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Yikes! Tents



Cycle Oregon bicycle riders turned lone's football field into tent city Tuesday. 2,000 of the bike riders spent Tuesday night in lone on their way to Oregon City during the annual bicycling event.

Over 2,000 people bicycled through Heppner on Tuesday, Sept. 14 as part of Cycle Oregon VI. The annual bicycle tour is retracing the Oregon Trail route from Baker City to Oregon City.

The bicyclists stopped in Heppner for a sack lunch on their way to lone, where they had dinner and spent the night. The night before the Heppner stop, volunteers made sandwiches until 2 a.m. at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall. The chore was com-

pounded when a shipment of submarine sandwich rolls wasn't received.

Volunteers instead stuffed sandwich ingredients into Pita pockets.

Cycle Oregon was not without incident however. A severe dust storm hampered the first day of their tour and the Heppner leg of the trip was marred by several injuries, some serious. Nine people were injured between 1 and 5 p.m.

Hearing screenings set at schools

The Umatilla Education Service District (ESD) will be providing hearing screening to public elementary school students including all kindergarten students, students in grades one and three; new students to the county and parent/teacher/principal referrals of students in kindergarten through sixth grade. These students will be screened on Sept. 27 at Heppner and lone. One Heppner kindergarten class will be screened on Thursday, Sept. 30.

The hearing screening is done by the Umatilla ESD for public school students of Morrow and Umatilla counties. It is cooperatively sponsored by local

school districts. Approximately 4,000 children will be seen. Children who fail the initial screening will be re-screened within a three-week period.

Rechecks are planned Oct. 18 in Heppner and lone and Oct. 21 for the Heppner kindergarten class.

Parents who do not want their child's hearing to be screened should notify the school as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the hearing screening program contact your school principal or the Speech, Language and Hearing department at the Umatilla ESD 276-6616 ext. 140.



Gretchen Berretta (left) and Erin Fishburn, both Heppner High School student council members serve Bruce Phillips, North Bend, his lunch.

Heppner TV channel line-up to change

Notice has been given to all Heppner TV Inc. subscribers that their channel line up will be changing the week of September 26 because of the 1992 cable act implementation. This process should take place in a two day period, providing all goes well says Judie Laughlin, manager.

Laughlin says this change should improve service because the Portland channels will now be on the number they are broadcast on.

One Washington station,

Yellow jackets full of sting this time of year

Bothered by all of these bees? There does seem to be an overabundance this year and the Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner reports an increase in bee sting complaints.

But, those "bees" that seem to

be so abundant and aggressive this year are probably not bees at all, but yellow jackets.

According to Dr. Mike Burgett, OSU entomologist, 80 percent of the stinging incidents are probably caused by yellow jackets. While most people cannot distinguish between yellow jackets and bees, there is a big difference.

"There are simple differences between the two insects," adds Jack DeAngelis, OSU Extension entomologist. "Bees gather pollen and flower nectar. Yellow jackets are mostly meat eaters, but will take plant and fruit juices. They are particularly fond of rotting fruit."

Yellow jackets are heavy-bodied wasps, black with yellow or white markings. They live in gray, papery nests located either below ground or suspended above ground. Each nest is controlled by a queen, who lays eggs that develop into workers.

The honeybee population tends to remain stable over the years and may even be down this year because of a mite that is threatening hives. The yellow jacket

population "varies tremendously" any given year and is its highest in August and September, says Burgett. They are also their most defensive this time of year because they are reproducing.

"By the end of summer, yellow jacket nests may contain hundred or even thousands of workers," said DeAngelis.

Yellow jackets are more likely than bees to sting without provocation and their sting is typically more painful. Since they normally don't leave their stinger in your skin, they can sting more than once.

Honey bees, on the other hand usually leave a stinger, which DeAngelis recommends removing by scraping away with a fingernail rather than squeezing.

Both yellow jackets and honey bees inject venom with their sting. The venom is different, so it is possible to be allergic to one and not even sensitive to the other.

