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Ranger District open house well attended



Photo by Joyce Hughes

L-R: Former Ranger Roger Williams, chamber president LoRayne Bowman, present Ranger Delanne Ferguson, mayor Kay Robinson, city administrator Gary Marks and building owner Ruby Shears all help with the cutting of the ribbon.

Over 200 people visited the new Heppner Ranger District offices on their open house held May 6 in Heppner.

On hand for the dedication ceremony was former Heppner Ranger Roger Williams, who had a part in planning the move from the previous district offices. Williams now works at the Fremont National Forest supervisor's office at Silver Lake. Between 50 and 75 people attended the dedication.

Other speakers included current Heppner District Ranger

Delanne Ferguson, Chamber of Commerce president LoRayne Bowman, who also read a letter from Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson, Heppner City administrator Gary Marks and Ruby Shears, building owner.

The district provided punch and cookies and tours of the new facility and also held a tree give-away.

In addition to the 200 individuals passing through the new offices, first, second and third grade classes, Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts toured the new building.

The building allows all 45 permanent district employees to be under one roof and will accommodate the anticipated influx of temporary help in the summer. Office space has been increased from around six thousand square feet in several offices scattered around Heppner to nine thousand square feet. The new facility also has a large conference room. The Forest Service previously had to rent a building for large meetings or conferences. Offices had been located on Willowview Drive up towards the high school, the Coast to Coast Building and the Pettyjohn Building.

John Prag named realtor of the year

John Prag attended last week's Columbia Basin board of Realtor of the Year luncheon.

As it turned out, Prag was honored as the year's top Realtor for his many contributions to the industry including a role organizing the group that honored him.

Prag, who had owned Mt. Valley Land Co. in Boardman until recently, helped recently, helped organize the local board, according to Linda Seavert, who presented the annual award to Prag.

Prag was involved in real estate soon after graduating from the University of Oregon when he started working for a title com-

pany. He developed buildings in Gearhart and the Portland area before moving to Joseph where he was involved in farming and real estate sales.

Prag was growing potato seed in the Joseph area and selling the seed in the Hermiston and Boardman area. When collecting for some sales became difficult, Prag traded seed for land rent and moved to Boardman to farm in that area.

He became involved in real estate sales, helped create a title company and has been instrumental in many development projects in the Boardman area. Seavert told the luncheon audience.

In addition to local involvement in the real estate profession, Prag has been involved at regional and state levels of the profession and active in several community organizations.

"John believes that we should all be involved in our community affairs," said Seavert, "and his civic mindedness has led him to be involved with ECOAC, GEODC, the Morrow County School Budget Committee, Boardman planning Commission and other local concerns."

Prag went ahead with the speech he had prepared discussing his campaign for Morrow County Commissioner after expressing his complete surprise and appreciation for the honor.

In his remarks, Prag listed three major issues he is taking to the race in Morrow County. Paying for needed government services under the restrictions imposed by Measure 5, maintaining the viability of local communities in the mid to late 1990's and beyond, and the erosion of private property rights by state and federal restrictions.

Fair and Rodeo court raffle afghan

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court will again be raffling a beautiful knit afghan this year. The afghan was made and donated to the court by Queen Jenni Ashbeck's grandmother, Dolores Ayres of The Dalles.

Tickets will be on sale from each of the court members and at Gardner's Men's Wear in Heppner, for \$1 each or six for \$5. The afghan will be on display at Gardner's. A lucky winner will be announced at the Morrow County Rodeo on Friday, August 21, 1992. Jeanneine Pettyjohn of Heppner was last year's winner.



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L-R: Princess Angie Partlow, Shelly Ashbeck, Staci O'Brien and Queen Jenni Ashbeck display afghan to be raffled.

Library district-park bond on ballot May 19

Voters will decide the fate of several ballot measures when they go to the polls Tuesday, May 19.

Boardman and Heppner voters will vote on formation of a library district with a \$140,684 tax base and on library board members, all of whom are unopposed.

