

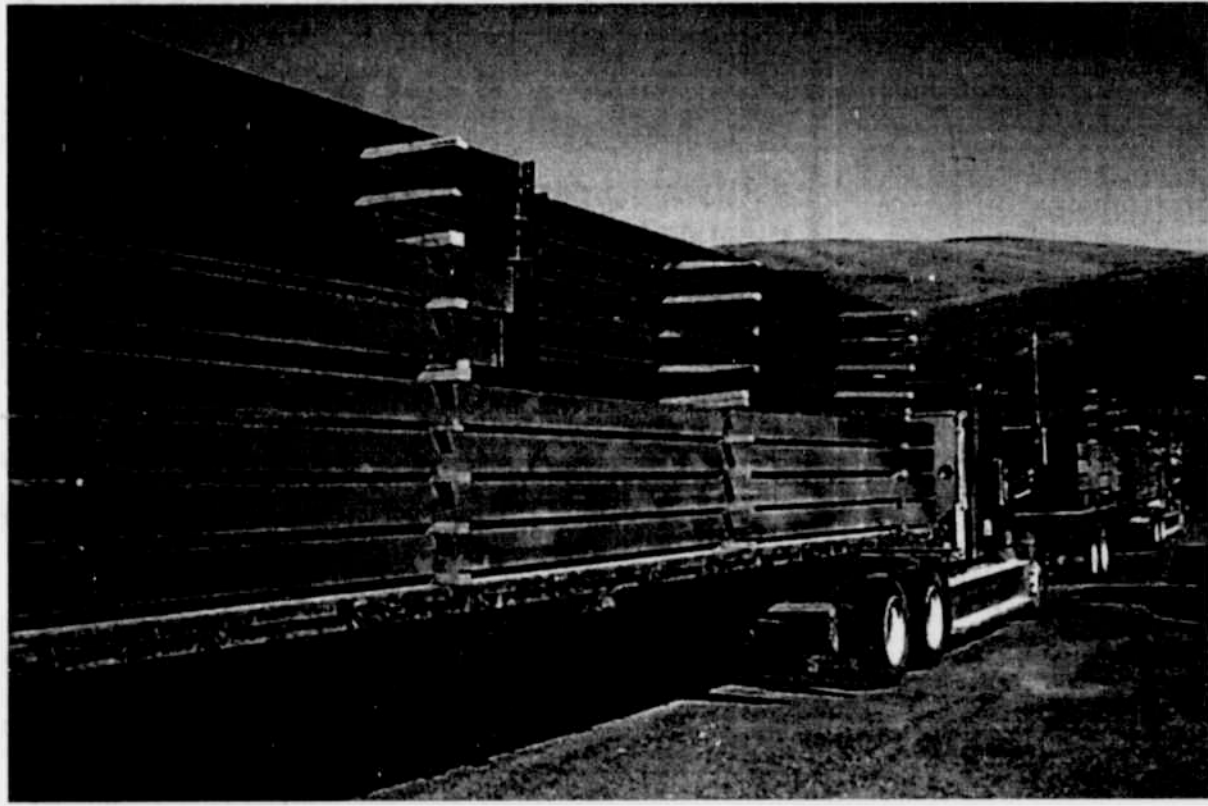
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## Fair building arrives by truck

Five truckloads of steel and other materials to be used in construction of the multi-purpose building at the Morrow County fairgrounds, arrived in Heppner on Monday. Weighing 82 tons, the steel beams and other material will be used to construct the 125-ft by 225-ft facility. Ground breaking for the building was held on Feb. 4, and the building is expected to be completed in time for fair this year.

The frame won't be going up for a couple more weeks while the concrete work is finished.

## Lone drama class to present play

This Sunday, April 26, the Lone High School drama club will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream," directed by Jim Raible. The play will begin at 4 p.m. in the Morrow County Amphitheatre in the Lone Park annex.

