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## School enrollment down from last year



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner Elementary third graders enjoyed the first few days of school, especially recess.

It was back to school Monday for area students. However, not as many children are attending Morrow County schools this year. School enrollment is down by 74 students, from 2,059 last year to 1,985 this year.

Officials anticipated increased enrollment at north county

schools, but enrollment is down at Riverside High School, from 394 last year to 363; at Columbia Junior High School, from 211 to 184; at A.C. Houghton Elementary from 383 to 368; and at Sam Boardman Elementary, down slightly from 391 to 389. Officials say, however, that

typically some students do not register at the north end schools until after Labor Day because of harvesting.

Enrollment at Ione Schools is also down, from 186 to 174. Enrollment is up at Heppner Elementary and Junior High from 340 to 350 and at Heppner High School, from 154 to 157.

## City announces street closure

The city of Heppner has announced that Morrow Street, between Gilmore Street and Thompson Street, will be closed to traffic between September 7 and October 1. The closure is necessary to allow for reconstruction of Morrow Street, said city manager Gary Marks. A detour will be established on Thompson Street to accommodate access to the Rock Street area.

According to Marks, the city planning commission has required Morrow County to reconstruct Morrow Street as a

stipulation on a conditional use permit issued for the addition to the Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

"The planning commission was concerned that the county improve access to the clinic to accommodate any increased traffic generated by the expanded facilities," Marks said.

Plans call for improvement of the Thompson/Morrow Street intersection, replacement and widening of Morrow Street, and realignment and improvement of the Gilmore/Morrow Street intersection.

## Fr. Condon proposes drama ministry

At one time in the history of the church, drama was frequently used. There were the renowned "morality plays". As drama is a source of inspiration and education, Fr. Gerry Condon proposes to begin a drama ministry. Members of the public, both high school students and adults, are welcome to participate.

Each play will have a message that is presented through a good

story and genuine characterization. When fully rehearsed the presentations will be available to any church, church organization or civic organization. Times of rehearsals will be determined shortly. Those interested in speaking parts, making sets, costumes, make-up, lighting, etc., or for further information may contact Fr. Gerry Condon at 676-9467.

## Hay exchange program curbs weed spread

The Heppner Ranger District will be coordinating a voluntary hay exchange program in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Gilliam County Weed Supervisor during the 1993 bow and rifle hunting seasons. This program is being initiated in an effort to control the spread of noxious weed seed on the national forest.

Exchange points will be established at Fossil, Condon, and the Heppner Ranger District compound. These exchange sites are self-service and open between 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

"Noxious weeds will continue to be a problem while seed sources enter onto the national forest," said a Forest Service news release. "Noxious weeds hinder and at times even choke out native vegetation. These plants are considered invaders and compete with surrounding vegetation for nutrients. Noxious weeds are less palatable to wildlife and livestock, which allows them to grow relatively undisturbed. This undisturbed

## Donations sought for Pioneer Memorial Clinic furnishings



PMH administrator Kevin Erich shows new exam table and fiber optics exam light donated by the Hospital Foundation.

Erich says that all rooms in the new clinic addition are in use except for the public health offices. An open house is planned for mid September.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation is currently raising funds to equip the new clinic addition.

The new addition will give Drs. Ed and Jeanne Berretta and physician's assistant Mark Good-boy additional examination rooms and will provide space and equipment for physical therapy.

The lower portion of the addition will provide office space for Home Health, the county Health Nurse and space for holding staff continuing education sessions.

The fund raising has been led by corporate contributions from Bank of Eastern Oregon, Kinzua

Corporation and Morrow County Grain Growers. First Interstate Bank has contributed surplus furniture for use in the office and meeting room areas. The foundation has also received numerous generous contributions from members of the community. The total equipment and furnishings will cost \$30,000 said Larry Mills, Foundation member. Total contributions to date are \$7,500 short of this goal.

Contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Heppner. For further information contact Larry Mills or Linda LaRue.

## Day Care Center introduces financial assistance program

Heppner Day Care Inc., now has a program set up to help lower income families with their child care costs.