While honey bees and yellow jackets vary drastically, so does their extermination. Removing honey bees from a home could cost hundreds to thousands of dollars, says Burgett, whereas exterminating yellow jackets could be simply a matter of waiting until the nest dies out. Yellow jacket nests die out each winter and start in the spring with a single queen. They almost never use a previous nest, says Burgett.

Occasionally it becomes necessary to destroy a yellow jacket nest because its near human activity. DeAngelis offers the following suggestions for safe and effective nest removal:

Treat nests at night with an approved aerosol insecticide. At night workers are inside and relatively calm, but use one of the aerosols that propel a stream of insecticide up to 20 feet so you can stand at a safe distance. Point the stream directly into the nest opening.

Don't pour gasoline into ground nests. This is dangerous, environmentally harmful and illegal.

Use products specifically made for yellow jacket control.

If you don't want to destroy nests yourself, some pest control companies will locate and treat them.

Hanford reps speak at meeting

Representatives from the Hanford Health Information Network and the "Downwinders Association" will be at the Soroptimist International of Heppner luncheon meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club.

The representatives will be on hand to discuss and answer questions concerning Hanford exposure risks.

The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and attend.

Coordinating Council meetings slated

The Heppner Coordinating Council will meet on the third and fourth Tuesday mornings of September. The regular second Tuesday meeting was delayed one week due to the Cycle Oregon passing through on September 14.

September 21 the council agenda will include status reports on the HEDC motel/restaurant project, the USFS forest economic recovery grant application and the downtown improvement project. The main topic of discussion will be a work session with personnel

from Eastern Oregon State College devoted to formulating a plan for completing a "gap" study for Heppner. A gap study seeks to determine the goods and services that are being obtained outside of the community that would be purchased locally if they were available here.

On September 28 Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS) and the Kinzua-Port of Morrow industrial park project will be discussed.

These meetings will be held at 7:30 a.m. in the GEODC office. The public is welcome to attend.

1994 Fair & Rodeo court tryouts Sept. 26

Tryouts for the 1994 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court will be held on Sunday, September 26 at 10 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Girls who will be 16 years old prior to August 1, 1994 are welcome to try out.

For further information and an application stop by the fair office or contact Julie Ashbeck, court chaperone, at 989-8202. Deadline for return entries will be Friday, September 24.

State colleges plan visitation

Parents of high school students are invited to attend a college visitation program by representatives from Oregon's state colleges and universities at Heppner High School, Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. Students from Heppner, lone and Umatilla High Schools will also attend. The program is an opportunity for interested students and parents to receive first-hand information about academic program offerings, admission requirements, student support services, housing, costs to attend, financial aid, scholarships, and other information important in planning for college.

A general presentation on the state system will be followed by individual college sessions presented by representatives from Eastern Oregon State College,

Western Oregon State College, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon State College and the University of Oregon.

The Oregon State System of Higher Education college visitation program reaches almost all public and private high schools in the state. The program's goal is to stimulate good post-high school planning and decision-making by students and to provide them with an introduction to the educational and career opportunities available through Oregon's state colleges and universities.

Parents are urged to discuss post-high school plans with their sons and daughters before and after the visitation program.

Butch Knowles to broadcast Round-up live on KUMA

KUMA Radio will once again broadcast live Round-Up coverage for this year's events.

Special guests of KUMA's broadcast team include Butch Knowles, Heppner, ESPN Rodeo

Announcer and Bill Schonely, voice of the Portland Trailblazers. The broadcast will

begin at 1:05 p.m. daily. KUMA's Koffee Hour will be moved to 9:05 a.m. during the week of Round-Up. Host Marilyn Rees will broadcast from six dif-

ferent locations in Pendleton with many celebrities and dignitaries as her guests.

Vets office closed

Veterans Service Officer Rita Hedman will not be in her Heppner office Sept. 23 and 30.

Anyone needing help with veteran's benefits may see Barbara Bloodsworth at the courthouse.