit" and it will be carried out throughout the fair exhibits, booths and the downtown Saturday morning parade.

The Saturday night street dance following the 4-H and FFA fat stock sale will again feature J.T. Johnson and the Best Western Band.

In addition to the amateur talent contest, the 4-H style review and the log bucking contest, Saturday and Sunday afternoon will feature pro-rodeo events. This year there will be a separate admission charge for those performances.

Don Greenup, Heppner, was chosen for the grand marshal. He has been involved with fair and rodeo for many years. Both his daughters and granddaughters have been court members and the family has also been active fair exhibitors.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues. June 18	
Soft White	
June	\$3.46
July	\$3.47
Aug.	\$3.48
Sept.	\$3.50/\$3.52
Barley	
June	\$92
July	\$94
Aug.	\$95
Sept	\$96
PIK	99 3/4 %

Heppner TV holds annual meeting

The 36th annual meeting of Heppner T.V. Inc., was held Tuesday, June 11 at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Six members attended along with the board of directors. President Greg Sweek presided over the meeting as the out-going officer.

Hank Dennis of Barnett, Dennis & Moro, Hermiston CPA firm, gave a brief overview of the year's financial situation. No tax was incurred for the year and a small profit was shown. The board said they felt the

financial outlook was good and did not anticipate expending for capital assets, only operating expenses for the coming year. A rate raise is not

anticipated until 1992 to keep the cash flow even.

The year's system improvements were outlined by Tom Springer, chief engineer. Linda Shaw was elected to the board for a five-year term. This position was held by E.E. Gonty, who served 34 years with Heppner T.V. Board of Directors. He passed away May 26.

At the board meeting directly following the annual meeting Riley Munkers was elected president and Dean Gilman vice president. Judie Laughlin was re-appointed secretary-treasurer.

School board approves salary increases

At the regular Morrow County School Board meeting Monday, June 17, the board approved a 3.5 percent salary increase for confidential employees and increased their salary step increases from seven to 10 steps.

The board also approved a 4.5 percent salary increase for the director of curriculum and the business manager positions currently held by Mike Wsiaki and Chuck Rhoads, respectively. Their salary package will also include 20 vacation days, with no more than 30 days accumulated, 12 paid holidays, five non-contracted days and a 260 day work year, with a one-year contract.

In other business the board: * approved a policy prohibiting secret societies;

* appointed Chloe Pearson to fill the vacancy on the Heppner-Lexington Advisory committee created when Carol Williams resigned

to take an aide position at Heppner Elementary; and

* rejected a \$66,666 bid for construction of a walk-in freezer.

Jerry McElligott retires from school board



Jerry McElligott

Morrow County School Board member Jerry McElligott of Lone, attended his last school board meeting as a board member Monday evening after 10 years on the board.

McElligott served with two superintendents, Matt Doherty and Doyle McCaslin. His retirement from the board comes before Ralph Reed assumes superintendents duties July 1. Reed was present at Monday evening meeting as an observer.

McElligott, 60, was born in Hepp-

ner, but attended school in Portland and served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force before returning to the area in 1973. McElligott and his wife, Maryan, have eight children, seven of whom have graduated from college. The youngest McElligott attends Lone High School.

McElligott said that he hopes he gave the board continuity and said the best a board member could do is "to plan ahead and hope something will come of it." He added that the school board is "bound by state statutes and union contracts."

McElligott will be replaced by John Rietmann, Lone.



Ralph Reed

Lone pool open for the season

By Anne Morter

The lone pool opened for the summer swimming season on Friday June 14. The pool will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, hours will be from 2-5 p.m. only. The pool will be closed on Mondays.

A season pass is \$20 for a single person or \$50 for a family. Daily rates are 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults. Preschoolers are free. Margaret Kincaid is the pool manager this season.

Christman sentenced to three years for second-degree manslaughter conviction

Carl Christman was sentenced to five years in prison Monday, June 17, following his conviction for second-degree manslaughter in connection with the May 11, 1990 hit and run death of an injured motorist who had crawled back on the road following an accident, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Christman, 33, of Lone, had been convicted by a Morrow County Circuit Court jury in April of second-degree manslaughter, felony hit-and-run, reckless driving and three counts of recklessly endangering.

Circuit Court Judge Pro-Tem Richard Courson also ordered Christman to serve a three-year minimum sentence before being eligible for parole on the manslaughter charge. In addition, Judge Courson imposed a three-year prison term with a two-year minimum sentence on the felony hit-and-run, and also imposed two-year terms with a one-year minimum on each of the recklessly endangering

convictions. All of the sentences are to run concurrently. The reckless driving conviction was merged by the court with the manslaughter conviction for purposes of sentencing, said Wallace.

The sentences stem from a May, 1990, incident in which Christman drove his vehicle through a group of passersby attending to Steven Burland, 26, on Highway 207, between Lexington and Hermiston, instantly killing Burland who had crawled onto the roadway from his overturned vehicle. Christman fled the scene and was later apprehended at the Echo Tavern, where he was arrested. He was shown to have a blood-alcohol level of .23. The reckless endangering convictions were in connection with passersby who were attending to Burland and who were almost struck by Christman's vehicle, according to Wallace.

During testimony at the Monday sentencing, Wallace called Joyce Hughes, who was attending to

Burland at the time of the accident and was one of the three person almost hit. Hughes said she was angered by Christman's actions and also felt sorry for his wife and children.

Defense attorney Warren Moon asked for a more lenient sentence, saying Christman had undergone treatment for alcoholism and that his family has suffered emotionally and financially.

Wallace said Christman had two prior drunk driving convictions, one in 1979 and one in May of 1987. In imposing the five-year prison term, Judge Courson specifically held that state sentencing guidelines adopted by the 1989 Oregon Legislature were unconstitutional. Those guidelines provide for a 20-month maximum prison term for Christman's second-degree manslaughter conviction.

The judge also ordered that Christman pay restitution to the family of the victim in the amount of \$5,500.

Local kids take advantage of free swim



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Kim McCurry does a flip off the diving board Sunday at the Heppner swimming pool. Around 60 parents and children took advantage of the free swim offered on the opening day of the Heppner swimming pool.

The kids seemed to have a great time despite the cool temperature outside. New water heaters have been installed at the pool this year. New filters are expected to be shipped from Conroe, Texas on June 28.

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