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Applications open for area project monies

Applications for the first round of financial awards for community projects will be accepted until June 30. George Koffler, a member of the committee in charge of disbursing the funds, has announced.

Kinzua Corp., former owners of the Kinzua mill, donated \$250,000 to the community as a goodwill gesture following a request by Frank Pearson, Kinzua general manager. They stipulated only that the projects be highly visible and of benefit to the communities of Heppner, Ione and

Lexington.

Koffler said that the application for the funds should include the name of the organization, the purpose of the proposal, an explanation of the benefits to the community and the name of a contact person. Requests should be returned to Heppner City Hall. Koffler said that the committee has placed no financial limits on the requests. He added that the committee has plans for several other rounds of awards.

However, he said that it is possible that the monies could be awarded the first round.

On June 13 at their regular meeting, the Heppner City Council will outline the understanding between Kinzua Corporation and the city concerning the awarding of the money.

Koffler said the winners of the first round of awards will be announced by July 30.

Other members of the committee include Larry Mills, Cliff Green and Dave Allstott.

Meetings on forest lands set

The Oregon Board of Forestry will receive overviews on long range planning efforts for northwest and eastern Oregon state forest lands at its meeting Wednesday, June 8 in Salem. The meeting will be held in the State Forester's Office, 2600 State St. and will begin at 9 a.m.

In addition to the Elliott State Forest, the Oregon Department of Forestry is currently conducting long range planning efforts for over 650,000 acres of state forest land in northwest and eastern Oregon. These areas include the Tillamook, Clatsop,

Santiam and Sun Pass State Forests.

The board will also receive a progress report on the Forestry Program for Oregon and approve the plan for soliciting public input; certify the 1994-95 budget for the Oregon Forest Resources Institute; approve the department of Forestry's 1994-95 fiscal year budgets and district rates; and approve the department's capital improvement and capital construction budget; and receive the annual report of the Hardwood Forest Products Resources Committee.



The 'big one' got caught last Friday afternoon, by Stanley Cutsforth of Heppner. This rainbow trout weighed around 2 lbs. and was 18 inches long. Stanley was fishing in Willow Creek, his exact spot is 'a secret'.

Elementary math contest winners announced

The 1994 Morrow County School District Elementary Math contest was held May 18 at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon.

Fourth grade winner was Shelley Rietmann from Heppner. Fifth grade winner was Joshua Reeve, from A.C. Houghton and sixth grade winner was Eric Rollis, Heppner.

Other winners are as follows:

Fourth grade: first-Shelley Rietmann; second-Nancy Scott, Sam Boardman, a tie for third-Brendan Busey, Sam Boardman and Julie Proctor, Heppner;

fourth-Adam McCabe, Ione; fifth-Jesse Gutierrez, Heppner; sixth-Colin McElligott, Ione; seventh-Kandra Schmeltzer, eighth, Megan Bailey, both Heppner; ninth-Adam Neiffer, Sam Boardman and 10th-Cameron Sanders, A.C. Houghton.

Fifth grade: first-Joshua Reeve, second-Amber Flaiz, Heppner; third-Jacob Johnson, A.C. Houghton; fourth-Craig Scott, Heppner; fifth a tie between Keith Baker, Sam Boardman and Casey Huxoll, A.C. Houghton; sixth-Lindsey Ward, seventh-Tai

Sweek, both Heppner; eighth-Jeremiah McElligott, Ione; ninth-Beth Skoubo, Sam Boardman; 10th-Blake Knowles, Heppner.

Sixth grade winners: first-Eric Rollis, second-Trisha Adams, Heppner; third-Mark McElligott-Ione; fourth-Matt Van Liew, fifth-Matt Jepsen, both Heppner; a tie for sixth-Mike Ferguson, Ione and Ashley Ropp, Heppner; a tie for seventh-Leah Denton, Heppner and Clint Shoemake, Sam Boardman; eighth-Jesse Hirai, Sam Boardman; ninth-Laurie Michael, Heppner; 10th-Jacob Neiffer, Sam Boardman.

