

## City pulls out of youth camp

The Heppner city council Monday night withdrew its application to locate a youth accountability or "boot camp" on the outskirts of Heppner.

The withdrawal was made because of large scale opposition to siting the camp here.

Application to locate the camp in Heppner had been made in Dec. of last year, however, opponents of the camp gained momentum last week when it was learned the state siting committee had chosen Heppner as the final location, and it looked like the camp would actually be located here.

Opponents held a meeting at the St. Patrick's Church last Thursday where about 250 people against the camp attended. At that time the group claimed to have 480 signatures on a petition against the camp.

A representative of the state was at the meeting, however, he only spoke briefly.

At that time the group was urged to attend Monday night's city council meeting in protest.

Prior to Monday's meeting, however, the council agreed to drop Heppner's application.

"We are today withdrawing our application for this camp because of the devastating division it is causing in our community," Mayor Bob Jepsen said in a prepared statement to the large crowd that had to be moved to the senior center across the street. "We hope now we can get on with the work of making Heppner a unified town again."

John Kilkenny, who opposed the camp from the very beginning spoke at the council meeting, and pledged that

\$50,000 would be raised to help with a proposed assisted living center for Heppner.

The boot camp would have brought economic development to Heppner through its payroll and workers moving here.

Gayle Hughes said the assisted living center is far from a reality for Heppner and suggested that the money be given to the pool instead, which she said is in need of financial help.

Judge Louis Carlson, who had pushed hard for the youth camp, was not in attendance at the Monday council meeting.

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## Willow Creek Road construction status report

The U.S. Department of Transportation, with Tidewater Contractors, Inc., prime contractor has released the following construction status report on planned construction activities for the week of Monday, May 10:

Tidewater will continue the clearing and grubbing operation, working ahead on line from the beginning of the project, which is near the south limits of Cutsforth Park, and continue working towards the top of Coal Mine Grade. Monday, May 10, the Tidewater crew were to start setting the detour route construction signs along the Shaw Creek Road, which is the scheduled detour route for this construction season.

On Monday, May 18, Tidewater plans to shut the Willow Creek Road down for through traffic, from Cutsforth Park to the end of the project, which is immediately south of FS Road 21, Penland Lake Road. The road closure will continue through the length of the contract. The detour route through the Shaw Creek Road will be the main travel route through the four corners to Penland Lake and Ukiah.

Various pieces of survey, logging and construction equipment will be working along the right of way, continuing on Monday, May 10, will continue through the week. Please be aware of the work in the area.

Federal Highways asks the public for their patience, consideration and cooperation during this construction season and hopes that the work will be completed with a minimum of delays.

Contact Robert G. Toops, Project Engineer, at (541) 676-5904 in Heppner for additional information. If you need to contact Federal Highway by

mail, use the following address: Federal Highway Administration, General Delivery, Heppner, Oregon 97836, Attn: Robert G. Toops.

The Federal Highway Administration office is located in the Umatilla National Forest Service, in the Heppner Ranger District, 117 South Main, Heppner, Oregon 97836

## Coil receives prestigious Elks award



Jay Coil

Jay Coil of Heppner was honored recently when he was presented the Elks Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award.

Coil received the award from the Heppner Lodge #358 and the Grand Lodge Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. He was presented the award by the local Elks Exalted Ruler Roger Mortimore on Fisherman's night. The award is not given very often and requires that specific criteria be met.

Coil was instrumental in formation of the new softball and baseball fields in Heppner, donating many hours of labor towards construction, among other community projects.

The award was signed by Carl M. O'Malley, Grand Exalted Ruler, James C. Varenhorst, Grand Secretary, Mortimore and Glen Ward, BPOE #358 secretary.

## Public trail system a possibility

Morrow County, with assistance from the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, a division of the National Park Service, is exploring opportunities to develop a public trail system along the entire northern edge of Morrow County.

The county, TRCA staff and a group of county stakeholders recently met to share ideas about the proposed trail system.

During the meeting, several themes were identified for the trail, including recreation, education, cultural (Native American), historic (Lewis & Clark trail route), linear park/greenway, wildlife and alternative transportation.

