

Weight Watchers aim for 1415 lbs.



L-R: Donna Morrell, Janice Vickere and Nadine Toombs stand by population sign, Weight Watchers goal to lose 1,415 lbs. in Heppner

Since July 8, 1993, 2,005½ pounds have been lost in Heppner. "The original goal was to lose 1,415 pounds, to equal Heppner's population," said a spokesperson for Weight Watchers of America. "This goal was reached in less than five months."

Donna Morrell, Heppner was responsible for getting Weight Watchers of America to come to Heppner, along with the help of Nadine Toombs and Janice Vickere. "They make a very sup-

portive team. It is easy to see that they are making a difference," continued the spokesperson.

Since that day 104 people have joined the Thursday evening meetings and have lost a grand total of 2,005½ pounds. Eighteen people have reached their individual goals and become lifetime members. Members range from junior high students to adults.

For more information on Weight Watchers contact Morrell, Vickere or Toombs.

Coordinating council to meet

The next regular meeting of the Heppner Coordinating Council will be Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 a.m. at the GEODC office.

The council will be updated on city of Heppner projects by Mayor Bob Jepsen and on regional economic development

strategies by Larry Mills. Mills will also review the status of the antique farm implement museum project.

The council will discuss the Heppner fact book and continue working on the update re-write of the Heppner Strategic Plan.

Field day set April 30 in Corvallis

The annual field day and project animal sale sponsored by the Oregon State University Livestock Judging Team, will be held Saturday, April 30. The event will get underway at 10 a.m. at 35th and Campus Way on the OSU campus in Corvallis.

The field day is primarily aimed at 4-H and FFA members, their adult leaders and advisors. Last year more than 300 people attended the event. Pre-registration is not required.

A jackpot livestock judging contest, fitting demonstrations and project pig and lamb sales will highlight the day. The \$1 entry fee for the judging contest will be used as credits in the project sales by those receiving awards.

Contestants, divided into two age groups, will judge classes of beef, sheep and swine.

Members of the Livestock Judging team will teach fitting techniques for beef, sheep and swine.

The OSU project pig sale, a fund raising effort for the student team, will feature pigs targeted for showing in July and August shows. Following the pig sale, those attending will bid for project lambs consigned by some of Oregon's outstanding sheep breeders.

For more information about the field day, contact Bil Broderick at the Morrow County Extension office, 676-9642 or 1-800-342-3664.

Off the Wall By Meryn Robinson

When Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo scheduled for August 17-21, will again showcase products of this rural area. The event offers plenty of entertainment and socializing.

"Horsing Around in Morrow County", the theme for this year's event, offers many decorating ideas. From cartoon-style equines as well as float decorations to the live action of bucking broncs and parade mounts, participants will be surrounded by colorful western atmosphere.

The premium book is being readied for printing. Participants in 4-H and FFA will be awarded points for fair placings that will simplify premium payouts this year.

Following the Saturday evening livestock auction, the Landings, a country-western band from Portland, will provide music for a street dance at the fairgrounds. And for the younger set, Randy's Funland will return this year with some new carnival rides.

Kicking off the fair season will be a dance on June 17 honoring this year's queen Staci O'Brien and her princesses Kim Bedortha, Char Coe and Jossie Evans. This dance will be sponsored by People for the Pool.

During April the Wrangler Riding Club is using the new rodeo arena for their playdays. Meanwhile the corrals have been holding roping steers and other horse events will unfold this season.

Summer time is time for sprucing up the fairgrounds in preparation for fair. And the groundskeeper continues to do an excellent job. The fair board also plans to refurbish the inside of the annex building as well as the boys' dormitory. The fair board has accepted the resignation of Mike Pruitte who moved out of Morrow County. A replacement from among north-end residents will hopefully be found. Pruitte was an involved and hard working board member both for the fair and rodeo interests.

