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Lankford wins lumber grading contest

Steve Lankford was the first place winner of the lumber grading contest at the Western Wood Products Group Grade meeting hosted by Kinzua Corporation June 15, 1991.

These meetings are held each year for lumber mills in this area. This year, 24 people attended, including graders from Walla Walla, Washington; Pilot Rock, LaGrande, Baker and Heppner. The grading contest is divided into two sections. One section for certified graders and one for non-certified graders. During the week prior to the meeting, there were 50 pieces of lumber selected by the assistant chief inspector and the lumber inspector for this area from the Western Wood Products Association. The lumber pieces are from grade groups of common, dimension, shop and select. The graders are given one hour to look over and determine the grade.

Steve Lankford and Don Marvin tied on the certified section, however, Steve won the written run-off. Duane Disque won the non-certified section. All of the top awards were won by Kinzua graders.

Steve was presented a WWPA engraved belt buckle and Duane was



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L-R: Duane Disque, Steve Lankford and Don Marvin work on grading lumber at Kinzua Mill.

presented a plaque at the luncheon at the Elks Club.

Kinzua Corporation graders are Jay Dee Hudson, Mike Smith, Steve Lankford, Don Marvin, Duane Disque, Ray Banka and Mark Patton.

"Kinzua is very proud of the outstanding work done by their graders at this and other annual meetings, as well as the day to day grading," said a Kinzua representative.

Sport exams Aug. 7 at PMH clinic

Sports physical exams will be given to Ione and Heppner students wishing to participate in athletics Wednesday, August 7, at the Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner.

Students going into the sixth grade in Ione and seventh grade in Heppner along with sophomores in high school and students new to the school district must have a physical exam for athletic participation.

Girls will be examined beginning at 4 p.m. and boys are scheduled for 7 p.m. The exams will be ad-

ministered by the Drs. Berretta.

Each student must have a form completed with medical history and parental signature before an exam will be given. Schools will be mailing forms to students. Any student not receiving a form by mail may obtain the form at any of the school buildings.

High school football and volleyball practices are scheduled to begin Monday, August 19, with daily doubles.

SWCD plans board meeting

A regular board meeting of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors will be held Sunday, August 4, at the Ir-rigon Marina picnic area at 12 noon.

Agenda items will include review of the RC&D Measure and 1991-92 budget update. The meeting will be followed by a potluck barbecue.

Fair and Rodeo Princesses Ashbeck and Bedortha lead active lifestyles



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Princess Jenni Ashbeck keeps busy driving wheat truck for her dad Alvin Ashbeck during harvest.

Riding horseback comes as easily as learning to walk for youngsters of a ranching family. And Princess Jenni Ashbeck's lifestyle on the family's Buttercreek ranch is no exception.

The daughter of Alvin and Julie Ashbeck, 16 year old Jenni will be a junior at Heppner High School this fall. She is no stranger to summertime fair and rodeo court life as she has been a court pennant bearer for the past three years.

Two sisters on the same fair and rodeo court means a double commitment for the Ashbecks. But it also

takes cooperation, they say, when it's time to get two girls, horses and all of the gear ready for show. However, judging from the many blue ribbons that this court has won at parade performances everywhere, sharing that interest has deepened their family ties. Jenni says that the court families have developed a strong family-type relationship that has added to their summertime pleasure.

Princess Jenni is busy driving wheat truck for her father during harvest. She seldom misses an opportunity to help her Buttercreek

ranch neighbors gather cattle, especially during spring and fall months.

Barrel racing and pole bending along with other horseback games are a part of Jenni's horse interests. She has often won her age division at the Wrangler Riding Club playdays. She also finds time to participate in the 4-H horse and livestock activities.

Her other interests include sketching, photography and sports. At school, she served two years on the student council and is a volleyball and basketball team member. This year, she is the vice president of the Heppner FFA Chapter. As a judging team participant, last year she placed ninth out of 200 contestants in the judging contest at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland.

This year, Jenni opted to not show sheep at the county fair due to her court commitment and lack of preparation time at home, but she will be competing in the judging contests.

Jenni's talent for drawing western scenes reflects her heritage as a third generation member of Ashbeck ranchers. Her grandparents, Leo and Mary Ashbeck still reside at the ranch headquarters. Her other grandparents are Earl and Delores Ayers of The Dalles.

