

A successful sale



Volunteers help customers at the Lexington Fire Fund Sale.

Over \$1,200 was raised at the Lexington Fire Fund Sale on Saturday, June 29. "This is the best we've done," said Jim

Nelson of Lexington. There were approximately 13 other yard sales around town that day with some of the private sales donating their

earnings to the fund. "Donations are still coming in," said Nelson, "we had a lot of support and volunteers this year."

Obituary

Lola Elizabeth Kasinger

Lola Elizabeth Kasinger, 78, died June 15, 2002 in Salem. Kasinger was born July 25, 1923, to Lymon and Lillian Mead Kasinger. Her grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. George R.W. Mead, well-known Lexington residents. Kasinger was disabled and has lived in Salem with her caregivers, the Ganice Martinez family, for the last eight years. They gave her a good home and loving care.

She was preceded in death by both parents and is survived by a sister, Gertrude Persyn, two nieces, Linda and Elaine, and a nephew, LeRoy, all of Oregon City. She had several cousins in the Heppner and Hermiston areas and others throughout Oregon and Washington.

Crain Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. She was interred with her father in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

80th annual PRCA Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo

When some think of America, they think of freedom, heritage and a way of life. Heppner, a town with a rich heritage in the "all-American sport" of rodeos, is home of the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo. The rodeo will be celebrating its 80th year on Aug. 16-18. The all-American spirit comes alive in August when big name PRCA cowboys, WPRA cowgirls, double tough rodeo livestock, specialty entertainment and coveted awards come to Heppner. Every two-and-a-half hour performance of the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo is a multi-faceted entertainment extravaganza, packed full of more wild, unrehearsed action than most folks see in a lifetime, said a press release. Noted as one of the oldest PRCA Rodeos in Oregon for the past 80 years, the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo features more than 200 PRCA cowboys and cowgirls competing in seven world championship events.

Each performance at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo begins with Muttin Bustin 30 minutes prior to each grand entry. The rodeo officially starts with the grand entry of the Rodeo Bandits and Rodeo court members. The chutes open for the first performance at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 16th. A new event will be featured during Friday night that has been growing in popularity all over the Pacific Northwest; the

"Call Your Dog Contest." The main show on Saturday, Aug. 17th will begin with grand entry at 1:15 pm. Sunday the 18th will bring local rodeo entertainment with the Morrow County Jack-Pot Rodeo. Live entertainment, daytime family and fair activities will run during the days and into the evening.

The awards and money have always been an added attraction for the contestants. This includes the Mike Currin Memorial Calf Roping Buckle, bounty money, and added bonus money for fastest time. The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo welcomes Rodeo fans, friends and contestants. A special vacation package is being featured this year for visitors from out of town. The package includes fabulous lodging on the outskirts of town. These private lodges hold between two and twelve people. Some include meals while others have full cooking facilities. Most have hot tubs or other peaceful benefits. The package includes VIP seating for three days at the rodeo and other options in the package include golf, swimming or shooting trap. Prices are very reasonable but vary with lodges. For more information or bookings please call Sue Gibbs at 541-676-5446.

Tickets may be purchased at the gate or VIP seating can be purchased by calling Tom Wolff at 541-676-5114.

WCCC ladies golf results

Twelve ladies participated in Thursday night golf on June 27. Winners were second place low net, Kathy Cutsforth, first place Elaine Miller. Low gross second place Karen Morgan, first place Cindi Doherty. Least putts was second place Sandi Hanna and first place Luvilla Sonstegard. She also had a chip in. Hostesses for the night were Virginia Grant and Cindi Doherty. Next night play will be Thursday, July 11.

The ladies held a playday on June 25. Low gross of the field was Pat Edmundson. Low net of the field was Loa Henderson. Least putts of the field was Jan

Paustian. Flight A: low gross, Corol Mitchell; low net, a four-way tie between Luvilla Sonstegard, Karen Bishop, Mary Kincaid, Pat Anderson; least putts, Virginia Grant; birdie, Mary Kincaid #13.

Flight B: low gross, Carol Norris; low net, Lorraine Montgomery; least putts, Kay Anderson; chip in, Betty Carlson #13 and #16.

Flight C: low gross, Joyce Dinkens; low net, Kay West; least putts, Maude Hughes.

Daytime play will begin at 8 a.m. during the months of July and August.

New flag over Odd Fellows building



Jim Wishart, Noble Grand and Cliff Green, trustee display the new flag for the Willow Lodge.

A special flag will be flying this Fourth of July over the Willow Lodge 66 IOOF building. Cliff Green, trustee, said that the American flag that had been flying over the building since September 11, 2001 was getting tattered and needed to be replaced. Green contacted Representative Greg Walden and requested a flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol building. The flag was flown over the nation's capitol on May 23, 2002 and was then shipped to Green along with a

certificate of authenticity. The flag was put up on July 3, 2002 and the certificate will be placed in the lodge building.