The meetings to date have been informal and the county court now seeks the appointment of a formal Trail Advisory Committee. It is anticipated that the advisory committee will work with county and RTCA staff to develop a concept plan for the trail. The duration for the committee will be approximately one year, with the possibility of extending to the next phase of the project, the feasibility study.

Research from the Oregon

Tourism Commission indicates "walking, cycling, photography and wildlife viewing to be the most popular Pacific Northwest visitor activities," said Carol Michael, chair of the Morrow County Tourism Committee.

Michael says she believes that developing a public trail system along the Columbia River will draw more visitors off I-84 and encourage longer visits in Morrow County. "I hope the trail will be ready for upcoming Lewis and Clark festivities," says Michael.

The cities of Boardman and Irrigon and the Port of Morrow are also involved in the project. Don Eppenbach, mayor of Irrigon said, "The idea of a trail with historic and nature elements has been under consideration for a long time - since 1986. The time is ripe."

Morrow County is looking for additional volunteers to serve on the new Trail Advisory Committee. Persons or representatives from groups or clubs interested in serving on the committee are encouraged to contact the Morrow County Planning Department at 922-4624 by May 31.

## Duck's Unlimited banquet set

The annual Ducks Unlimited banquet will be held in Heppner this Friday, May 15 beginning at 6p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Steve Rhea, organizer of the event, said it should be a lot of fun this year with raffles, games and of course an auction to raise money for the good causes of Ducks Unlimited. A prime rib dinner will be served at 7p.m. and tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 per child.

Rhea urged everyone to come and that kids were welcome. Special dinner and raffle ticket packages will be available for early sales before the dinner.

## HHS, HJHS sports dessert, May 26

The Heppner High School and Junior High sports dessert for grades 7-12 will be held on Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at the school.

The sports dessert was changed from May 18.

## HHS spring concert to be held May 21

Heppner High School spring concert will be held Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The junior high choir will sing "The Rose" by Bette Midler; "Close to You" by the Carpenters; and "Breaking Up is Hard to Do" and "Let it Be" by Paul McCartney. A solo will be performed by Mike Haugen and Katie Garrett singing "It's Your Love" by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

The high school choir will sing "Shut de Do" an African folk song; "It's Hard to Say Goodbye" by Boyz II Men; and "Nobody Knows" by Kevin Sharp.

The two choirs will perform the "Titanic" love theme "My Heart Will Go On," and "Charlottesville."

The junior high and high school bands will be playing "March for Freedom" by Hodges; a clarinet solo by Daniel Jepsen from "Sonata in C minor;" "Majestia" by Seveanenger; a trumpet solo by Matt Jepsen; "Rock-a-My-Soul" a spiritual; "March of the Kings Trumpeters" by Lully; and "El Capitan" by Sousa.

## Opinions sought on health care

"Health Decisions '98", a chance to speak out about health care in Heppner, will be held Thursday, May 21, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Center in Heppner (county buildings above Coast to Coast). A light snack will be provided.

The project is conducted by Oregon Health Decisions, a Portland-based, non-profit agency "dedicated to giving people a voice in their health care". The project is sponsored by the office for Oregon Health Plan Policy and Research and funded with grants from the Robert Wood Johnson and Ford Foundations.

For more information, call Oregon Health Decisions at 1-800-245-4805.

## Day Care to hold open house

An open house for the Heppner Day Care-Umatilla Co. Headstart program will be held this Thursday, May 14, from 3-5 p.m. at Heppner Day Care.

## Primary election set for May 19

The biennial primary election will be held at the polls on Tuesday, May 19.

Morrow County polling places are as follows:

-Precinct #1 North Boardman and Precinct #2 South Boardman will vote at the Greenfield Grange;

-Precinct #3 Hardman, #8 Northeast Heppner, #9 Northwest Heppner, #10 Southeast Heppner and #11 Southwest Heppner will vote at the Morrow County Fairgrounds;

-Precinct #4 Lone will vote at the Lone City Hall;

-Precinct # 7 Lexington will vote at the Mormon Church;

Precinct # 5 North Irrigon and #6 South Irrigon will vote at Stokes Landing Senior Center.