State allocations for fair funding now come from lottery funding and the merit rating system has been abolished. Thirty-six county fairs now receive base funding of \$34,720 per year. Payments are made quarterly and after a two year period the legislature will decide whether to extend or to change this type of funding.

A local fund raiser to help pay for rodeo arena expenses has been initiated. The fair board is offering chances on a 1994 half-ton, four-wheel drive pickup from Sherrell Chevrolet, Hermiston. A limit of 600 tickets at \$50 each may be purchased. The lucky ticket holder will be able to drive off with "new wheels" after a drawing held during the Sunday afternoon rodeo performance. This teal green quick silver metallic colored vehicle with standard cab is fully equipped.

Meanwhile the rodeo committee has lined up sponsors to add to rodeo event purses to attract some of the top PRCA contestants. The fair and rodeo court has a busy summer ahead with a full itinerary of places to attend that help to promote the local show. Honoree for this year's show is grand marshal Orval Matheny, former tireless rodeo committee worker and long-time area resident.

This year's show promises to be very western, so it's time to 'saddle up' your ideas that will produce the best exhibits and parade entries. Participation is the element of success and this event promises the opportunity to win prize money for those efforts.

Students confirmed at St. Patrick's

The Sacrament of Confirmation was conferred at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, April 17. Bishop Thomas Connolly, bishop of the Baker Diocese, conferred the sacrament on the following students: Tina Chinen, Heidi Orem, Sara Greenup, Shelly Ashbeck, Nicole Sweeney, Jim Tellechea, Andy Ashbeck, Eric Fournier, Ryan Munkers, Joe Lindsay, Leonard Britner and Joseph Healy.

Concelebrating the Mass with the bishop were Fr. Gerry Con-

don, Fr. Frank Hebert and Msgr. Raymond Beard. The altar servers were Rick and Kristi Worden and Jared Eckman. Men of the Holy Name Society were an honor guard for the Bishop.

Both the folk choir and the junior choir sang. Readers for the Mass were Heidi Orem, Joe Lindsay and Len Britner.

Following the confirmation, members of St. Patrick's Altar Society hosted a reception for the students, their sponsors and their families.

McDougal sends flowers to local woman



Irene Swanson with her bouquet of flowers from the McDougal Brothers

Heppner resident Irene Swanson got an unexpected bouquet of flowers Friday, April 15, from an unexpected source, the McDougal Brothers. The brothers, Melvin and Norman McDougal, are two of the principals involved in Pioneer Resources' purchase of Kinzua Corporation.

Swanson had written all four partners in Pioneer Resources, Greg Demers, Ed King III and the McDougal Brothers, following a community prayer meeting she had attended for the mill workers. "Everyone (at the

prayer meeting) was so sincere and so devastated," said Swanson. "I came home and just felt the urge to write." Swanson wrote about how seriously the mill closure would affect the community and that she hoped that God would help guide them in their decision.

The McDougals' return note was as follows: "We appreciate your concern for your community and your caring spirit. We too are concerned about the timber industry and the community of Heppner," signed, Norman McDougal (McDougal Brothers).

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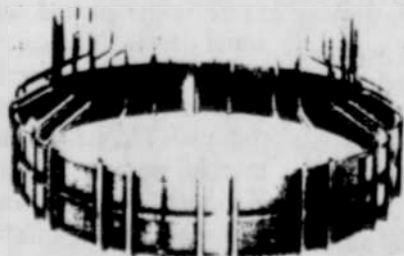
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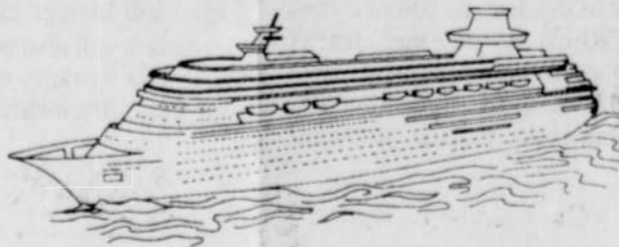
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