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Big crowd attends Ione's TV shoot



Participants in the TV shoot display their guns

Approximately 80 people ventured out last Saturday to watch shooters try to break a 27" TV tube at a 1,000 yards. The sun was out, the wind was calm, and yes, the second shooter, Eric Orem, hit dead center and broke the TV.

Event coordinator Terry Mewhinney thought they would run out of TVs at that rate. However, 63 shooters later, the second to last shooter, Todd Lindsay, hit the TV.

A shoot-off for first place ended with Orem and Lindsay deciding to share the \$100 first place prize after about a half hour of shooting, two aching shoulders plus \$50 worth of bullets.

The proceeds for the TV Shoot will go to prizes given to children at Ione's 4th of July celebration.

Sports schedules changed

The Heppner High School track team will go to the Cascade Locks Invitational this Friday, April 27, instead of Goldendale.

The HHS softball game this Saturday, April 28, will begin at 11 a.m. instead of 1 p.m.

The softball game on Saturday, May 5, has been changed to Friday, May 4, at 1 p.m.



Eric Orem and Todd Lindsay

Soccer, volleyball registration set

Registration for Heppner, Lexington and Ione soccer and Colt volleyball teams will be held May 8 at the Heppner Neighborhood Center from 6-8 p.m., May 10 at the Ione Fire Hall from 6-8 p.m. and May 12 at the Neighborhood Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration fees are:

\$31 for the first child and \$28 for each additional child. Scholarships will be available. Children must also bring a copy of their birth certificate. Children must be 4-1/2 to 14 years old to participate (birthdates between 1-31-97 and 8-1-87).

For more information, call Tina Edwards or Darrell Raver, 676-8710.

Holocaust survivor addresses large audience

A rapt audience of around 200 women attended a salad supper at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner Monday evening which featured Holocaust survivor Alice Kern as speaker.

Kern told of her life growing up in a Jewish family in Romania prior to Nazi occupation and related the horrors of the Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen death camps. Her mother and sister, many friends and relatives perished in the camps. Kern survived the ordeal but was left a "human skeleton." After liberation by Allied forces she was taken to Sweden for recuperation, where she met her future husband. After they married they moved to Portland where her husband's brother lived.

Kern and her husband have four daughters and six grandchildren.

Teen seriously injured in rodeo

A Heppner teenager, Jerid Penturf, was injured at the high school rodeo held in Heppner this past weekend.

Penturf was bucked off a bull at the rodeo. His fourth and fifth vertebrae were broken and part of his esophagus was crushed. He was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner and then transferred to St. Charles Medical Center at Bend. He is expected to have a full recovery.

Account set up for Wenberg family

An account to receive donations has been established at the Heppner Bank of Eastern Oregon for the Wenberg family. Fourteen-month-old Wales Wenberg died in an accident involving an automobile while the family was camping in Washington state.

Wales was the son of Erik and Cynthia Wenberg and the grandson of Dr. Kenneth and Bonnie Wenberg, Heppner.

Contributions may be made to the Wales Wenberg Memorial Fund c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Youth injured in 4-wheeler accident

Roy Proctor, a student at Heppner Junior High School, was injured Saturday in a four-wheeler accident near his home.

Proctor, 13, the son of Mike and Kay Proctor of Heppner, suffered a fractured elbow and fractured facial bones. He was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner and then transported to OHSU where he underwent plastic surgery on his lip.

A family member says that he may be released Wednesday.

A Centennial Middle School eighth-grade exchange student, Byron Randolph of the Portland area, was also injured in the accident. He was treated at Pioneer Memorial Hospital for a broken wrist and was released. He is staying with the Diane and John Kilkenny home in Heppner during the exchange.

Mike Proctor's mother and sister were also injured in a separate accident in Washington State.

His mother, Juanita Proctor, and his sister, Theresa Reese, were involved in a head-on collision in Moses Lake, WA.

Juanita Proctor broke her back and her wrist in the accident. Reese broke both legs and both arms and also fractured her pelvis, according to the family.

