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## Mobile home burns to ground



The Ione, Lexington and Heppner fire departments and the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to a fire at the

Marquardt ranch on Grange Hall Road near Cutsforth Corners Thursday, July 4. A single-wide

mobile home was fully engulfed in flames and a camp trailer was destroyed by the fire. There were no injuries in the blaze.

## State fair offers employment

There are many temporary employment opportunities at this year's Oregon State Fair which will be held August 21-September 1.

Employment opportunities include food concessions, carnivals, exhibitors and other fair activities. Employees are generally hired during August.

To assist employers, the Oregon Employment Department will have an employment trailer at the Oregon State Fairgrounds beginning August 7. The trailer will be in the Oak Grove, which is located on the west side of 17th street across from the Green Gate. The trailer will be open: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,

and 3-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Most jobs are available for applicants ages 16 and up. Applicants under the age of 18 need an original social security card and a birth certificate, Oregon ID card or driver's license/permit. A work permit is no longer required.

## Heppner Class of 1957 holds 40th reunion



Heppner High School Class of 1957: first row (left to right)-Meredith (Thomson) Walters, Janet (Wright) Litchfield, E.V. (Gonty) Blevins, Beulah Ogletree, V.N. White, Francine (Francis) Evans, Evvonne (Esch) Harshman, Bobbie (Hannan) Lapeyre; second row (left to right)-Albert Esch, Elaine (Stone) Bridger, Beverly (Baker) Steagall, Victor Groshens, Jon Blake, Jay Sumner, Mona (Howard) Thompson, Frances (Slocum) Dion, Alice Faye (Stewart) Cannon, Jay Dee Hudson, Roy Hughes; third row (left to right)-Louis Sayers, Dean Connor, Gary Jones, Dee Bailey, Jerry Dougherty. Not pictured is Virginia (Griffin) Martinez.

The Heppner High School Class of 1957 held their 40th class reunion July 19-20 in Heppner.

Twenty-three former classmates enjoyed visiting and dinner at the Heppner Elks Club Saturday evening. Vic Groshens of Baker City was master of ceremonies. Special guests were Beulah Ogletree, Heppner, and U.N.

White and his wife, June, of Anaheim, CA. Mrs. Ogletree was the class' second and third grade teacher. Mr. White taught high school English and Spanish, and was also vice-principal of the school.

Class members met Sunday, July 20, for a picnic and more visiting and picture taking. Plans for

their 45th reunion in 2002 were discussed.

Reunion chairman was E.V. (Gonty) Blevins of Ukiah, reunion committee members were Meredith (Thomson) Walters, Shell Beach, CA.; Jerry Dougherty, Jay Dee Hudson and Virginia (Griffin) Martinez, all of Heppner.

## Workshop set on fair entries

## Waterpark slates office hours

### -opening date tentative

A reminder to those planning to exhibit flowers, fruits, vegetables or grains at the Morrow County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 10 a.m., a free workshop will be given in the fair annex on selecting, grooming and preparing fair entries. Participants will be given tips on what judges are looking for and there will be an opportunity for some hands-on experience. Those attending may bring fair premium books and a sack lunch if they choose. Beverages will be supplied.

## Harvest above average

This year's wheat harvest, which is about 50 percent complete in this area, appears to be "above average and the quality looks good", according to John Ripple, grain department manager at Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington.

Ripple said that the northern areas are pretty well cut down, with harvest just getting started in the Heppner-Ruggs area. Ripple said that in another two weeks or so, the harvest will be mostly complete.

Although the construction has been completed at the new Willow Creek Water Park in Heppner, the opening date for swimming remains tentative. Willow Creek Park District Board member Archie Padberg says that the water park is still awaiting its occupancy permit before the state will allow the pool to open.

Office hours, however, have been scheduled for this Thursday and Friday, July 31 and August 1, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for signups for swimming lessons and purchase of pool memberships. Signups must be made in person. No telephone signups will be accepted.

