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## Well water testing slated July 26

Oregon State University Extension Service and Master Gardener volunteers will offer free nitrate screening of household well water at the Irrigon Watermelon Festival on Saturday, July 26, between the hours of 12 and 4 p.m.

"It is important that homes with infants under six months old be aware of the amount of nitrate in their well water," said Carol Michael, Oregon State University Extension agent for Morrow County. High levels of nitrate consumption can cause methemoglobinemia (a blue baby), she says.

Water with a nitrate level less than 10 parts per million (ppm) is considered safe for consumption by infants over 12 months and people of all ages.

The naturally occurring level of nitrate in well water is usually less than one ppm. Michael says that nitrate levels of wells tested in 1995-1996 ranged from 0 ppm to more than 30 ppm.

Nitrate can reach domestic wells from: a failing septic system; application fertilizer in excess of plant uptake; or leaching of silage and animal waste in feed lots.

According to OSU Extension Water Quality Specialists, screening for nitrates is important. If nitrates are detected above the natural level, then it is possible that other pollutants such as bacteria and pesticides are also reaching well water.

For a free screening of domestic well water for nitrates, bring a 1/2 cup of untreated well water in a clean container to the Irrigon Watermelon Festival. Fill out the information form and drop off the sample between noon and 3 p.m. Free sampling bottles and collection instructions are also available at Irrigon City Hall.

Those having water tested may watch the test being performed, which takes a few minutes, or they can come back by 4 p.m. to pick up the results.

For more information, contact the Morrow County Extension office at 1-800-342-3664.

## Howard retires from Kinzua



Kenneth Howard (center) receives a watch from Mike Hauser (right) and Dave Piper for his 36 years of employment at Kinzua.

Howard started work in May of 1961 and has worked as tail Sawyer, lead man in the log yard and for the past 20 years has run the debarker before his retirement last week.

Howard says that he and his wife, Maureen, aren't planning anything special and they plan to stay in the Heppner area. The couple has nine children and 14 grandchildren.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

There were 79 present for the senior meal July 16 and 13 meals were home delivered. Members of the Christian Missionary Fellowship served. Blood pressures were taken before dinner.

The menu for the birthday dinner July 30 will be chef's salad with ham, turkey, cheese, salami and boiled eggs, fruit salad, pasta salad, rolls and berry cobbler. Members of the Seventh-day Adventist and Nazarene churches will serve.

There were 33 at the Friday breakfast July 18 and six meals were home delivered. The menu for July 25 will be pancakes and sausage, fruit, hot or cold cereal, orange juice, milk, tea and coffee.

Two tables of pinocle were in play Friday. There was no movie Sunday evening.

The senior bus made the trip to the Irrigon (Stokes Landing) meal site Monday. Gerald Bergstrom is the driver for the summer.

The memorial service for Dorothy Henderson will be Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m. at the senior center. All her friends are invited to attend.

The exercise class and leader Velma Wight decided to have exercises Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10 a.m. instead of just twice a week. All seniors are welcome to attend.

More volunteers are needed to staff the office. Call 676-9030 and leave your name if you can help out, or come by.

July 26th  
**Class of 1967 Reunion.**  
Aug. 2nd  
**Couples Golf Tournament**

Bingo every Wednesday, starting at 7 p.m.

Heppner Elks is now taking applications for a Friday and Saturday night cook. Volunteers are needed for previously scheduled dinners and rodeo snack shacks-applications and resume not required.

**Heppner Elks 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney William Hanlon has conducted the following cases in the last month:

David William Evans, 43, of Boardman, was convicted on June 19 of Possession of a Controlled Substance 2 - C/Felony and sentenced by Judge Jeffrey Wallace to 18 months probation with the condition that he complete drug treatment program, not frequent places where drugs are available, submit to a polygraph test, complete 80 hours of community service work, and pay fines and assessments of \$468.

