

W.C.C.C. Golf

Ladies' 18 Hole Invitation
Low gross of the field: tie Casey Frederickson and Barbara Hinkle, 74.

Condon: first low gross June Kamerrer 88, second low gross Roberta Dyer 109; first low net Jan Crawford 66, second low net Juanita Hartley 69.

Kinzua: first low gross Linda Dunn 92, second low gross Helen Ostrander 102; first low net Arlene Schroeder 74, second low net Georgia Loomis 80.

Umatilla: first low gross Barbara Lynch 81, second low gross Anna Carpenter 85; first low net Cindy Griffith 65, second low net Rae Taylor 68.

Pendleton: first low gross June Rosenberg 75, second low gross Bernice Bingham 76, third low gross Dolores Cahill 84; tie first low net Mary Lou McLaughlin and Virginia Roberts 59, second low net Carolyn Hendricks 62, third low net Janet Taylor 64.

W.C.C.C.: first low gross Pat Edmundson 78, second low gross Karen Wildman 80, third low gross Linda Schultz 82, fourth low gross Chris Schultz 84, fifth low gross Suzanne Jepsen 91; first low net Betty Christman 48, second low net Susan Atkins 52, third Alene Rucker 54, tie fourth low net Karen Thompson and Eileen Padburg 58, fifth low net Carol Norris 61.

Long drive: visitor Casey Frederickson; home Betty Christman.

K.P.: visitor Barbara Lynch 6'; home Dorris Graves 4'5".

Chip ins: Barbara Hinkle, Cindy Griffith, Mary Deutz, Pat Edmundson, Karen Wildman, Susan Atkins, Betty Christman, Doll Campbell, Alene Rucker, Chris Schultz, Flora Bell.

Birdies: Barbara Lynch, Pat Edmundson, Dorris Graves, Chris Schultz, Dorla Hodge.

Heppner city budget down Phone outage scheduled June 26

The Heppner City Council, after a public hearing on the city's 1996-97 budget, adopted budget appropriations for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1. The appropriations are 6.5 percent lower than the current budget, said city manager Gary Marks. Budget savings were made in appropriations for materials, services, and for capital outlays, said Marks.

The council approved a resolution accepting a plan to restructure the city's 1993 sewer system improvement loans from the Oregon Economic Development Department (OEDD). Marks proposed the restructuring plan to OEDD in December, 1995. The plan will save the city \$100,496 in interest costs over the term of the loans, he said. OEDD agreed to accept the city's plan in May.

The council also approved a series of resolutions designed to satisfy federal program requirements of the city's recently awarded \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant. The grant will allow the city to administer a housing rehabilitation loan program for low and moderate income homeowners within the city. Loans made through the program will be interest-free and do not require repayment until the house is sold or the last surviving homeowner dies.

In an ongoing effort to improve city streets, the council approved a resolution clearing the way for a \$25,000 grant application to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The grant is being

sought through ODOT's Special Cities Allotment (SCA) program. If successful, grant funds will be used to pave a two block stretch of Gale Street between Church and Center streets. The city recently completed a similar paving project on Gale Street between "A" and Church streets. That project was funded with a \$25,000 SCA grant.

The council gave their approval to financing plans for a new public works pole garage to be constructed on property located directly behind city hall. Construction of the new building is planned for late summer, and will meet a 1996 goal set by the council to shelter public works equipment from harsh winter weather. "Most of the city's heavy equipment is currently stored outside," said Marks. "The new pole garage will allow us to park equipment inside, thereby prolonging its useful life and reducing replacement and repair costs."

The council also heard a proposal from Police Chief Doug Rathbun for a vehicle impoundment ordinance. Rathbun said such an ordinance would help the police keep uninsured and suspended drivers off the streets. Rathbun reported Morrow County and the city of Boardman had recently adopted such ordinances. Council members expressed a desire for an impoundment ordinance that is narrowly written to assure the rights of law-abiding citizens. The council agreed to hold a public hearing on the ordinance at the July council meeting.

Meeting set on foundation

The Heppner Coordinating Council (HCC) has planned an organizational meeting Wednesday, June 26, at 7 p.m. in the basement of Hope Luther-

an Church concerning the establishment of a non-profit Willow Creek Foundation to obtain and distribute funds for projects for the communities of Ione, Lexington and Heppner.

"The Coordinating Council believes that a south Morrow County non-profit foundation has the potential to provide assistance for a wide variety of worthwhile projects for the communities of Ione, Lexington and Heppner," said the Reverend Stan Hoobing, HCC chairman.

Interested persons are invited to attend.

