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## Heppner Fire Dept gets new tanker truck

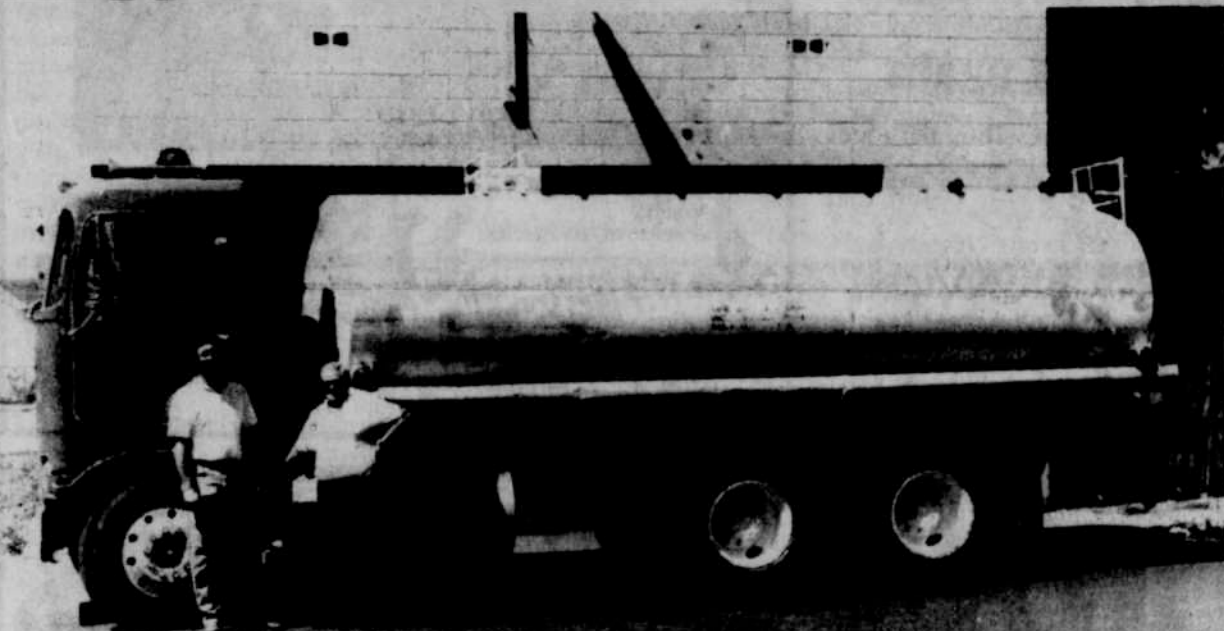


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Steve Rhea (l) and Forrie Burkenbine display new tanker truck

The Heppner Rural Fire Department is the owner of a new tanker truck, thanks to the Heppner Rural Fire Protection District. The truck was purchased this spring after a search by members of the Rural Fire District and the Heppner Fire Department.

The 1972 Kenworth truck is equipped with a 318 Detroit Engine and 13 speed Road Ranger. It carries a 4,300 gallon aluminum tank and has the capacity to drop load or pump off.

The Rural Fire District also purchased a 4000 gallon folding tank which will allow for a dump-and-run tactic. This procedure will allow the tanker to drop its load into the folding tank while the smaller trucks are filling. The tanker can be away to refill in the meantime. With other units responding the fire department will have a minimum response of 5,000 gallons of water to be on the scene immediately.

The department had previously been plagued with the problem of insufficient water supply at the scene of structure fires and large range fires in the rural district. "We have had to transport water several miles from the fire with smaller vehicles that are just not efficient. Now the fire trucks can be used solely to fight fire without having to run miles back to water," said Steve Rhea, fireman. The truck was used as a tank transport originally and has an aluminum chassis. With the 318 engine this truck has ample power to climb the hills out of town.