Larry Gene Hottel, 26, of Helix, was convicted on June 19 of the Manufacture and Delivery of a Controlled Substance-SC 2 - B/Felony and sentenced by Judge Jeffrey Wallace to 2 years probation with the conditions that he complete a drug treatment program, use no drugs, complete 80 hours of community service work, submit to body substance test and submit to search, have no contact with users of controlled substances, undergo alcohol and drug counseling, have his probation extended six months, and pay fines and assessments of \$586.

Shaun P. Hisler, 19, of Heppner, was convicted on June 12 of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants - A/Misdemeanor and sentenced by Judge Rudy Murgo to five years probation, 180 days in jail, 150 days suspended, have driver's license suspended one year on the condition that he have no alcohol, no entry to bars/taverns/OLCC outlets, complete an alcohol treatment program, submit to breath test, complete 100 hours of community service work, make an apology and pay \$1028 in fines and assessments, and attend victim impact panel two times per year or speak to area high schools regarding the consequences of use of alcohol while driving, enroll in and successfully complete a criminal justice class at Blue Mountain Community College during the 1997-98 school year, submit by Dec. 31, 97 a 5,000 word essay on alcohol and its impacts and also recommendations for treatment by the court system of youthful offenders.

Hisler was also convicted on four counts Recklessly Endangering Another - A/Misdemeanor and one count Reckless Driving - A/Misdemeanor on June 12 and sentenced by Judge Rudy Murgo to five years probation, 180 days in jail, 150 days suspended, 100 hours community service work, driver's license suspended 90 days, and pay fines and assessments of \$618; community service work to run consecutively with Conviction I for a total of 200 hours, allowed to serve the 60 days on electronic surveillance to commence as soon as program can be arranged, serve community service at a rate of at least 50 hours per year, and adhere to all special conditions in Conviction I.

Ruth A. Koonce, 37, of Boardman, was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance 2 - C/Felony on June 19 and was sentenced by Judge Jeffrey Wallace to 18 months probation and ordered to complete a drug treatment program, not frequent places where drugs are available, submit to polygraph test, do 80 hours community service work and pay fines and assessments of \$1,463.

## Births

**Michael Rhea Swanson**-a son Michael Rhea was born to Jodee and Mark Swanson of Pendleton on June 26, 1997. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

He joins a brother, Shane, at home. His grandparents are Wayne Swanson of Hermiston and Geri Swanson of Pendleton, and Alvin and Julie Ashbeck of Echo. Great-grandparents are Leo and Mary Ashbeck of Echo, and Earl and Dolores Ayres of The Dalles.

**Joah Isaac Mossman**-a son Joah Isaac was born to Marti and Kevin Mossman of Kalamazoo, MI on July 15, 1997. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.

His grandparents are Clarence and Clarice Baker of Heppner, and Ray and Kay Neidbala of Granger, IN. Great-grandparent is Gladys Ritter of Mishawaka, IN.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Heppner Chamber will be offering two exciting vacation packages. The recipient of each package will be able to choose from Victoria, BC, Anaheim, Banff Springs, Las Vegas, Jackson Hole, or California wine country and vacation there for four days and three nights between November 1997 and November 1998.

All current Chamber members and those joining prior to November 1997 will be entered in the "Chamber Pot" drawing. Members attending weekly Chamber luncheons will have additional opportunities to become the lucky trip winner.

The second drawing, "the Hard Hat Great Escape", will be open to everyone patronizing Chamber member businesses during the Main Street renovation. Logistics are being worked out by the committee. Watch for details in the "Hard Hat Days" flyer.

Chamber Hard Hat Ambassadors have been hard at it. Many of you saw Suzanne Jepsen and Betty Carlson handing out the Main Street news along with kisses (chocolate that is) up and down Main Street.

Doris Brosnan and her leprechaun sidekick were seen at Kate's Friday evening welcoming the cyclists who pedaled the Oregon Trail. They were pleased to receive the Heppner lapel pin as a memento of their "pioneer" travels.

Our ambassadors are much appreciated; to join them, call Al Trachsel, Doris Brosnan, or the Chamber Office, 676-5536.