Non-partisan candidates include: incumbent Earl R. Woods and David C. Allen for Morrow County District Attorney;

-incumbent Charlotte Gray and Rod Osgood for Morrow County Justice of the Peace;

- Jack Roberts and Mike Fahey for Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries;

-16 candidates for the superintendent of public instruction-John Pershall, Berna O'Ree-Rogers Plummer, Alan Demeurers, Ron Adams, Michael Jeffrey Verhulst, Jack B. Bray, Stann Bunn, Margaret Carter, Vern Cook, Wayne L. Fanno, Sam Oakland, Jim Howard, Mike Humphreys, Carol Simila-Dickenson, Spencer Schock and Colin Karr-Morse;

-five candidates for Judge of the Supreme Court Position #7-James Rice, William Riggs, Jim Westwood, Victor Hoffer and Bob Tieman;

-Judge of the Court of Appeals-Edward Warren and Janice Jackson;

-Non-partisan candidates Jeff Wallace for Judge of the Circuit Court 6th District; Rudy Murgio, Judge of the Circuit Court Position # 3; Carl Byers, Judge of the Oregon Tax Court; Mary Deits, Judge of the Court of Appeals Position # 9; and W.Michael "Mick" Gillette will all run unopposed.

The non-partisan ballot also includes a state measure referred to the people which would amend the constitution to eliminate the 50 percent voter turnout required for passing certain property tax measures.

Democrat candidates include: -John Mollahan and Douglas Rathbun for Morrow County Judge;

-Leann Rea is running unopposed for Morrow County Commissioner;

-Ron Wyden and John Sweeney for U.S. senator;

-U.S. representative in Congress, 2nd District-Ellen Wedum, Kevin M. Campbell and Jim Gilbertson;

-Governor-Paul Damian Wells, Dave Foley and John Kitzhaber;

-State representative 57th District candidate David Mitzimberg and state representative candidate for 59th district Sue Greer are both running unopposed.

No one filed for the Democratic

precinct committee person, male or female.

On the Republican side:

-five candidates have filed for Morrow County Judge-Rollie Marshall, Bill Doherty, Guy Van Arsdale, Terry Tallman and Keith Lewis;

-two have filed for Morrow County Commissioner-Patty Wehrli and Dan Brosnan;

-State Representative for 59th District-Tan Hermens and Lynn Lundquist;

-U.S. Senator-Valentine Christian, John Michael Fitzpatrick and John Lim;

-U.S. Representative in Congress 2nd District-Perry Atkinson, Greg Walden, John D. Newkirk and Wes Cooley;

-Governor-Jeffrey Brady, Walter Huss, Bill Sizemore and Bill Spidal;

-State Representative 57th District Vern Kube is running unopposed;

No one filed for Republican precinct committee person, male or female.

The city of Lone residents will decide whether or not a new charter will be adopted for the city. The existing charter was adopted in 1973 and changes have made some provisions of that charter obsolete.

Boardman residents will decide the fate of two fire protection measures. They will ask those in the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District whether or not to annex the city of Boardman to the Boardman RFPD and those in the city whether or not to annex the city to the Boardman RFPD.

A candidate's forum featuring county candidates, appears in this week's Gazette-Times.

## Shrub steppe wildlife program

Burrowing owls, sagebrush lizards, Swainson's hawks and Washington ground squirrels are all wildlife species that have adapted to the unique conditions of the native shrub steppe ecosystem.

Everyone is invited to learn about these animals and more at the slide lecture "Columbia Basin Shrub Steppe Wildlife" presented by Russ Morgan at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, at the McNary Dam Visitor Center Theater in Umatilla.

Morgan, Heppner, a wildlife biologist for ODFW, has been working in the mid-Columbia basin for eight years. He and other researchers have just finished a three-year study of wildlife ecology on the Boardman Bombing Range, an area which contains some of the best reserves of shrub steppe in the Pacific Northwest.

This program is the last in the five-part speaker series "Natural History of the Mid-Columbia" sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Army Corps of Engineers and Blue Mountain Community College.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 541-922-3232.



### Fire Extinguisher Service Day

Wednesday, May 20th

Get Ready For Harvest... Service Tech on hand from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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