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Progress continues on fairgrounds renovation project



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Gerald Pierson (l) of the Bank of Eastern Oregon and Larry Mills of Morrow County Grain Growers help unload the truck carrying the lighting system for the football field at the Morrow County Fairgrounds that arrived this week.

Progress continues on the renovation of the Morrow County Fairgrounds this week with the delivery of the football field lights from Musco Lighting Company of Muscatine, Iowa. The lights will be installed over the next two weeks through the direction of Archie Ball of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. "The Co-op has

been a major contributor of time and talent, taking care of the electrical and technical aspects of the project," said George Koffler, vice chairman of the Morrow County Fairgrounds Master Plan Executive Committee. "Roger Schoonover and Lott's Electric are also providing a substantial

amount of time and materials to make the project go smoothly," Koffler added.

The Heppner Booster Club has arranged for financing the purchase of the lights and other expenses related to the football field, as well as funding for the new baseball field.

"Fund raising has begun to take care of these costs," Koffler said. The Bank of Eastern Oregon, Kinzua Corporation and Morrow County Grain Growers each have contributed \$2,500 to start the fund raising drive by the Fairgrounds Masterplan Executive Committee and the Booster Club. Koffler reports that Jim and John Logan of Ione have made a sizeable contribution and contacts are now being made throughout the area on an individual basis. The Morrow County School District also budgeted \$20,000 to give the project a big boost.

Preparations are also being made to contact a broad base of people interested in the furtherance of the project. "A \$100 Club is being established and letters will go out in the next two weeks to a number of individuals and families in the area, hoping they can contribute \$100 to help get through the first phase of this improvement to the 'fairgrounds,'" Koffler explained.

Fund raising is being handled through the Heppner Booster Club. Donations may be made to the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner Branch, in care of the Booster Club Fairgrounds Renovation.

Judge Gray selected for legal institute



Charlotte Gray

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Charlotte Gray, Heppner, has been notified that she is one of only three judges in Oregon selected to attend the 1992-93 Legal Institute, conducted by the National Judicial College at Reno, Nevada. Only 20 people from all over the U.S. were accepted for the course.

Judge Gray will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to attend the

institute. The scholarship will include air fare, lodging and meals and tuition and books. She said that the county will cover only \$300 of the costs involved in attending the course.

Felix Stumpf, project director, said that the National Judicial College was "impressed by (Gray's) prior judicial service, dedication to a continued career in the judiciary and enthusiastic desire to improve and enhance knowledge and use of the law," in the cases that she handles.

Judge Gray will attend a two-week course at Reno December 6-18, followed by a four-month video correspondence course and a two-week course in June, followed by another four-month video correspondence course. Gray said that the course was the equivalent of the first year of law school.

Judge Gray has been Morrow County Justice of the Peace for the last 14 years.

Ione Auxiliary plans flea market

By Anne Morter

The Ione Chapter of the Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a Flea Market on Saturday, Oct. 17. The event will be held at the Ione Legion Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tables at the Flea Market are available for \$2 and may be reserved by calling Beverly Doherty at 422-7177 or Vera Rietmann at 422-7155. Tables must be reserved by October 15.

Homemade pie and coffee will be served during sale hours by the auxiliary.

The Auxiliary also discussed traveling to Hermiston on September 26 for a district 6 meeting. At the end of their meeting they draped the charter in memory of Alice Newell, a former member of the group who lived in San Francisco before her death last spring.

School board approves classified contract

The Morrow County School Board approved a 3.5 percent wage increase in a contract with the Oregon School Employees Association for classified employees at the Sept. 21 school board meeting. Classified employees include non-certified personnel such as aides, secretaries, cooks and bus drivers.

The board changed the bus drivers reimbursement to an hourly rate. Previously the drivers had been paid various amounts, depending on the route they drove.

The board increased secretaries' wages to bring the wages more in line with the state average. According to school board member Marcia Kemp, all of the classified employees are now near or above state averages.

The board also combined the classified employees' separate medical and dental plans into one plan with \$100 deductible per employee or \$150 deductible per family. The classified employees' plan has a \$330 per month cap.

In other business the board: -approved purchase of a \$1,800 commercial drier for Columbia Junior High School. The school had previously used a non-commercial drier, but required a commercial machine because of the quantity of clothes dried. CJH dries an average of 300 towels a day, in addition to uniforms;

-granted three requests for out of district students to attend various schools-one to attend Umatilla High School, one to attend Echo High School and one to attend Heppner High School;

-disapproved purchase of PE locker baskets for Columbia Junior High. The baskets will be budgeted next year, said Kemp;

-approved a tuition rate for Olex High School students;

-adopted the budget calendar to meet state requirements for next year;

-accepted donations totalling \$150 to Riverside High School;

-approved a pilot program at A.C. Houghton which would allow first grade teachers to use a textbook they had developed;

-did not approve a contract with the Oregon School Boards Association to revise board policy. The policy revision will be put in next year's budget, said Kemp;

