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Photo by Joyce Hughes

Mary Rietmann of Lone rides her 4th of July special trike during the annual celebration last week in Lone. She is the daughter of Joe and Donna Rietmann. More photos page 3.

Parents, teens oppose curfew change

A public hearing on a proposed ordinance to change curfew hours for minors drew a small crowd of concerned parents and teenagers at the July 8 city council meeting. About 11 citizens testified in opposition to a provision to change curfew hours for minors 14 years and older. No one was present to testify in support of the proposed change. The proposal would have changed the curfew from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. on school nights and from 12 midnight to 11 p.m. on non-school nights.

After hearing the public input, the council amended the ordinance to remove the change for minors age 14 and up. However, the council did enact a curfew change for minors under 14 years old. That change sees the curfew reduced from 10:15 pm on non-school nights to 9:15 pm. The curfew for school nights was left unchanged at 9:15 p.m.

In other business, the council learned that the City had

been awarded a \$49,100 grant from the Oregon Department of Justice for replacement of the North Court Street sidewalk between the May Street bridge near the courthouse and the old Heppner middle school building on Stansbury Street. Actual construction dates are unknown at this time, but will likely be in 1997 or 1998.

The council adopted an ordinance authorizing police to impound motor vehicles being driven by unlicensed drivers or drivers without insurance.

The council approved a resolution referring an updated city charter to the voters for consideration at the November general election. The updated charter retains and recognizes the City's current organization and mode of operations and updates several sections that have been outdated by changes in state laws.

City staff was authorized to seek construction bids for a new public works pole garage to be constructed in the area behind city hall off Gale Street.

High School rodeo team to nationals

Local high school rodeo team members will head off this week to National High School Rodeo competition July 15-21 at Pueblo, Colorado.

The rodeo is the largest rodeo in the world, with over 14,000 students qualifying in the U.S. and Canada.

The first go-around will run from Monday, July 15 to Wednesday, July 17. The second go will be from Thursday, July 18 to Saturday, July 20; with the short go scheduled for Sunday, July 21. The top 20 average times from the first and second goes will qualify for the short go.

Six students from the area will compete at Pueblo.

Tiffany Munkers, Lexington, will go into competition in first place in goat tying; Lexi Matteson, Heppner, first in barrels; Justin Matteson, Heppner, first in team roping and steer wrestling; Annie Hisler, Heppner, barrels and poles; Angela Munkers, Lexington, barrels; and Katie McCain, Condon, Poles.

District to hire music teacher for south end

Morrow County School Superintendent Chuck Starr announced, at the regular school board meeting Monday night, that the district expects to hire a music teacher for the south Morrow County area soon. Starr said that one of the applicants for the position had "extremely high" recommendations and added that the district has made an offer to her. "She's the kind of person I believe will attract students to the program."

Ann Murray and Arnie Hedman, both of Heppner, spoke at Monday night's meeting in support of a stronger music program in Heppner and Lone.

Starr and school board members said that they, too support a strong program, but added that they cannot hire an additional teacher until student numbers justify that action.

The last three years, one teacher taught vocal and instrumental music in both Lone and Heppner. Prior to that there were three music positions in Heppner and Lone, but the district, because of serious budget considerations, eliminated two positions.

In other business, the board elected Scott Bauska to another term as board chairman and John Rietman to another term as board vice chairman;

approved resignations for Lori Pruitte, from educational assistant position at A.C. Houghton (ACH) Elementary;

Barney Lindsay, from vocational agriculture teaching position at Heppner High School (HHS); Sarah Carlson, from science teaching position at Lone Middle School (IMS); and Geneva Matthews, from music teaching position at Heppner and Lone schools.

approved transfer for Marchell Downey, from special ed. assistant position at Columbia Middle School (CMS) to Title I ed. assistant at Riverside High School (RHS).