Companion plants topic of discussion

Heppner Garden Club announces June 5 to 11 as "National Garden Week" and is asking everyone to think of how much beauty plant life in well-kept yards and gardens can add to a community.

The club will recognize Gardening Week by placing floral designs about town and during the program at their regular meeting, June 6. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the senior center. The topics will be "We Help People Grow", a short video from the National Council of State Garden Clubs and a special demonstration workshop, "Cor-sages Are Special", taught by Mabel Heath of Hermiston.

Anyone wishing to make a corsage is encouraged to bring flowers and/or greens of their choice if available. Flowers, greens and basics such as wire, tape, etc. will be furnished by the club.

American party may nominate

The American Party may nominate a third candidate for Morrow County Commissioner according to county chair Ed Glenn of Boardman. "Neither of the two candidates reside in the north end of county, where 60 percent of the people live," Glenn said. "This part of Morrow County desperately needs to be represented."

Glenn pointed to the party's platform that encourages "a government responsive to citizenry." He said that Morrow County government cannot be

fully responsive since none of the three members of the county court reside in the rapidly growing communities of Boardman and Irrigon. "You just have to live here to fully understand the problems these communities have," Glenn said.

A nomination could come at the party's nominating caucus scheduled for Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. at Dodge City Inn in Boardman. While only party members will be allowed to participate any voter is welcome to attend the caucus.

Creative Arts plans trip to Joseph

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts is planning a bus trip to Joseph Tuesday, June 28. The bus will leave Heppner at 8 a.m.

The group will take a tour of Valley Bronze. Anyone interested in going should contact Betty Mills, 676-5546 or Shirley McNary 422-7569 as soon as

possible. The price of the bus ride will depend on how many people go. The Valley Bronze tour will be \$5. Money must be paid by June 7.

Anyone is welcome to go, whether they are a member or not.

Legion holds Memorial Day celebration

By Anne Morter

The Ione chapter of the American Legion and Auxiliary commemorated Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, with a traditional celebration.

The group gathered by the flagpole on the Ione football field to remember those who died defending their country.

The Reverend Stan Hoobing was the speaker and the Reverend Lea Mathieu said a prayer and recited the names of the deces-

ed soldiers in the area. Tom Bedortha played a touching rendition of Taps on the trumpet. Following the ceremony the group adjourned to the Legion

Hall for refreshments.

American Legion members also decorated veteran's graves with individual flags and raised flags in the area cemeteries.

Weather perfect for bike-a-thon

By Anne Morter

Participants in the annual St. Jude Bike-a-thon in Ione had a picture perfect ride on Sunday, May 22. With the ride postponed for a week due to much needed rain, riders were treated to

sunshine, moderate temperatures and light breezes for their ride. Thirty-nine riders participated with 26 making the long trek in from Ruggs and the other 13 circling the in-town route.

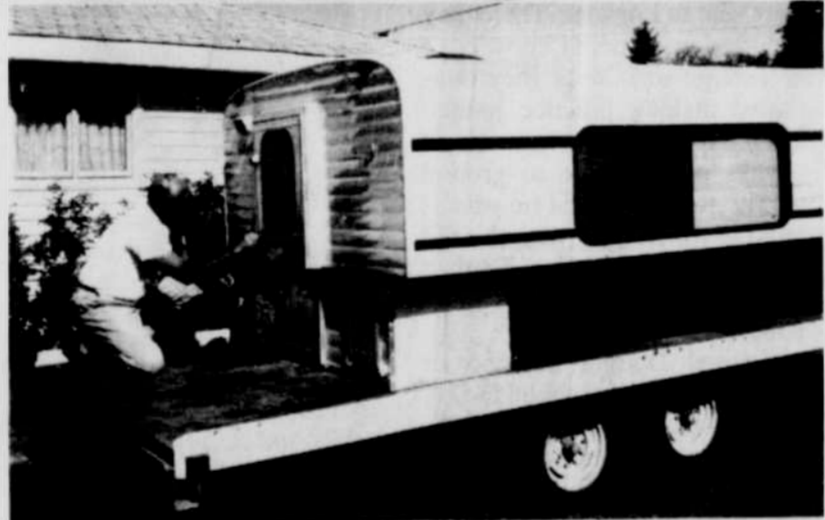
Ethan Burnside, Heppner, was the first rider in from Ruggs, making the trip in about an hour and 15 minutes. Miranda McElligott and Adam McCabe were the next group to reach the finish line. Numerous parents and volunteers patrolled the course, offering support for the younger than usual riders.