If state licensing proceeds as planned, the pool will hold its

## Fair committee sponsors pigs

The Morrow County Fair Committee, with help from local sponsors, is bringing The All-Alaskan Racing Pigs to the fair this year. Eight pigs a day will race at different times.

Stage entertainment and a carnival will also be held in the Little League field area.

first session of swimming lessons from Monday, August 4, to Friday, August 15. The second session is planned from Monday, August 18 to Friday, August 29.

The schedule for the first session is as follows: 11-11:30 a.m., level IIA for beginner level swimmers, ages five and up; 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m., level IIB for those able to do the crawl stroke, ages seven and up; 12:15-12:45 p.m., level III for those who can perform a good crawl stroke with breathing, nine and up; 5:30-6 p.m., level I for non-swimmers five and up; 6:05-6:35 p.m., preschool level I for non-swimmers, three and four years; 6:35-7 p.m., parent-toddler, parent must accompany toddler in water, two and three years.

The schedule for the second session is as follows: 11-11:30 a.m. level IIA beginners ages five and up; 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m., level IIB can swim crawl stroke seven and up; 12:15-12:45 p.m., level III good crawl stroke with breathing nine and up; 5:30-6 p.m., level IIA, beginner swimmers five and up; 6:05-6:35 p.m., level I non-swimmers five and up; 6:35-7 p.m., preschool level I non-swimmers three to four years.

## Football camp starts next week

The sixth annual south Morrow County Football Camp starts next Monday, Aug. 4, and runs through Thursday, Aug. 7.

The camp will be held from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and is open to all boys in grades 5-12.

Forms are available for sign up at all Heppner schools and at the Shoe Box and Murray Drugs in Heppner.

Players can register at anytime during the week and will need to bring shorts and shoes. A helmet will be provided. Cost is \$30 and all players will receive a hat. Younger players will receive a football.

Anyone who would like further information can call Heppner High School Head Football Coach Greg Grant at 676-5257 or John McCabe at 676-5311.

## CHAMBER CHAT LINE & MAIN STREET NEWS

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### MAIN STREET WEEKLY REPORT

Al Frye of Weaver Construction and Brent Reynolds of ODOT continue to provide updated information during the Monday Main Street meetings which are open to everyone.

**Westside** - Curbs should be nearly complete as of presstime with the asphalt paving beginning Monday, August 4. Vehicles will likely be driving down the new street by August 8. Driveways should be poured this week. It is crucial to stay off of them for seven days. The electrical and sprinkler systems will be going in the utility strips this week. Pavers will not be laid in the utility strips until both sides are completed.

**Eastside** - Paul Arbogast will be contacting the businesses to make sure they understand their waterline responsibilities and to prepare them. The street will start coming out around August 7 or 8. Sidewalks will be torn up beginning at Schwab and May Street. Business owners on the eastside are encouraged to attend the Monday meetings for clarification of issues in question.

**Shamrock** - Al Frye tells us the shamrock in the middle of Main and Willow intersection will be done all at once, rather than in halves as previously planned.

**Sidewalks** - It takes extensive foot traffic to wear the white coating off the sidewalk. By wintertime we should see the permanent grey color.

**Planters** - Heppner Chamber of Commerce has donated the majority of the flower planters to the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Weaver Construction has volunteered to deliver them. If there are any businesses who would like to have them on a side street or at their backdoor on a permanent basis, please let the Chamber know now so arrangements can be made, (676-5536).

**Events** - watch the Heppner Gazette for "Hard Hat Specials" flyers and look forward to some heavy duty equipment dexterity skills demonstrations, "The Hard Hat Great Escape contest" and more Main Street activities after fair week.



Curbs nearly completed on west side of Main Street

## Prostate cancer group to meet

The American Cancer Society (ACS) Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet Monday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. in the ACS office located at 342 S.W. 1st in Pendleton.

Dr. John Winters, N.D., a naturopathic physician from La Grande, will be the guest speaker.

## Do It Yourself Farm Sale

### Farm and Hardware Sale

starts July 31 through August 9

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