Jenni's court mount this year is "Murdock" a sorrel quarterhorse gelding. He's a dependable horse, she says, that readily takes to court activities even though he had never before been used for parades and grand entries.

Princess Kristine Bedortha, Ione, is the 16 year old daughter of Tom and Anne Bedortha. At a very early age, she progressed from jogging along on the back of a fat shetland pony to much larger and faster horses.

Her love of animals and horses stems from a family that enjoys horse activities. For instance, her father participates in team roping and both parents have served on the rodeo committee. Her younger sister, Kimberly 13, is a pennant bearer for this year's court.

Trail rides, playdays and gathering cattle are among the horseback activities that Kristine enjoys. For the past seven years she has been an active member of the Ione 4-H horse club, the "Martingales" that is led by her mother, Anne. With that group, Kristine serves as junior leader helping younger members with their horses.

For her court appearances, Princess Kristine is riding a sorrel nine-year-old quarterback gelding "Barlink Tuffy I". He has an excellent disposition for noisy parades or speedy run-ins for grand entries, she says.

Though there's lots of work in having her horse and her own self "just right" for the many out-of-town appearances, she says that meeting lots of new people and helping to promote fair and rodeo has made a very memorable summer.

Princess Kristine is also a gifted singer. She enjoys singing in her school and the community bands. Her career choices waiver between that of a physical therapist or something in the musical field, she says. After graduating from Ione High School in 1992, she has plans to attend Central Oregon Community College in Bend.

As a busy senior this year, she will continue in extra-curricular sports



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Princess Kristine Bedortha receives a fax while she works part time at the school district office.

including volleyball and tennis. She was a member of the 1990 Ione Lady Cardinal State basketball championship team. She also finds time for serving as an acolyte and involvement with the church youth group at Valby Lutheran Church.

Princess Kristine credits her 4-H years with helping her to gain poise and improve with public speaking. She has served as a 4-H camp counselor and she will again show a market lamb at fair.

Adding excitement and fun for the younger set during fair and rodeo week will be the return of Randy's Funland Carnival, she says. Princess Kristine says she is looking forward to the amateur talent contest as a participant. Her musical ear also lauds the Saturday evening street dance at the fair after the auction sale. Music for that event will again be provided by J.T. Johnson and the Best Western Band from Pendleton.

Application made for Main St. Tree Grant

The city of Heppner and the Vision 2000 group announced that an application has been made to the Oregon Department of Forestry for a \$4,830 Urban and Community Forestry Grant to provide funding for a Main Street tree program.

According to Heppner City Administrator Gary Marks, the proposed tree program is aimed at enhancing the downtown environment through the introduction of natural beauty. The program, which will require a great deal of community volunteerism, envisions the placement of 21 flowering plum trees on a two block stretch of Main Street between Center Street and May Street. The precise placement of the trees has not been decided, and will require input from citizens and downtown merchants.

The tree planting program will

also include the placement of sidewalk benches near the trees. "We're hoping to draw people into the downtown area by creating a more interesting and accommodating environment for people," said city administrator Gary Marks.

The grant money would be used for materials needed to plant the trees, but would not be used to purchase trees.

If the grant is approved, a "buy-a-tree" program would be launched to identify groups, businesses or individuals who would be interested in purchasing and donating trees to the project. In return, the donors would have their names affixed near the trees noting their contribution.

The city will receive notice from the Forestry Department in September as to whether the grant has been approved.

Locals win lottery prizes

Hoby Hansen, Heppner was the lucky winner of \$743 last Wednesday in the Mega Bucks lottery. He had five out of six numbers. Winning Tuesday in Lotto America was Nella Britt also of Heppner. She won five out of six numbers for \$642. Nella and her husband just purchas-

ed a house and she said this is probably where her money will go.

Both tickets were purchased at Central Red Apple Market in Heppner. Britts and Hansens are neighbors.

Is there a vacant house in the neighborhood?

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

July 23 - 29, 1991				
	High	Low	Prec	Rain
Tues.	94	63	.0	
Weds.	91	60	.07	
Thurs.	82	48	.0	
Fri.	85	60	.0	
Sat.	90	56	.0	
Sun.	92	56	.0	
Mon.	89	55	.0	

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