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Green Feed donates trees



photo by April Sykes

Heppner first graders help Kay Proctor (center) plant a tree at Heppner Middle School.

by April Sykes

Kay Proctor of Green Feed and Seed is doing her best to make the world a little greener and is getting children involved in the effort too.

For the past six years, since her daughter, Julie, was a first grader, Proctor has donated a plant, a shrub or a tree to the first grade class at Heppner

Elementary School. This year Proctor donated a flowering plum tree and red tulips (because the school colors are red and white) which the students planted in a "quiet area" in a corner of the school playground.

First grade teacher, Karen Clough, said that the students have also sanded benches

which will be placed near the tree. "This will be a quiet, peaceful area for drawing or reading," said Clough.

Bill Baker, assistant school custodian, dug the hole for the tree and will place the benches. The children in Cherry Webber's first grade class also participated, assisted by Sue Jones.

Eighth graders enjoy stay in Portland

by April Sykes

What do Heppner students like about Portland? A lot, according to Heppner Middle School eighth graders who spent a week staying with Portland families and attending a Portland-area school. For the last 15 years, Heppner and Centennial Middle School students have changed places to see if the grass was greener in the city or the country.

This year's crop of Heppner exchange students all seemed to enjoy visiting an indoor water park and, of course, spent a little money at the mall. The kids said they had a great time at a party held by the family that was to have hosted Casey Evans, who became ill. The party included swimming, music, a trampoline, basketball and a barbecue. The kids were also pretty impressed with that family's 200-pound bulldog, who was reported to be on an extremely strict diet.

Tim Dickenson, 14, son of Kathi and Steve Dickenson of Heppner, just couldn't seem to escape teachers. His father is the principal at Heppner High School and both his host parents were teachers, one at Gresham and one at Centennial. His host family also included Jeff, 14, and Chrissy, 12. "The worst part was going to school so much," said Dickenson, "but we never had to do any work." He had lived in Newberg before coming to Heppner, so the size of the school, at over 800 students, didn't bother him. "Their family didn't do as many things as our family," he said, "but they had sports every night." The Heppner students all concurred that the school lunches at Centennial were "way better than ours."

Derek Gunderson, the son of Dave and Tricia Gunderson,



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L-R back: Kathleen Greenup, Jill Barber, Brooke Sweeney; front: Derek Gunderson, Tim Dickenson, Royal Robinson

Heppner, stayed with Gerald and Linda Crecraft of Boring and their children, Scott, 14, and Sara, 18, a senior at Centennial High School. Gunderson said he had "no idea" what the family did for a living, but reported that he had a lot of fun during his stay. His host family's neighbors had hosted Cam Sweeney of Heppner last year.

Royal Robinson, 14, the son of Kirk and Delia Robinson, said that he "fit in just fine" with his host family, who were "really sports oriented" and enjoyed video games. Robinson stayed with Geri and Clay Pyle and their children, Andrew, 14, and twins, Scott and Randy, 13. Geri worked for the Forest Service and Clay was a construction worker. The Pyles lived on the outskirts of Portland. "School was the worst," said Robinson, who added that there were a couple of teachers he didn't really like.

Kathleen Greenup, 13, said that she didn't want to leave Portland. "I hated saying goodbye."

Greenup stayed with Rob and Suzie Maurer and their daughter Angie, 14. An older brother and sister lived away from home. Rob is a fireman/medic and Suzie works at a restaurant.

Greenup said she really liked Nike Town, a sports gear store. "The people were really nice there," she said. The only bad part of the stay, says Greenup, was the first day when she got stopped by a policeman for riding a four-wheeler. But, he let them off with only a warning.

Greenup is the daughter of Greg and Janet Greenup, Heppner.

Jill Barber, the daughter of Don and Judy Barber, Heppner, went to the Oregon Coast with her host family, Barry and Mindy Evert, and their daughter, Anna Lumpkin, 14. She said the family went to Newport and drove up and down the coast looking for oysters. Barry works in construction and Mindy works downtown. Barber said that her host family may come to Heppner to go hunting this fall.