A brief synopsis of the plot follows. Both Demetrius (Nathan Rietmann) and Lysander (Jeremy Rietmann) are in love with Hermia (Charissa Gates); Hermia is in love with Lysander; Helena (Niki Sullivan), Hermia's friend, is in love with Demetrius, but Demetrius doesn't like her. Helena's father doesn't approve of Lysander, and will not allow him to marry Helena. Lysander and Helena run off into the woods and Hermia and Demetrius follow them.

In the woods, the fairy King Oberon (Shelby Krebs), and the fairy Queen Titania (Allison Halvorsen), are fighting over an Indian boy. Oberon asks

Puck (Lela Gribskov), a mischievous fairy, to help him get the boy away from Titania. Puck puts a spell on Titania; she falls in love with Bottom (Kara Miller), a part-time actor/worker who is rehearsing a play in the woods, and whose head has been changed into a ass-head by Puck. Then Puck decides to put spells on the four lovers in the woods. That's when things start getting confusing.

"I think it's wild that a bunch of teenagers are excited about performing a 400-year-old play in a 100-year-old building," said Jim Raible, Lone High School language arts teacher, play director and drama club advisor.

Everyone is invited to come and bring their blankets and enjoy Shakespeare in the park.

Admission is free; donations will be gladly accepted.

In case of bad weather, the play may be moved to the Lone High School cafeteria.

## MCURD to meet

The Morrow County Unified Recreation District regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 30, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Riverside High School Library in Boardman.

Agenda items include a special presentation and the Morrow County Arts Council "Music in the Park Project".

Current litigation will be the subject of an executive session.

The budget committee meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

## HHS prom this Saturday, April 25

The Heppner High School prom will be held this Saturday, April 25, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the high school cafeteria. The theme for this year's prom is "My Heart Will Go On", the theme for "Titanic". The music will be provided by DeeJay Entertainment with Chris Taylor as deejay. Photos will be available by Moderne.

Those attending the dance will

## First meeting held on district

The first court hearing on a lawsuit filed by Ed Glenn of Boardman against the Morrow County Recreation District was held in at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner on Monday, April 20.

Glenn maintains that the district, which funds high school sports programs and other cultural events for county residents, was formed as only a temporary solution to the Ballot Measure 5 property tax limitation, which reduced funding for schools and consequently for sports and co-curricular activities. When Ballot Measure 50 was voted in, certain districts' budgets, including MCURD, were automatically made permanent. Glenn wants the recreation district placed under the property tax limitation for education, which is \$5 per thousand assessed valuation, instead of the \$10 per thousand for non-school taxing districts.

A second court date is scheduled in Salem in May.

receive prom glasses and later a free prom memory photo.

The prom king and queen will be crowned around 11 p.m. Members of the community are invited to watch the crowning.

Tickets are \$15 apiece or \$25 for a couple.

The HHS varsity baseball game at Condon, originally set to begin at 11 a.m. that day has been rescheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

## Heppner recommended for youth camp

The Juvenile Corrections Siting Committee April 17 recommended Heppner for the location of a 50 bed Youth Accountability Camp.

The Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) has 30 days to accept or reject the siting committee's recommendation. The Heppner site was chosen over two sites in Union County.

According to an April 18 story in the "LaGrande Observer" newspaper, the city council of Union passed a resolution re-

questing that Union be withdrawn from consideration as a site for the camp.

The camp, when built, will serve up to 50 youthful property offenders who have been committed to the custody of the Youth Authority primarily from central and eastern Oregon counties. Approximately 35 jobs come with the program.

Criteria used by the siting committee included community support, availability of infrastructure, site development costs and other factors, said an OYA news release.

"I am pleased with the work of the Siting Committee," said Rick Hill, OYA director. "They held thorough public hearings and spent considerable time reviewing engineering and geotechnical reports. I hope we can negotiate successfully with city, county and port officials to solidify the infrastructure agreements."

Siting Committee members are Joyce Morgan, Douglas County Commission Chair; Timothy Travis, with the Juvenile Court Improvement Project; and Barton Delacey, private land appraiser.