The Fire Department has been fortunate for the past years of drought of not having any

catastrophic fires. However, with this year's ample moisture, grass and other fuels are excessive. This points to a higher hazard than in the past years. The hills around Heppner are turning from green to gold and with the tall grass and weeds and thunder storms, this tanker may be invaluable, Rhea noted.

Fire Chief, Forrest Burkenbine advises, "The purchase of the Tanker Truck by the Rural Fire District Board shows their commitment to the rural fire members and our department. The joint effort of the Fire Advisory Committee, which has members of the city council, fire department, rural fire district and the city manager, are to be commended. Not only will this addition make fire response and attack better, it also has possible financial benefits to the community," he said.

"Now that we have a minimum of 4,000 gallons response by our fire department, many of the out-of-town landowners may find a significant reduction of their property insurance rates," says Bob Kahl, Van Marter & Kahl Insurance in Heppner. Kahl said that homeowners within five miles of a fire station with a tanker response may receive insurance premium savings. He advises that homeowners check with their insurance agents.

The process of getting the tanker ready for service has meant a lot of time and money donated by several people. Monte Evans of the rural fire board spent a lot of time in searching for and finding the tanker. The Turner/Schultz ranch allowed the

use of their shop in preparing the truck. Miller and Sons Welding built the portable tank rack and Jay Coil Fabricating built the storage compartments. Morrow County Grain Growers supplied the expertise on the hydraulic and pump installation and Kelwayne Haguewood and Mark Schlichting painted the truck and chassis. The fire department crew has spent many hours in cleaning, sanding, replacing missing parts and preparing the truck for

## Deputy involved in accident

A Morrow County Sheriff's Deputy, Mark Calbick, was involved in a three-vehicle accident in Boardman on July 3 around 10:05 p.m.

According to a state police dispatcher Calbick, who was driving a 1992 Chevrolet Capri, was westbound on Kunze Road approaching Main Street in Boardman when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Mari Lunn Hurd, Boardman.

Hurd, who was driving a 1981 Ford Van, was east bound on Kunze Road when her vehicle veered into the west bound lane and sideswiped Calbick's vehicle.

Hurd's vehicle was then struck by a third vehicle, a 1979 Ford driven by Alvaro Orrala-Herrera, also of Boardman.

Hurd and Orrala-Herrera were transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiton where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

## Ione Fourth dawns bright for festivities

By Anne Morter

The Fourth of July dawned bright and clear for the annual Ione celebration, providing almost ideal conditions for a day of family fun. Good crowds enjoyed the two days of events and all of the vendors reported record sales.

The celebration kicked off on Saturday evening July 3, with a junior three-on-three basketball tournament. Seven teams participated in the new event, won by Steve Allen, Kelly Morgan and Luke Swanson. "I was really pleased with seven teams (in the tournament) and a good turnout of people to watch," said organizer Jim Swanson. "But best of all, the kids loved it," he added.

In the tennis tournament, Stuart Dick won the men's singles while Gail Gutierrez and Cathy McCabe took the double's title.

The first annual Ken Snider Memorial Fund Auction featured 33 items, making about \$2000 for the Ken Snider Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The main event of the night, the three-on-three basketball tournament, was hotly contested with the team of Hoffert, Miller and Miller of Condon taking the title. Twenty teams participated in the tournament.

The morning of the Fourth featured another new event, The Dawn's Early Light Fun Run, Walk and Kid's Dash. The event drew 10 runners, 40 walkers and four kids in the dash. Local running star Al Beck of Heppner, was first across the line in 16.13.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Dressed for the occasion, one of the things people enjoy during the Ione 4th celebration is visiting with friends

Steve Cooper of Portland was second in 23:00 and Karen Beck was the first woman in 23:07. Organizers, Jim and Michelle Raible, were very pleased with the turnout and the enthusiasm for the event. Runners and walkers listed addresses of San Jose, CA., Auburn and College Place, WA., as well as Tigard, Corvallis, Portland, LaGrande and many from Heppner, Lexington and Ione.