How observant are you? If you have seen the small dark brick size imprints in the new sidewalk then you can visualize a tree close by. The people who purchased a tree from the Chamber of Commerce will be identified at these spots. There are still trees to be purchased. To be added to the list of people providing shade for our Main Street, stop by or call the Chamber office.

People who lived here previously or left their heart in Heppner are invited to add to the history of Main Street by purchasing a tree. A spring dedication is planned.

Have you eaten out lately? Our restaurants offer delicious food and an opportunity to sit by the window and observe the activity outside. Many will also deliver, but then you would miss a great walk and searching for the tree sites. Try it, you'll like it.

Thought for the week: "Happiness is a stock that doubles daily."

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## Oregon State Fair accepting art entries

The 1997 Oregon State Fair is now receiving entries for the All Oregon Art Annual. Artists and calligraphers who are current residents of the state of Oregon are invited to submit art work. This juried exhibition is intended to evidence the broad spectrum of contemporary art and calligraphy being produced by Oregonians.

The competition is sponsored by and held in conjunction with the Oregon State Fair, which runs August 21 through Sept 1.

All professional art entries must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, July 15. Professional artists may send two slides of separate works for jurying. Eligible works must have been

produced within the last two years and not previously entered for exhibition in this event.

Amateur, student youth and calligraphy artists must hand deliver their art work to the fairgrounds on Saturday, August 9, or Sunday, August 10.

Pieces also may be mailed and must be received in the Oregon State Fair office no later than Friday, August 8.

For more information, entry forms and rules, call the Oregon State Fair Office (503) 378-3247, or write: 2330 17th Street NE, Salem, Ore. 97310. Those interested may also pick up the information at the state fair office.

## Deep water plants during summer

During periods of especially hot and dry weather, make sure smaller trees and shrubs in the home landscape get adequate moisture by deep-watering.

Plants weakened by lack of water are more susceptible to insect attack and disease, according to Kathryn Kettel, Morrow County Oregon State University Extension agent.

"Deep-watering trees and shrubs is simply a matter of watering them for longer periods during the summer than at other times of the year," Kettel said. "Trees and shrubs in their first growing season usually need this type of irrigation more than most other plants. Less deep-

watering is needed for shallow-rooted plants."

Water travels downward through the soil, not outward. To keep the water directly over the plant roots it sometimes helps to build watering basins around the trunk of a tree.

Check to see how moist the soil is below the surface by digging down with a shovel about a foot and a half. Moist soil at that level means the roots have sufficient moisture for vigorous growth.

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## Softball all stars compete in tourney



Willow Creek Senior Girls Softball coaches (left to right) Bill McDowell, Jason Hanna and Ron Brisbois, holding sportsmanship trophies.

The Willow Creek Senior Girls Softball All Stars won the sportsmanship trophy and took eighth place in their tournament held Saturday and Sunday, July 12-13 in Madras. This year marks the first softball tournament ever for the local senior girls' softball teams. The all star team was selected from the Morrow County Grain Growers and the Heppner Elks teams.

Their first game, against Crook County, ended in five innings when Willow Creek was defeated 13-2.

Shelly Rietmann went two for three with two RBIs and Allison Sykes was two for two. Casey Ingraham was pitcher.

In the second game against Jefferson County, Janelle Healy was pitcher, throwing four strike-outs. Kim Pointer went two for three in that game and Amy Papineau was one for one with two RBIs. The Willow Creek team lost, 6-2.

The Redmond team took first place in the tournament; Hermiston was second and Jefferson County, third.

Willow Creek coaches were Jason Hanna, Ron Brisbois and Bill McDowell.

All star team members were: Trisha Adams, Brett Barber, Brandi Brantley, Charissa Gates, Kathleen Greenup, Jessie Gutierrez, Janelle Healy, Casey Ingraham, Marissa McCabe, Amy Papineau, Jenny Patton, Kim Pointer, Macy Rhea, Shelly Rietmann and Allison Sykes. Alternates were Stephanie Clough and Leah Denton.

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