approved employment at ACH- Maria Aguilar and Maria Gomez, English as a second language (ESL) ed assistants; Raymond Godin, special ed assistant; Mari Gordanier, Eleanor Parker, Kelly Wright and Heather Ball, 3½ hour ed assistants; ACH and CMS- Anne Orcutt, special ed assistant; CMS-Rita Luce, Title I ed assistant; Jeannie Pershal, special ed assistant; RHS- Michelle Erickson and Dianne Skoubo, Title I ed assistants; Sam Boardman Elementary (SBE) for Evelene Finley, 3½ hour Title I ed assistant; Marjorie Shelly, special ed assistant; Elva Rangel, Gloria Hinojos and Rosa Norwood, ESL ed assistants, Laurie Jo Cox, ed assistant; ACH and SBE- Angele Preslar, art teacher; ACH for Colleen Coyne, bilingual ESL teacher; CMS- Dawn Bradley, language arts/social studies teacher; Heppner Elementary School- Sherry Matteson, primary teacher; Heppner and Lone-

Chuck Matteson, alternative education teacher.

heard from Jim VanWinkle concerning establishing a high school girls softball team, possibly in 1997-98.

heard a report from superintendent Starr concerning Morrow County Schools for the 1995-96 school year. Starr stated that "The positives far outweighed the negatives in the Morrow County School District in the 1995-96 school year. It was a very successful year."

were introduced to Michael Keown, assistant superintendent, and Nate Arbogast, computer technician/software specialist.

heard a report on leaking fuel tanks in Heppner and Lone, and an update on the bond projects.

approved a bid for office machine maintenance from Absolute Business Solutions, Walla Walla for \$5,945;

set a special meeting on bids for the Boardman project for Monday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the district office.

authorized contingency expenditure for fuel tank removal and replacement.

approved annual organizational details.

The next regular meeting will be held August 12 at 7:30 p.m. at ACH.

Lexington Auto Body moves to new location



L-R: Dan Looslie Carmen Wilson, Danielle Looslie, Dale Wilson, Brian Basford, Scott Dammeyer

Lexington Auto Body, owned by Dan Looslie and Carmen Wilson has moved to a new location.

The shop, formerly on Main Street, in Lexington was moved to its new location at 165 North 'C' street in Lexington in mid-June.

The new shop offers more

spacious and convenient quarters for the body shop, which offers towing as well as auto repair.

"It's about three times bigger than the other shop," said Looslie. "There's a lot more room and you don't have to fight the traffic (on Main Street)."

The new shop also has larger

office space and a bigger break room for the employees. Lexington Auto Body has three employees, Dale Wilson, Brian Basford and Scott Dammeyer.

Wilson and Looslie have owned the shop on Main Street around 11 years.

The phone number for Lexington Auto Body is 989-8565.

Open casting

set for musical

After two "hilarious" script read-throughs, the Morrow County Theatre group announced two open-casting calls. The first one will be held Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High school band room. The second one will be Monday, July 29 at 7 p.m. at Morrow Estates meeting room in Boardman.

Those who wish to participate in "I'm Sorry the Bridge is Out You'll Have to Spend the Night", a fall monster musical, need only attend one meeting. For more information about the musical or car pooling call Debbie Wryn, 541-422-7017 or Paul Marshall, 541-676-9192.

Museum to sponsor storytelling

"Pacific Rim: Mythtime," a program by renowned Northwest storyteller Dave Barrett, will be presented Thursday, July 18, at 7 p.m. at the Morrow Co. Museum in Heppner. The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

"Pacific Rim: Mythtime" includes a variety of stories which collectively trace the history of native cultures along the Pacific Rim. Unfolding the story of human Migration to this continent, Barrett demonstrates how the traditional stories of these communities convey cultural values passed from generation to generation. Stories include "The Woman Who Married Bear," from the Tlingit Tribe, "Coyote's Swallowing Match

with Grizzly Bear," from the Mollala Tribe, and "Song of the Owl God," from the Ainu people of Northern Japan.

The Program is made possible by the Oregon Council for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information about the program, contact the Morrow County Museum at the Heppner City Park at 676-5524. The museum is open 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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