Regular fees for attending day care are \$8 a day for one child, \$15 for two and \$21 for three. Children may be eligible for reduced day care fees if the household receives direct certification from Adult and Family Services; food stamps; Aid for Dependent Children; or less money than shown on the family income chart as follows: family of one-\$12,599 annual gross, \$1,050 monthly gross or \$243 weekly gross; 2-\$17,002, \$1,417 or \$327; 3-\$21,405, \$1,784, \$412; 4-\$25,808, \$2,151, \$497; 5-\$30,211, \$2,518, \$581; 6-\$34,614, \$2,885, \$666; 7-\$39,017, \$3,252, \$751; 8-\$43,420, \$3,619, \$835. Add

\$4,403 for each additional family member yearly, \$367 monthly and \$85 weekly.

"The day care rates include USDA-approved snacks and meals, arts, crafts, story time, field trips and care provided by trained experts in the field of child care," says director Kathy Tellechea.

Forms are available at the day care center during regular business hours. All information is strictly confidential. For more information contact Tellechea, 676-5429.

## Irrigon youths sentenced

A 13 year-old Irrigon boy will be sent to MacLaren School for boys in connection with an incident of vandalism at the Boardman Marina in April. The boy has also been ordered to pay \$50 restitution and a \$45 statutory assessment.

A nine year-old boy, also involved in the incident, was also ordered to pay \$50 restitution, a \$45 statutory assessment and complete 16 hours of community service.

The boys had ripped a paper towel dispenser from the wall and set fire to a pile of paper towels. They were observed by a woman who had a mobile phone and were

## Summer project plans celebration

The Steering Committee of the Neighborhood Center Summer Project has planned a time of celebration for the completion and success of the Summer Project '93, an activity program for area youth.

The celebration will be held in the basement of the United Methodist Church on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The evening will include refreshments, a general report on the outcome of the event and an opportunity to evaluate and plan ahead.

All resource people, parents and participating volunteer leaders are invited to attend.

A total of 113 children attended one or more days of the Summer Project with an average daily attendance of 61 young people.

An average of eight volunteer leaders worked each day along with five other staff including bus drivers and cooks and 15 resource persons who gave time to lead activities. More than a dozen forest service personnel from both Heppner and Ukiah made the excursions enriching experience according to coordinator Grace Drake.

Lea Calvert, Rosalie Scharen, Cathy Dowrey and Drake were the coordinating staff. Rita Hedman, Ellen Rollis, Dan Calvert, Stan Hoobing, Roger Scharen, Aloha DeSpain, Betty Tanner, Janell Lacey and Vi Oliver are additional members of the coordinating committee.

Morrow County Youth and Children's Services Commission provided the basic funds. Community donations as well as a grant from Meyer Memorial Trust and the United Methodist Church enabled the program to provide transportation to and from Ione and Lexington and to have the Indian Encampment.

## Ione to be featured on TV Show

Paul Linman and crew of KATU Channel 2 "Spirit of the Northwest" television program will be in Ione this Thursday, Sept. 2 at noon to highlight the Ione community while they are preparing for Cycle Oregon VI. Over 2000 bicyclists will stop in Ione for dinner Sept. 14. Linman and crew will do interviews and taping for a "Spirit of the Northwest" feature to be aired on Sept. 10 at 5 and 6:30 p.m.

Linman is also expected to come through Ione and tape during Cycle Oregon. Date and time of that show has not been announced.

## Four teenagers charged in school bus melee

Four Riverside High School students have been charged in connection with an incident on a Morrow County School bus on June 10, the last day of school.

One 17 year-old boy was charged with disorderly conduct and assault when he allegedly struck another youth in the face with a tennis racket.

Another boy, 16, and two girls, both 15, were charged with disorderly conduct.

According to Morrow County District Attorney Earl Woods, Jr., the dispute began with two girls who had been feuding. The

feud was carried onto the bus and the girls' boyfriends became involved. The argument spilled over to include other students on the bus and students who had been riding in a pickup behind the bus who boarded the bus when it stopped.

Woods said that the melee involved students shooting squirt guns and throwing things at each other, taunts and racial slurs. Some of the students were Caucasian and some Hispanic.

A hearing is pending in juvenile court.