

City acquires new sludge truck

Heppner City Manager Gary Marks and city foreman Dave Winters show the city's new sludge truck now in operation at the sewer treatment plant.

The truck is a 1991 Mac with a 4,000 gal tank. It takes the sludge from the treatment plant's holding tank and spreads it on local farmer's fields.

Aquisition of the sludge truck marks the final piece of the city's sewer treatment plant renovation project. Marks said the Environmental Protection Agency will inspect the system in August for final certification.

The city of Heppner is currently waiting on approval of a building permit before it can go ahead with construction of restroom facilities at the city park.

Heppner City Manager Gary Marks said the ground isn't dry enough to begin building, but the contractor on the project is



eager to get started.

In a related matter, Marks said the city has almost reached its goal of \$19,700 to pur-

chase new playground equipment for the park. He said Tuesday about \$1,900 more is needed.

Scholarship Trust winners announced



Ethan Burnside Dani Hill Jenny Krein Mark Moeller

The board of directors of the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust announce the recipients of the 1995 \$500 scholarships. They are Ethan Burnside, Dani Hill, Jenny Krein, and Mark Moeller.

Ethan Burnside, the son of Thomas and Laura McElligott, Heppner, is a senior at Heppner High School. He plans to attend Oregon State University, and earn a BS degree in electronic engineering.

Dani Hill, a Heppner High School senior from Lexington, has selected marine biology as her field of study at the University of Oregon. The daughter of Steve and Tana Hill, she has been involved in volleyball, basketball and track, as well as drama club. After receiving her bachelor's degree, Hill plans to get a MA and do research in marine biology.

Jenny Krein, who has been selected for "Who's Who in American High Schools", is a senior at Heppner High School. She plans to attend Willamette University and major in biology/exercise and sport science. She plans to earn a BA, a MA, and eventually a Ph.D, then pursue a career in a recreational and/or fitness management facility. She is the daughter of Bob and Joy Krein, Heppner.

Mark Moeller is this year's recipient of the Kinzua Corporation award. He is the son of Chuck and Donna Moeller,

Heppner, and a senior at Heppner High School. He plans to attend Eastern Oregon State College, and major in pre-medicine. After EOOSC, medical school, and internship, Moeller plans to return to a rural area like Heppner, and practice medicine.

Moeller's scholarship is from the interest of the investment of Kinzua Corporation of Seattle, a \$10,000 gift. Each year a \$500 gift is given in honor of the corporation.

Out of 14 applicants, the four students were selected on the basis of academic achievement, chosen field of study, financial need, school participation, degree of effort the student has made in seeking sources for college, and personal characteristics for success and school citizenship, said the Reverend Stan Hoobing, South Morrow County Scholarship trust president.

The board of directors of the scholarship trust include the Reverend Hoobing, president; Bill Reitmann, vice president; Sharon Harrison, secretary; Bob Kahl, treasurer; Dana Reid, George Koffler, and Jim Swanson. "We will be happy to speak to individuals or groups about our program and how you can invest your money at tax savings in the future of our youth," said the Reverend Hoobing.

Tourism planning tour scheduled

A team of tourism and economic development officials will tour Heppner, Wednesday, May 17, as an aggressive tourism planning project for the six counties of north central Oregon gets underway.

The tour will encourage discussion among participants in order to generate tourism projects and strategy ideas. Persons interested in the direction of tourism and development efforts in Morrow County are encouraged to attend a meeting with tour officials on May 17 at 4-6 p.m. at the Heppner Ranger District Office for an open discussion on tourism and business opportunities. Public input is desired, said a news release.

The North Central Regional Strategies Board, representing Morrow, Grant, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties, has authorized Michael Wetter & Associates, a Salem-based consulting firm, to develop and implement a tourism strategic plan to help create a foundation for tourism growth and development in the region.

An intensive tour of the six counties launches the two year project. The tour will identify attraction development, business and downtown development, and marketing opportunities. It originates in The Dalles on May 15, and returns there four days later.

Representatives from the Oregon Economic Development Department, the Division

of Tourism, Rural Development Initiatives, Oregon State Parks, the John Day National Fossil Beds Monument, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Regional Strategies Board will participate in the tour. They will be joined along the route by local officials, planners, businesspersons, organization representatives, and residents who will participate as the tour moves through each county.

The consulting team led by Michael Wetter & Associates is taking a unique approach for this project. A multi-disciplinary team will meet informally with interested parties to brainstorm and trade ideas, instead of having formal public meetings. "We want to change the way tourism planning is done," said Wetter, team leader. "Planning in the past has been too much time writing reports and not enough time developing and implementing ideas. The people that we put in the field will be looking for opportunities, solving problems, and providing real expertise to the business people, city managers, parks staff, and others that are on the front lines of the tourism economy."

The tourism plan will serve as a blueprint for future tourism and economic development in the region. Funding for the project was provided by the Regional Strategies Board, lottery funds, and the U.S. Forest Service. For more information, contact John Edmundson, 676-5177.

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