Phone outage scheduled June 26

A telephone outage scheduled for May 15 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 26, according to the Morrow County Sheriff's office.

All telephone lines on the Heppner-676, Lexington-989, and Ione-422 exchanges will be out of service on Wednesday, June 26, beginning at midnight, 12:01 a.m. PTI estimates that the outage could range from 30 minutes to one hour. There will be no dial tone during this time.

The purpose of the telephone outage is to enable PTI to move its lines from a U.S. West switch in Pendleton to a PTI switch in Heppner, according to a news release from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

All telephone service, including cellular phones and 9-1-1 lines into the Morrow County 9-1-1 center at the Sheriff's office, will be affected. PTI customers in Heppner, Lexington and Ione will need to seek help on their own during this time, said the MCSO.

Persons with special medical requirements may need to have someone with them or go where there will be someone able to go for help or take them to the hospital emergency room.

Fire, police and medical radio communications will not be affected. Emergency personnel will be able to radio to the 9-1-1 Center where the dispatcher can radio or page the appropriate emergency service provider in the usual manner.

Sheriff Roy L. Drago has announced that emergency help will be available at the following locations:

Heppner 676: Fire-go to Fire Hall; Police-go to City Hall, Police Dept.; Medical-go to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.
Lexington 989: Fire, Police and Medical-go to Fire Hall.
Ione 422: Fire, Police and Medical-go to Fire Hall.

Telephone service for Boardman 481 and exchanges in Gilliam and Wheeler counties will not be affected. Irrigation 9-1-1 calls will be answered and dispatched by the Hermiston Police Dept.

Making mountains out of molehills



Stephanie Lemieux

Some people have the knack of making mountains out of molehills. For Stephanie Lemieux, this is not a bad thing.

When the 18-year-old Canadian student applied with the ASSE exchange program to become an exchange student in the U.S., she asked to be sent somewhere with mountains. She was active at home in Sherbrooke, Quebec, camping, bicycling and mountain climbing.

But, as fate would have it, she was assigned to the Ione area, with lots of beautiful wheat fields, lots of rolling hills, but no mountains.

"I tried to change to an area with mountains, like Colorado or Montana," said Stephanie. But, her ASSE coordinator in Ione, Cathy Halvorsen, persuaded her to stick it out until after Christmas, at least. And Stephanie is glad she did. "You have to accept things if you want to be happy. It was just a year, so why not?" said Stephanie. "I like the people here. People are so generous here. You feel welcome wherever you go."

She admits that at first, she was a little taken aback. "I looked out of the plane," says Stephanie, "and it was flat. I walked all over the hills, trying to find some mountains. It was so brown. I'm used to a place that is green all the time." Her search wasn't entirely in vain. During her stay in Ione, she joined the Outdoor Club and was able to go skiing at Mt. Hood, Mt. Bachelor and Anthony Lakes. She also took a geology trip to Christmas Valley and the Bend area and explored the caves.

Stephanie stayed with the Marilyn and Cleo Childers family until December and then moved in with the Marvin Padberg family, which includes grown children, Darcy, who works and attends school in Pendleton, and Darren and Dustin, who work on the Padberg ranch.

At Sherbrooke, Stephanie lives with her mother, Silvie, a dental assistant, father, Jacques, who has his own real estate company and works in the home, and brother, Jean-Raphael, who is studying to become a P.E. teacher. Stephanie, her father and brother are also ski instructors. Stephanie says she has a "huge" extended family, many of whom live in a little town somewhat like Ione. "I knew a little bit of what it would be like," she says. "It's still different, though."

She says that family life is much the same in Ione and Canada. The difference in the sizes of Ione and Sherbrooke, however, is vast, with Sherbrooke having a population of 100,000. Sherbrooke is about an hour from Montreal, which has a population of two million.

Stephanie has been a senior twice, once in Canada and again in Ione. "I didn't know what I wanted to do in college, so I decided to go with ASSE," said Stephanie. She learned of the program through her best friend who went to California through ASSE.

After returning to Canada, Stephanie will enroll in college for two years of general study and will then spend three years at a university, probably specializing in geography. "Maybe I will teach college," she says. "But, I have to be in

the nature all the time. I can't stand to be without nature. I am an outdoor person."

Stephanie agrees with many of the exchange students who come to the U.S., that school work is easier here. "The teachers (in Canada) don't push you so much. There if you don't do the work, you fail. Here they really push you. It's easier to skip school (in Canada). You're more on your own. They really treat you like a kid here. Here 18 years old is nothing. When you're in Germany or Canada, you're an adult."