-tabled a proposal for an electrical service study for all district buildings;

-approved hiring an additional teacher for A.C. Houghton Elementary School's third grade class. The two current third grade classrooms have 32 students each;

-discussed purchase of a \$2,800 stairmaster which would enable a handicapped student to access second and third floor classrooms. Kemp said that a wheelchair may be attached to the stairmaster, which would mechanically climb the stairs. She said that the machine may be moved to other buildings as needed;

-approved resignations of: Dan Daltoso, Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee; Robin Graff, Ione Middle School assistant track coach; Tom French CJH head football coach; Sandra

Dooney, Irrigon bus driver; Dirk Dirksen RHS assistant baseball coach; Tracy Foster, HHS assistant volleyball coach;

-approved employment of: Roger Helmer, assistant superintendent; Courtenay Deniston, RHS newcomer center teacher; Torrie Meyers, RHS newcomer center trainer/coordinator; Arlene Flanagan, Boardman-Irrigon bus driver; Melissa Richards, RHS instructional assistant for newcomer center; Jane Swann RHS instructional assistant for the newcomer center; Marchell Downey, RHS clerical assistant for the newcomer center; Pat Quarisa RHS special education instructional assistant; Dawn Watt, ACH instructional assistant; Lori Pruitte, ACH special education instructional assistant; Barbara Broadbent, SBE cook's helper, part time; Dirk Dirksen, RHS head baseball coach; Robin Graff HHS assistant baseball coach; Bobbette Howell, HES special education instructional assistant; Gregg Rietmann, IHS assistant boys basketball coach; Victor Wallace, RHS head girls basketball coach; Steve Schaber, IMS assistant football coach; Nancy Swarat, HHS assistant volleyball coach; Sue Thompson, HHS dance team advisor.

Granted a leave of absence to Theresa Proctor, Sam Boardman Elementary fourth grade teacher and Darcy Robinson, Heppner High School secretary.

HHS senior class plans potato feed

The Heppner senior class of '93 will hold a baked potato feed from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the fairgrounds annex building before the football game against Sherman County, Friday, Sept. 25. The cost for a potato with toppings, drink and dessert is \$3. Toppings available will be chili, broccoli and cheese sauce, cheese, onions and sour cream.

Proceeds will go towards the senior class drug and alcohol free graduation trip.

Queen and court tryouts slated

Tryouts for the 1993 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court have been set for Sunday, Oct. 25 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Any young lady who will be 16 by August 1, 1993 is welcome to

try out. For an application and rules contact Darlene Scroggins, 676-9474 or Julie Ashbeck at 989-8202.

All completed applications must be returned no later than Friday, Oct. 23.

Boys and girls at least 11 years old wishing to serve as pennant bearers for the court may send a letter stating your desire to serve to Julie Ashbeck, HC70 Box 411, Echo, OR 97826.

Solar interference to disrupt TV

Heppner TV Inc. will experience signal loss October 6 through 13 around 1:05 p.m. for approximately 10 minutes each day. Most satellite channels will be off at these times, however VHI will be off earlier in the day and the Disney Channel and USA will have interruption at about 1:40 p.m. Each interruption is approximately 10 minutes or less.

The loss of satellite signal due to solar interference is an inherent part of satellite operations and occurs in the spring and fall of each year. It takes place when the orbital positions of the satellite and the sun are in one line. The earth station then receives signals from both, but the more powerful sun subdues the desired signal, causing a loss of service.

Prizes lined up for Reno Night

Some terrific prizes have been lined up for the Heppner Booster Club's Reno Night planned for Oct. 17.

Already on tap are four OSU-Stanford football tickets. The tickets are for 50-yard line at the OSU homecoming game on Oct. 24.

Other prizes to be auctioned off are Tri-Cities Chinook basketball tickets; Tri-Cities Americans hockey tickets and several Tri-Cities restaurant gift certificates.

Tickets are now available at Morrow County Grain Growers for the half beef drawing. The winner will be drawn on Reno Night.

Craft items for the country store are still needed. Call Susan Johnston 676-5562.

Arts and Crafts club to meet

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will resume meetings for the remainder of the year, following a break during the summer months. A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Sept. 28 at Kate's Pizza, 1 p.m.

Plans are underway for the groups second annual Harvest of the Arts show and sale Fri. and Sat., Nov. 6 and 7 at the Senior

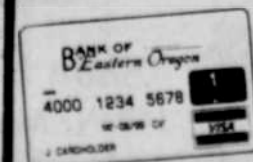
Center in Heppner. All members are encouraged to bring something to sell and an item for the white elephant table.

Meetings are regularly scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month. Anyone interested in attending a meeting or joining the group is most welcome. For more information contact club president Mary Moyer, 676-9844.



Now that's a fish. Steve Rhea and his daughter Macy show off a 32-inch steelhead Steve caught Saturday on the John Day River. Although it's not the biggest steelhead he's caught, he did say it was close. Steve guessed the fish weighed "a little over 13 pounds."

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