

Air tour visits Lexington airport



Valarie and Rip Osterhuber with their 1954 refurbished plane.

Lexington was one of many stops on the Oregon Air Tour '92 which included Klamath Falls, Burns, Caldwell and McCall, Idaho, Enterprise, Pendleton, Lexington and Hood River.

Most of the pilots on the tour said that the weather had been great until they neared Lexington. Wind, poor visibility and the

threat of thunderstorms made flying more difficult. Fifty planes began the tour and 30 remained with the tour on the last leg of the journey.

Valarie and Rip Osterhuber of Sun River spent two years rebuilding and restoring their 1954 plane as closely to its original condition. Rip Osterhuber was a military pilot

and then flew for United Airlines until he retired two years ago.

The Osterhubers say that they have really enjoyed the tour. "It's been great coming into the small towns, meeting the people," said Valarie. "That's the neat part." They said the ride from Pendleton to Lexington was the bumpiest so far.

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Heppner city council increases city manager's salary

The Heppner City Council voted at their July 13 meeting to increase city manager Gary Marks' salary by \$200 a month to \$34,680 annually.

The \$2,400 yearly increase comes in addition to a five-percent cost-of-living increase granted to city employees beginning July 1 for the 1992-93 fiscal year.

Heppner mayor Kay Robinson said that the raise follows Marks' one-year job evaluation by the council. "We rated him quite highly," said Robinson. "Marks started work as city manager in May of last year," she said.

The pay raise, which was not budgeted, will come out of the city's contingency fund, said Marks.

Citing the financial hardships created by Ballot Measure 5, the city earlier eliminated one police officer at \$23,413; \$25,923 for operation of the Heppner city pool; \$15,229 for operation of the

city library and \$5,000 for the Chamber of Commerce manager's salary.

The pool has not been opened this year because of a lack of funding and structural problems. A committee has been formed to study the issue.

Citizens in an area which include Boardman and Heppner, but not Irrigon, Lexington or Ione, approved formation of a \$140,684 library district. District board members and their attorneys, however, failed to fulfill a filing requirement, so the district is unable to levy taxes for the district until the 1993-94 fiscal year. Morrow County stepped in with \$63,000 so that the libraries in Heppner and Boardman will be able to remain open.

The city approved a motel tax which would be used for the chamber manager's salary. Tom LaRusso, owner of the Northwestern Motel in Heppner, however, opposed the tax and

sponsored a referendum which would repeal it. The referendum will go before voters on Sept. 15. He is in the process of sponsoring an initiative which would prohibit the council to enact any tax without a vote of the people.

Heppner residents approved a \$390,000 10-year capital improvement levy for the fire and police departments and administration at city hall. The levy will fund remodeling and an addition to the fire hall in 1993 at \$100,000; a new pumper truck this year at \$165,000; a multi-departmental car at \$15,000 in 1999; a computer scanner at \$1,500, a dictation machine at \$300, a Fax at \$500 a police squad car at \$14,400 in 1993; and a calculator and phone at \$100 each for the city. The capital levy will cost Heppner residents an additional \$2.47 per thousand each year per assessed valuation.

State representative candidate visits Heppner

Mike Payne, Democratic candidate for state representative, said last week that economic development for Eastern Oregon will be the main theme of his campaign.

Running for the spot left vacant when incumbent Mike Nelson decided not to run, Payne says increased tourism promotion, attracting secondary wood products manufacturing and use of lottery dollars is the way to stimulate the economy in our part of the state.

Only 23 years old, Payne was born and raised in Baker and worked for two sessions on Nelson's legislative staff.

A graduate of Baker High, Payne went on to attend Eastern Oregon State College, Oxford University in England, and received a B.A. from Duke University.

Saying he would like to follow the lead of Nelson, Payne is opposed to the sales tax, and would like to see instead a flat rate tax. "It's less regressive than the sales tax," says Payne. He also proposes an increase in the corporate tax to make up for revenue lost from measure 5, the property tax limitation recently passed by voters.

"I'd advocate repealing measure 5," said Payne. "Big corporations got a huge windfall from measure 5." He says the government can't cut deep enough to make up for revenue lost.