In town, Steven Long covered 27 miles and Taylor McElligott did 26 in one lap intervals. The youngest participants were Justin Key and Michael Raible, riding behind their mothers. Clayton Morter was the youngest self-propelled rider.

Pledge sheets and money should be turned into the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione or to either coordinator, Anne Morter or Janet Thompson. The deadline for turning in pledges is set for June 6. T-shirts for qualifying riders will arrive three to four weeks after all pledges are turned in.

Funds raised by the bike-a-thon go to the St. Jude Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. St. Jude is a leading children's cancer research hospital and is funded primarily by private donations.

Auction and barbecue June 4 in Ione



Bill Rietmann gets ready to check out the inside of the camper to be auctioned Saturday.

The 32nd annual Ione auction and barbecue will get underway at 10 a.m. this Saturday, June 4 in Ione. This homespun event not only attracts people for a day of visiting and feasting, but it is the major fund-raiser for church coffers.

Regardless of religious preference, community members lend a hand or provide a service to be auctioned. Ione boasts that this annual reunion has never been plagued with rain even though this year Ione farmers might welcome a June shower. Each year about \$14,000 from the event is the major support of the church.

Along with the food and bargain shopping, when the bell rings inside the Willows Grange Hall at 10 a.m. there is a mad rush to acquire items ranging from baked goods to homemade crafts. A children's corner provides games, books and even a fish pond.

Larger items displayed on outside tables, including small antiques and collectibles, are part of a silent auction. But the bidding gets vocal when the auction of large items begins at 10:30 a.m.

When the gavel falls, auctioneers Frank and Gary Bettencourt, who donate their services, cry 'sold'. This year's

large items include a recreational camper, refinished and antique furniture, household items and an array of services.

While many people will have their eye on a large handmade quilt or Dot Halvorsen's homemade Raggedy Ann and Andy large dolls, buyers have their choice of housekeeping or babysitting services, gourmet dinners, family passes to the Ione

pool or subscriptions to newspapers.

Other services range from a pie a month for a year, special occasion decorated cakes, car washes, haircuts or tours of Pendleton's Underground, two days of tractor driving or lawn and yard service, a flag flown over the nation's capitol, a gift certificate from Powell Books in Condon, passes to Ione sports, homemade wine and raspberry jam, offer something for everyone.

A pit-roasted beef barbecue dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. For \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 6-12, the all you can eat meal will be consist of barbecue beef, baked beans, salads and all the trimmings. Pre-school children eat free. Virgil Morgan and Harold Rietmann keep an all-night vigil over the barbecue pit. Once the pit is dug and the fire is just right, 500 pounds of top round roasts wrapped in foil and burlap are placed on the coals. Ten hours of slow roasting and careful tending is the key to this feast, they claim.

Frank Pearson to resign

Kinzua Resources general manager Frank Pearson has announced that he will resign from that position as of June 15.

Pearson said that after June 15 he will be working for Kinzua Corporation, the previous owners of the mill, and expects to be working for them for at least six

months.

Pearson would not comment on the reasons for his resignation.

Pearson also said that Kinzua Resources will be "off and running" Monday, June 6, with the log yard, sawmill, planer and shipping areas all on line.

Awards assembly slated June 2

An academic awards assembly for Heppner Elementary and Middle School students will be held at the Heppner Middle School gym this Thursday, June 2, at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.



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