Proponents of the district say that local libraries will close unless a district is formed and that some district tax payers will pay less for libraries than they had

previously.

Boardman voters will decide a 10-year \$100,000 Boardman Park and Recreation District bond issue for improvements including electrical and irrigation improvements.

A state measure, if passed, will amend the Oregon Constitution so that future fuel taxes and vehicle registration surcharges may go to police for the policing of roads.

Kindergarten registration scheduled

Children in the Heppner school area who will be in kindergarten next fall are encouraged to attend a visitation/registration day Thursday, May 21 at Heppner Elementary School.

Parents should call the school office at 676-9128 to set up a time for the visit. Kindergarten teacher, Cherry Webber, will spend about 20 minutes with small groups of children throughout the day. There will be a story, a simple craft to make

and plenty of conversation so that children might feel more comfortable about coming to school in the fall.

Parents will need to spend that time taking care of registration. Parents need to bring a birth certificate as proof of birth date and an immunization record.

Children must be five years old by September 1, 1992 to register for kindergarten in Oregon.

There will be no regular kindergarten class on that day.

Oregon Trail grant deadline extended

The Morrow County Oregon Trail Task Force has extended the deadline for project proposals requesting funds from the Oregon Trail Coordinating Committee's grant program for the 1993 ses-

quicentennial celebration. The original local deadline was May 1, but significant response and the desire to encourage

county-wide participation has prompted the Task Force to extend the deadline to May 15. Anyone with questions concerning the procedure or criteria for applying for funding assistance for Oregon Trail Projects is encouraged to contact Marsha Sweek at the Morrow County Museum.

Weed crops tour planned May 19

A county-wide weed and crops tour will take place on May 19 starting in Heppner. This tour will be sponsored by the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District, Morrow County Weed Department, Morrow County Soil Conservation Service and the Morrow County Extension Service. Jerry Anderson, Dave Pranger, Loren Unruh and Don Rydrych will be in charge.

Tour stops will highlight agricultural interests in Morrow County. Topics will include commercial cheatgrass control in winter cereals, herbicide trials for broadleaf and grass weed control in wheat, biological control of perennial weeds using natural predators, straw and residue management in cultivated and irrigated wheat fields, and hydroseeding for the establishment of permanent grass cover in disturbed soil environments. In addition, the tour will include a weed identification contest for farmers and visitors. The tour will drive by many established

crops such as "canola" grass seed, triticale, and peas. The tour will concentrate on the south side of Morrow County for 1992.

Participants are asked to assemble at the Morrow County fairgrounds in Heppner at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19. Orientation and coffee will last until 9:30 a.m. The group will board vehicles for the tour. Guests will include dealers, farmers, re-

searchers and agricultural industry representatives.

"The tour is being held on primary election day and will be over in time for everyone to vote," said tour sponsors.

Farmers who have pesticide licenses can get credit for three hours of instruction by attending the tour.

For more information contact the Morrow County Extension office, 676-9642.

Voting places announced by clerk

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday, May 19, to decide the fate of national, state, county and local issues and candidates.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

01 North Boardman-Greenfield Grange; 02 South Boardman-Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; 03 Hardman-Morrow County Courthouse; 04 Ione-Ione

City Hall; 05 North Irrigon-North Morrow Annex; 06 South Irrigon-Irrigon City Hall; 07 Lexington-Mormon Church; 08 NE Heppner-Old City Hall; 09 NW Heppner-Pettyjohn Office Building; 10 SE Heppner and 11 SW Heppner-Morrow County Courthouse.

For information on candidates and issues look in this week's Gazette-Times.

Heppner TV to air comic relief

Heppner TV Inc. is opening Channel 14 to bring all their subscribers an event that is one of the cable industry's most important charitable causes of raising funds for America's homeless.

HBO signal of the fifth Comic Relief original program will be carried on Channel 14, Saturday, May 16, at 9 p.m. for four hours of comedy with Billy Crystal, Robin Williams and Whoopi Goldberg as hosts, live from Los Angeles.

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