Potato feed to benefit Stahl family

A "spud feed" to benefit the Stahl family will be held this Saturday, April 28, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

The menu will include baked potatoes with "all the fixings" for \$5 for adults or \$3 for children 12 and under.

Proceeds will go to Mike and Shari Stahl to help with medical expenses. Shari Stahl was recently injured in a motorcycle accident.



Holocaust survivor Alice Kern (left) autographing a copy of her book for Aloha DeSpain following her presentation in Heppner Monday. JoAnne Burleson (center) assists.

Kathy Wall new Center director



Kathy Wall (right) and Debbie Burns

Kathy Wall of Heppner has been hired as the new director of the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Wall, 49, will assume the director's position as of May 1. Current director Debbie Burns, who is expecting a baby June 16, is resigning.

Wall was born in Baker and grew up in Sweet Home. Prior to moving to Heppner two years ago, she owned a cafe in Haines, Alaska, for six years.

"I have worked with the public all my life," said Wall. "That's the most enjoyable part."

"We've always lived in small communities," added Wall, "although Heppner is the nicest of them all. They're very welcoming of newcomers. It's a wonderful community. I love the East side and I like the small town atmosphere."

School officials urge passage of \$22 million bond levy

North county schools are filling up, buildings are getting older, and educational programs could be hurt if a \$22 million school construction bond is not approved, officials are saying about the upcoming May 15 election.

"Sam Boardman is full up, and A.C. Houghton is full," says School Superintendent Bruce Anderson. And with new businesses moving into north county it is only going to get worse, he adds.

Since 1996 north county schools have shown a 16 percent increase in enrollment. And with all the expected growth, including the new cheese plant, dairies and fertilizer plant, a 27 percent increase is expected in the next five years.

The levy includes money for new elementary schools in both Boardman and Irrigon. Part of plan includes a new high school in Irrigon, however, existing buildings would be used. Five stipulations indicating growth and protecting programs would also have to be met before the high school was established.

In south Morrow County major construction would include replacement of the Ione elementary school, and replacement of the Heppner middle school gym.

There would also be substantial maintenance work in the levy, including a new roof for Heppner high school, new energy efficient windows at the high school and elementary, new electrical work, replacing floor tile at both the elementary school, and high school, new siding at high school, repair of shower rooms and new heating, ventilating and air conditioning at the high school.

Wall has a daughter, Katie, 21, who has finished her first year at Eastern Oregon University, and a son, Zachary, 17, who lives in Alaska.

She is active in the Heppner Christian Missionary Fellowship and has traveled to The Philippines through the church.

Burns will remain active with the Neighborhood Center. She plans to volunteer and has accepted a place on the board of directors.

New hours starting May 1 will be Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center will be closed from noon to 1 p.m. for the lunch hour and will also be closed Fridays.

Burns reminds everyone of the potato giveaway planned for this Thursday, April 26, beginning at 1 p.m. in the center's parking lot.

Ione would also see renovation projects funded with the bond including remodeling restrooms, remodeling the kitchen, energy efficient windows, remodel showers and locker rooms, replace gym ventilation system updating or adding new office space as well as other projects.

In addition to new grade schools at Boardman and Irrigon there is also important maintenance projects included at both of those schools in the bond issue.

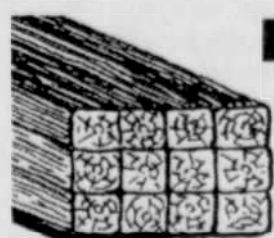
School officials stress that if the bond is not approved some of these renovation projects will have to be funded from general operating funds. This, they say, will hurt educational programs, which have already been cut back at some schools.

"There is \$3,517,369 included in the bond issue for major maintenance projects district-wide," Anderson points out.

Officials also emphasize that construction costs will only go up over the years, and that the district will get a good deal if the bond is issued now.

With respect to the anticipated north end growth School Board Chairman Gary Frederickson says the time to act is now. "If you wait until the need is there it's too late," he says. He pointed out that modular classrooms are quick, but in the end cost more in maintenance and upkeep than just going ahead and building real classrooms. "Look at what happened in Hermiston," he says. Hermiston school district put up modular classroom to ease overcrowding, and then ended up keeping them for a long time. "It ended up

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