Justice Court Report

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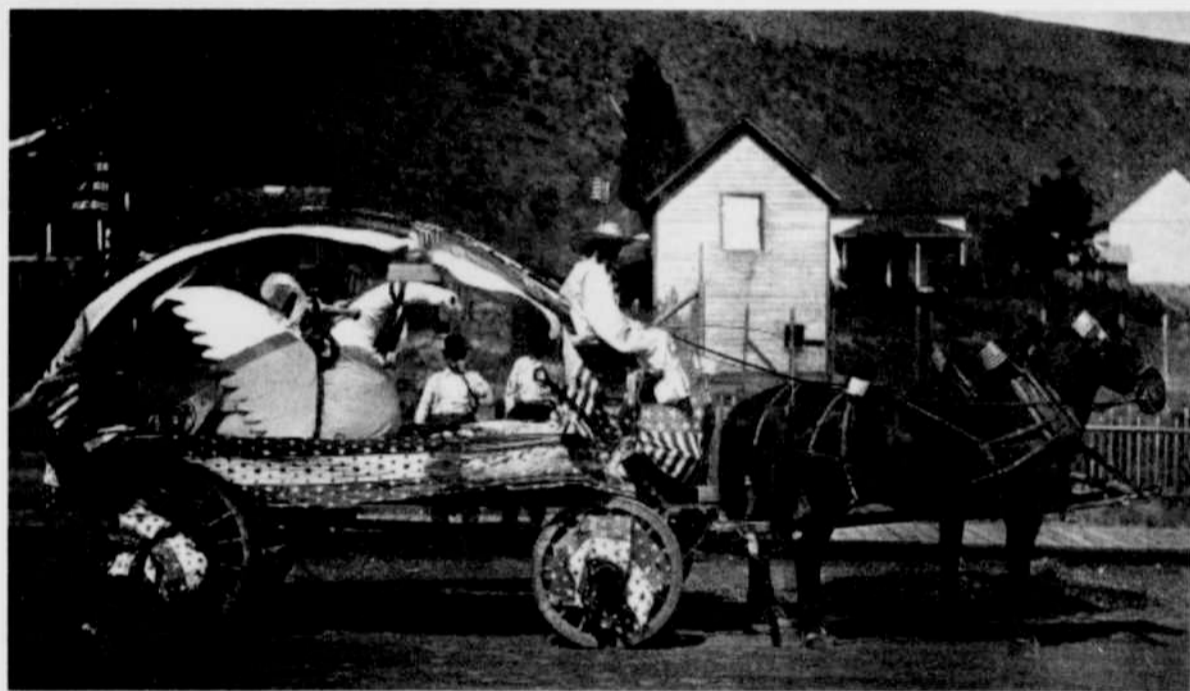
Shirley M. Judd, 49, Heppner; failure to obey a traffic control device, \$132 fine.

Lavern Andy Ripplinger, 47, Kennewick, WA; disobeying a stop sign, \$147 fine.

Karie E. Taylor, 20, Lexington; no proof of insurance, \$132 fine.

Ryan Gordon McLaren, 18, Heppner; failure to drive on the right and passing in a no passing zone, \$264 fine.

A Look Into Our Past



By Sarah Coller

This float in the 1908 Fourth of July parade advertised White Swan Flour. Emory Crawford is driving and Frank Steveson and Lee Slocum are in the background. Frankie Steveson is the little girl riding on the swan. Frankie is dressed as a swan and Crawford is costumed in a giant flour sack.

Here's a look at how our community celebrated the Fourth of July in 1902 from the Heppner Gazette, June 12.

"Lexington will celebrate for two days on July 3-4". The article goes on to describe the speakers for both evenings: Reverends F.M. Caufield and H.L. Beightol on the night of the third, followed by, "a grand display of fireworks". On the night of the fourth, Hon. Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton

delivered the oration. "There will be a big street parade, liberty car, bicycle races, foot races and amusements for all. The Lexington Cornet band and a select choir will furnish music," the article read.

Heppner High School announces sports physicals

Sports physicals will be given at Pioneer Memorial Clinic on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 6-7. Examinations for boys will be held on Tuesday and girls on Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. both days.

Any Heppner junior or high school student participating in an extracurricular event must have a sports physical once every two years. Consequently, all seventh, ninth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students must receive a physical to participate in athletic events.

Students must have parental approval before an exam will be given. Athletic participation consent forms are available at Heppner High School or Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

Heppner High School students will begin fall sports practices for volleyball and football on Monday, August 19. Practices for junior high students will begin after school begins on September 3.

Horse show this weekend

The Oregon Trail Appaloosa Club is sponsoring an all-breed open horse show to be held Saturday, July 6, at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston. The show is being judged by Robert Aycock of Walla Walla and will begin at 1 p.m. with trail class and halter classes at 3 p.m.. This show will run into the evening on Saturday.

There are approximately 25 events including games. The show is in its 12th season. "It is open to everyone of any age and promises to be a lot of fun for all," said a news release. For further information on the show, please contact 541-567-3075, or 541-676-5632 or email at primrose@eoni.com.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney, David C. Allen, has released the following report:

Jose Angel Rodriguez plead guilty to Criminal Mischief I and was sentenced to seven days in jail and six months probation.

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