## Invasion is successful!



But what do they eat? This group was at Kates Pizza for lunch Saturday.

More than 50 aliens landed at the Morrow County Museum last Saturday and the invasion was a "total success", according to museum director Marsha Sweek.

Visitors from as far away as the Tri-Cities and The Dalles came to the gathering of science fiction fans, called "Invasion," to compare collections and discuss the relative merits of their favorite books, films and tv shows. Predominate in the current Sci-Fi FANTastic exhibit and at the Invasion are representations of the Star Trek Universe and those of Star Wars.

In addition, many other works in all media have inspired collectors. Visitors last Saturday participated in trivia contests, costume contests, a silent auction, The Great Alien Hunt and a tour of downtown Heppner during which they had to check in at the businesses.

Winners were announced at dinner Saturday night, at which about 35 people were present. Winners for the trivia contests were: Star Trek-Nat Saenze of Richland, Washington; Star Wars-Genny Sneddon of Heppner; General SF trivia - Edwin Frydendall of Richland,

Washington. Costume Winners were: Best Human/Humanoid-Greg Martin, Tri-Cities; Best Non Human/Non Humanoid-Ian Martin, Tri-Cities; Earthlings' Choice (downtown secret judge)-

Nat Saenz, Richland. Special recognition was awarded to young participants Teri and Kelly Straley of Heppner, and Michelle, Kenny, Michael and Denise Lien of the Tri Cities. The Passport Award went to Amy Law of the Tri-Cities who was "thrilled" to take home the spectacularly ugly alien head filled with suckers. Curtis Harper of Heppner was the winner of the Great Alien Hunt.

## Physical therapist hired at PMH, PMC



Rick Bellew

A new physical therapist has been hired at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Clinic.

Rick Bellew, 28, came on board in March, replacing Sharla Erich who moved to California with her husband, Kevin, former Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator.

Bellew comes to Heppner from Salt Lake City, where his parents still reside. He has five siblings. Bellew attended Salt Lake Community College where he received his associate of applied science degree and physical therapy assistant training. He also attended Snow College at Ephraim, Utah, and the University of Utah at Salt Lake.

Bellew put himself through college working in shipping and receiving for Associated Food Stores at Salt Lake.

Bellew grew up in a small town in Wyoming before his family moved to Salt Lake and says he's glad to be away from the big city, especially since Salt Lake is preparing for the Olympics and population is booming.

Bellew, who is 28 and single enjoys biking, enjoys working out and playing and watching football. He played football at Snow College as a running back and nose guard.

Bellew's faith is a very important aspect of his life. "I like to serve my church every chance I get," said Bellew, who belongs to the Church of the Latter-day Saints (Mormon). He served a two-year mission for the church in Indianapolis on his own time and with his own money, which, he says, was "probably the best learning experience anyone could have."

The physical therapy office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bellew says that he will also schedule appointments beyond those times according to patients' needs. In addition to work at the clinic, he also visits Home Health patients in Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Boardman and Condon.

Bellew says he intends to add water therapy to his services.

He plans to help out at the 24-hour relay which is planned at Riverside High School.

## Heppner police prevent escape

Heppner Police Officer Merle Cowett assisted in apprehending a person who walked away from the Morrow County Justice Court against the orders of Judge Charlotte Gray.

According to Judge Gray, a man who had been charged with negotiating a bad check had not paid his fines and indicated to her that he wasn't going to pay \$350 in back payments. He then walked out of her courtroom.

Judge Gray ordered him to come back into the courtroom and, when he didn't, called the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Cowett was already at the courthouse and at first followed the man on foot. Cowett then got into his vehicle and followed the man who, by then, had taken off in his car. Cowett stopped the man at the intersection of Barratt and Gilmore streets and told him he was under arrest, when the man again took off in his vehicle. Cowett had previously radioed to Police Chief Doug Rathbun, who then cut the man off and the two police officers boxed him in with their vehicles.

Judge Gray later said that it was determined that the man had serious health problems and could not be kept in jail.

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