On other issues Payne says he is pro-choice on the abortion issue, in favor of more equitable distribution of money among Oregon school districts, and in favor of a two-term limitation on



Michael Payne

elected officials. "We'd do better with less career politicians," he said.

On the issue of gun control, his response is simply, "I have an A rating with the NRA."

Payne lives in Baker and has worked as a computer programmer for the U.S. Forest Service, and as a forest fire fighter for an interagency hotshot crew.

Second session swim lessons begin

The second session of swimming lessons for Ione kids will begin Tuesday, July 21 and continue through July 31. Officials say there was a great turnout for the first session and they hope to have another good session.

The cost is \$15 and checks may be made to the Ione pool. Classes and times being offered are as follows: swimmers, 9-9:45 a.m.; intermediates 10-10:45 a.m.; advanced beginners 11-11:45 a.m.; beginners noon-12:30 p.m.

Heppner kids interested in the swimmers class may take it during the Ione session since it is not being offered during the Heppner sessions.

Basic water safety and emergency water safety classes will also be offered. People of all ages may take the basic water safety class. To be eligible for the emergency water safety class swimmers must have passed the intermediate level of swimming or take a skills test to prove their abilities. It is preferred that they have taken the basic class. There will be a limit of 10 students per class. Tentative dates for basic water safety are July 25, 26 and 27. The emergency water safety class will be August 1-3. Both classes will be three hours each day. Anyone interested in either class should contact Jill Nelson at the pool or call 989-8494; or Shane Palmer, 422-7115, no later than Thursday, July 23.

Melon sales to aid pool project



Julie and Kay Proctor show new fruit stand

In an effort to help out the Heppner swimming pool project, Green Feed store in Heppner, which is now selling Tom Able Farm produce, will donate one cent for every pound of watermelon sold.

"We want to help out the swimming pool project," says Kay Proctor, who, with her husband, Mike, is owner of Green Feed.

The city shut down the Heppner Pool this year, citing budget cuts and the deteriorating condition of the pool.

Green Feed has watermelons

and cantaloupe in stock now, and "we'll be receiving more produce later," said Proctor.

Submit articles for Fair edition

The 1992 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo special edition will be published in the Heppner Gazette-Times on August 12.

Anyone wishing to get their special event or contest in the fair tab should bring the information in no later than July 29. Advertising deadline date is 5 p.m. July 31.

Katie Bacon wins trip to Florida

Letting your kids watch Saturday morning cartoons really does pay off. At least it did for the Bill and Marcy Bacon family of Ione. The Bacons' won an expense-paid trip for four to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida.

The Bacons' daughter, Katie, nine, sent in a reply to a contest offered on Saturday morning television. Her mother said that she didn't even think Katie's letter would get there, much less win them a trip. But, last week Universal Studios called them up and confirmed that Katie's entry was indeed a winner. And the Bacons are thrilled. "I've hard-

ly even been out of Eastern Oregon," commented Marcy.

The Bacons will leave from Seattle, WA, Sept. 13 for a four-day, three-night trip to Orlando. The package includes airline tickets, lodging, and two days of passes to Universal Studios. Since the Bacons have three children, including Jake, 16 and Joe 13, they will pay for the fifth airline ticket themselves. Besides that, all they have to pay for is their meals. Since the Bacons have relatives in Orlando, they plan on staying another three days to take in Disney World. Marcy said that the trip is valued around \$3,000.

4-H Fair pre-registration due

Fair pre-registrations are due July 24 at the Extension office or at the Irrigon annex. However, the fair premium books have not been sent out and probably will not be mailed before July 17. "This is beyond the control of the Extension Office," said an Extension spokesperson. "We do not publish the Fair Premium Book."

A copy of the 1991 fair book may be used to complete pre-

registration. There will be a copy available at the Heppner Extension Office and at the Irrigon Annex. 4-H members are encouraged to return fair pre-registrations

Wagon donated to Ione park

An old-fashioned wagon has been donated to the Ione city park and plans are underway to display it. Plans include purchasing railroad ties to display the wagon and help protect it from vandalism caused by vehicles driv-

ing through the park.

Anyone wishing to donate to the project may send their donation to: Park Fund, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione. Ties may be purchased for \$10 each.

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