Brooke Sweeney, 14, said that she didn't like the Portland rain, but otherwise enjoyed her stay. Sweeney stayed with Steve and Candy Wieve, Portland, and their children, Alissa, 14, and Stephanie, eight. The family had four older children who lived away from home. The family had earlier hosted Alyssa Brownfield and Holly Eckman as Heppner exchange students.

Sweeney said she liked her host family and got a kick out of her host mother, who sang to her dog. Like Gunderson, Sweeney doesn't know what her family does for a living.

The Centennial Middle School students from the Portland area stopped at the Hardman Community Center for a program during their stay in Morrow County.

Eddie Gunderson gave a speech on the ghost town and Bob Lovgren spoke on rattlesnakes. The students were presented sacks of candy and a Hardman pencil before their return.

Vandalism costing taxpayers money

By April Sykes

Heppner city manager Gary Marks is a little steamed and he thinks the city taxpayers should be too.

Marks is upset about an ongoing problem of vandalism at Hager Park. Someone has been breaking off sprinkler heads, throwing rocks and sticks and digging holes in the park. "This is costing the taxpayer money," says Marks. "Every time one sprinkler head is broken, it costs \$40. It is an act of vandalism against every taxpayer in the city. Our budget is already tight." Marks says that the money to replace the sprinklers comes out of the general fund, which is tax supported. He adds that the sticks and rocks thrown on the grass not only create a hazard for someone mowing the lawn, but take time and manpower to pick up.

Marks said that anyone with information about the vandalism is encouraged to call the Heppner Police Department.



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Gary Marks shows damaged sprinkler heads

Ione to host three day bike race

The Bridgeport Ales/Bike Gallery Cycling Team will conduct a three day bike race May 19-21, in the Columbia Plateau area. It will include races starting and ending in Ione.

Accommodations for the racers and their support crews will take place at Ione High School and Wheeler High School in Fossil. Transportation will be provided by the Columbia Transportation Company.

The Columbia Plateau area has become increasingly popular with the cycling community because of its challenging terrain, scenic beauty, and the hospitality of its residents, said a Bridgeport Ales/Bike Gallery Cycling Team news release.

Following are stage descriptions and schedule of events: Friday, May 19, Stage I: Ione Road Race, from Ione to Fossil via Condon, on Ione-Gooseberry Road, Hwy 206 and Hwy 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Stage II Clarno Time Trial, an individual time trial which begins near the intersection of Hwys 19 and 218 near Fossil, and proceeds 5.4 miles south on Hwy 218, from 3:30-6 p.m.

Saturday, May 20: Stage III Fossil Road Race, from Fossil to Ione, utilizing Hwys 19 and 207, and Rhea Creek Road,

from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 21: Stage IV Ione Criterium, conducted on a 3/4 mile long circuit in downtown Ione on Main Street between Green and "D" streets. This area will be closed to traffic from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Races start at 12 p.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and provide an "excellent opportunity to observe elite level competitive cycling," said the news release.

The Bridgeport Ales/Bike Gallery Cycling Team is dedicated to community involvement through their affiliation with the 'Think First' Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program, the Safe Kid Check America Safety Program, the Northwest Regional Police and Fire Games, and the

Hardman Center slates annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Hardman Community Center will be held Sunday, May 21, at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. All trustees and members should be present for the annual meeting.

Cleaning of the hall will follow the meeting and a potluck is scheduled at 2 p.m.

Community Cycling Center, said the release.

The cycling team was named the 1994 United States Cycling Federation club of the year for the Oregon district, in recognition of their competitive cycling accomplishments and community involvement. The team currently has a membership of 75 riders who range in experience from beginner to junior and senior United States Cycling Federation National team members.

49 percent voter turnout in election

Two statewide measures, number 21, which would dedicate lottery monies to education and number 22, which would toughen residency laws for legislators, both passed in Morrow County in the recent mail-in election. Number 21 passed in the county, 1,964 to 239, and measure 22 passed in the county, 2,047 to 117.

Morrow County Unified Recreation District candidates were all unopposed: Randy Tovey zone 1, Irrigon; Terry Tallman zone 2, Boardman; Daniel Huxoll zone 3, Boardman and Irrigon; Rick Minster Heppner, Lexington, Ione;

Cyde Estes zone 5, Heppner, Hardman.

Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth said that there was a 49 percent turnout for the county. Ballots were due in the clerk's office by 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 16.

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