The parade was, as usual, a popular feature. Crowd favorites included grand marshal Betty Rietmann and her family in Bob Harrison's authentic covered wagon, the Morrow County Court, antique cars, and a combine with a 30-foot header.

The afternoon was filled with many events for kids of all ages. In the frog jump, Kayla Long coaxed a 91" series of jumps from her frog. Tyson Yeigh was second and Thomas Evenson was third. Matt Starr got the maximum jump out of the small frog in the lot and Victoria Jones took the hard luck award, when after her frog jumped three times, had only covered four inches.

The hoop shoot was divided by grade. In the first and second grade, Nick Christman was first, Billy Gates was second, Natalie McElligott was third and Johnnie Collin was fourth. In the third and fourth grades, Jessie Gutierrez was first and Kyle Miller was second. In the fifth and sixth grade, Nikki McElligott was first and Dan Scott was second.

In the baseball throw, Matt

Sharp won the 4-5 year age group. Tony Bowen was second and Cameron McCurry third. To claim your prizes contact Arlynda Gates. In the 6-7 year age group, Tanner Britt was first, Billy Gates, second and Nick Christman third. In the 8-9 year age group, Travis Bellamy threw 110'11" for first, Cory Marick was second and Bud Drummond third. The 10-11 year olds threw for accuracy. Mitch Matthews took first, Dustin Haguewood, second and Alan Griboskov, third.

In the volleyball tournament the team of Melissa McElligott, Brent Sheirbon, Sam Sumner and Ryan Halvorsen defeated Dustin, Darcee and Darren Padberg and Nancy Morter.

The "H" team featuring Dana, Loren, Suzie and Nathan Heideman and Darcee Padberg edged out the defending champs in the bed race to claim the title.

The evening hours featured a packed house for bingo, the barbecue chicken dinner feeding over 400 and a spectacular fireworks display. This year the fireworks were dedicated to the late Bob Rietmann, for his years of dedication. The American Legion, the group in charge of the fireworks, paid tribute to Bob Rietmann and Kristine Bedortha sang the National Anthem to kick off the display.

"It was a very successful family day," said chairperson, Jim Swanson. He was pleased with the crowds and, of course, the weather that had been most unsettled during the week.

## Noon dessert to honor Berrettas

A noon dessert in honor of Drs. Jeanne and Ed Berretta will be held next Tuesday, July 13 at the Heppner Elks Club. The public is invited to attend.

The dessert is hosted by the

Heppner Chamber of Commerce and will honor the fifth anniversary of the Berrettas' practice in Heppner.

There will be a short program and the dessert will last from noon until 1 p.m.

## Heppner Library presents 'Storyman'

As part of its "Wild About Books" summer reading program, Oregon Trail Library will present professional storyteller, Tom McCormack.

McCormack, or 'Storyman' as he likes to be called, loves to tell tall tales. He takes the thread of a story and exaggerates, punctuates, overinflates and then communicates it to an audience using character voices, sweeping gestures and when the story calls for it, even somersaults.

Many of the stories McCormack tells come from his own childhood when he imitated cartoon characters such as Yogi Bear, Bugs Bunny and Astro, George Jetson's talking dog. For

the Heppner performance McCormack will also draw some stories from the history of the Oregon Trail. A former marketing and sales professional, McCormack now travels throughout the west performing

at schools, libraries and festivals and on radio.

Storyman's performance in Heppner will be held on Tuesday, July 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the city park beside the library. Admission is free to the public.

## Applications for scholarships open

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust has announced applications are being accepted for five \$500 scholarships being awarded to college sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students for the 1993-94 school year.

The awards, the result of an anonymous donation, are available to graduates of Heppner and Ione High Schools.

Selection criteria include scholarship, citizenship, financial need and potential for success in the given field.

Applications may be picked up at Heppner High School, Ione High School or the Morrow County School District office.

Applications must be delivered to the Morrow County School District office by 5 p.m. August 20.

If you are looking for an alternate investment, a small number of Bank of Eastern Oregon shares of stock have become available for purchase. Please inquire at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

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