Stephanie took five years of English classes in Canada, but adds that she still had some difficulty speaking English when she came to the U.S. "They (English classes at home) are not that good, mostly vocabulary. I could understand a lot more than I could speak." Stephanie now speaks English very fluently, which, she says will help her at the English college she plans to attend in the fall. "You need to be bilingual in Canada," she adds.

Stephanie joined the track team at Ione High School, the first time she had ever turned out for the sport. She was able to go to the state tournament and won the pole vault championship. She also competed in the 400 relay and earned second place. Other activities at Ione High School included playing bass in the pep band.

At home, Stephanie goes with her friends to clubs, camps, climbs and works as a lifeguard during the summer. One summer she and her father spent three weeks backpacking in France, traveling around two thousand kilometers by bicycle.

Stephanie says that she didn't really get homesick in the U.S., but missed her friends and the "action". One of the biggest drawbacks, she says, was not having her car and not being able to drive around. She did, however, bring her bike, which she used to ride into Ione from the Padberg ranch.

Stephanie met another foreign exchange student during her stay at Ione, Steffi Kohler from Germany. The two became good friends, but Steffi left for her home in Germany in March. "It was sad that she left," said Stephanie. "I miss her, but after she left, I made more friends with Ione people." The two girls write and call each other and plan a trip together to New Zealand some day.

In addition to her trips with the Outdoor Club, track team and pep band, Stephanie traveled to the coast with the Childers and has been to Portland "plenty of times to go shopping". Before Stephanie returns home, she plans a trip with her brother to British Columbia, where he has a summer job planting trees. Before they leave Oregon June 22, she wants to take him to Central Oregon to show him Smith Rock near Bend, and also to the Columbia River Gorge and Portland.

Some day, she says, she hopes to return to the U.S.

MC Fair/OTPR plan car wash

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo court has planned a car wash at Les Schwab in Heppner for Saturday, June 29. "We will wash the outside of your rig," said Queen Brenda Holtz, "so you won't have to worry about it and will have more time to get ready for the Fourth of July."

Bible school

An outdoor Bible club, sponsored by Willow Creek Baptist Church, will be held Monday through Friday, July 24-28, at the Heppner City Park from 3-4:30 p.m.

All ages of children are invited to participate in Bible activities and games. Snacks will be provided.

For more information call Kelly Sager, 989-8323.

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Remove Small Fruits for Higher Quality Apples

To get larger, higher quality apples, remove immature apples in early June. Getting rid of some of the fruits also helps avoid tree damage from heavy fruit load later in the summer, according to Tom Darnell, horticulture agent with the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service.

Apples naturally shed small, cherry-sized fruit in late May and early June. But this natural thinning often is not enough. For larger and higher quality fruit, more young apples need to be removed by hand.

"Take off the smaller apples and the apples damaged by disease or insects in each cluster," recommends Darnell. "Leave only the largest undamaged fruit in each cluster. Each remaining fruit should be about one hand apart. This way, you'll also be thinning the fruit load and will help avoid breaking any tree branches.

For more information about home orchards, order the OSU Extension Service publication, PNW 400, "Training and Pruning Your Home Orchard," available by sending your request and a check or money order for \$1 per copy to: Publications Orders, Extension and Experiment Station Communications, OSU, 422 Administrative Services, Corvallis, OR 97331-2119.

Fair/OTPR court second at Sisters

Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen Brenda Holtz and her court placed second in the mounted courts division of the Sisters Rodeo Parade recently.

Many rodeo courts from around the state provided some healthy competition, the queen noted. The Chief Joseph Days court took the first place trophy.

The queen and princesses Beth Hermanns, Stormy Howard and Dawn Boor participated in the grand entries for the afternoon and evening performances of the Sisters Rodeo. The girls agreed it was fun and exciting to be in the same run-in as Miss Rodeo Oregon and some of the more famous rodeo courts.

Pennant bearer Katie Bacon accompanied the royals at the weekend's parade and luncheon hosted by the Sisters Rodeo queen. Parents acted as chaperones, and talked about how exciting it was to watch Morrow County's grand entry

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, June 18
Soft White

June	\$5.40
July	\$5.16/\$5.05
August	\$5.00
September	\$5.02/\$5.04
October	\$5.07/\$5.09
November	\$5.13/\$5.15
December	\$5.19/\$5.21
January	\$5.23/\$5.25

Barley

June	\$150
July-August	\$145

Beecher's Restaurant
WILL BE CLOSED
Saturday June 22 at 3 p.m.
The lounge will be open serving cold sandwiches and pizza

Plan to celebrate
the 4th of July in Ione

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