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**Morrow County Fair and
OTPR Queen Heather Yocom**

Stampede. "Rowdy" had an accident there, where he dodged a gate into a group of people, but luckily no one was hurt, said Heather. "I got control and then someone tried to grab him and spooked him again," explained Heather. She finally was able to calm him down and he was fine for the run-in. "The run-in was fun and the parade was really good," said Heather.

The Morrow County Court has also won prizes along the way, with a first place for Best Court at the Spray Rodeo and second place for Best Court at the Athena Caledonian Games.

Queen Heather's favorite part of the outfits this year is the Texas Star "bling, bling." It has "fake diamonds" and matches her Texas Star tattoo.

Looking to her future, Queen Heather, who graduated from Heppner High School this year, will be heading to Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. She is entering their veterinary technology program. She is also playing softball this year for EOU.

Queen Heather reminds everyone that the rodeo events of the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo and the Morrow County Jackpot Rodeo will be held Aug. 18-20. "It's getting bigger and better every year," said Heather. The OTPR is part of the Northwest Pro Rodeo Association, which has helped bring more cowboys to the area. Queen Heather also said that slack this year would be a lot longer with a lot more contestants. "We're going to have a good rodeo."

Births

Jimmy Patrick Sullivan, Jr.- a son, Jimmy Patrick, Jr., was born July 18, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Rachel Marie and Jimmy Patrick Sullivan of Irrigon.

Adam James Seewer- a son, Adam James, was born July 27, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Sabrina L. and Richard J. Seewer of Irrigon.

Aidan Robert Seewer- a son, Aidan Robert, was born July 27, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Sabrina L. and Richard J. Seewer of Irrigon.

Damion Dean Edison- a son, Damion Dean, was born July 30, 2006 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton to Marsan Kay and Joshua Dean Edison of Irrigon.

ShyAnne Jean-Marie Branson- a daughter, ShyAnne Jean-Marie, was born Aug. 1, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Stephanie Nicole Portillo and Lyman Kelly Branson of Irrigon.

Faith Marie Panther Manning- a daughter, Faith Marie, was born Aug. 3, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Tracy Panther and Joseph Manning of Irrigon.

Surnnaya Maria Ramirez- a daughter, Surnnaya Maria, was born Aug. 5, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Amber Gomez and David Ramirez-Escareno of Boardman.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

**Straight, truthful answers wanted
for Lexington water questions**

To the Editor:
People are wanting to know, is or is not Lexington's water safe to drink. Why are the city employees refusing to drink it? Why is the council buying bottled water for them? Why did the personally appointed mayor and council decline to discuss the issue when asked if they would buy bottled water for the rest of the town?

The city maintenance man reported that he had been instructed not to send the Coffey Lab water report into the state. Why? Who issued that instruction to him?

Isn't it about time the people of the town were given some straight and truthful answers, instead of a lot of excuses and accusations. Wake up

people, it's your water, your health and possibly your life.

The so-called council is also wanting to revise the City Charter (which was voted and approved by the people in 1999) to cover themselves.

Oregon State recommendations, rules and regulations state that it is a conflict of interest for any two members of the same family to serve on the council and/or as an employee at the same time. Currently, the city recorder and her father are both involved in the city government. What's next, a mother and daughter or two other family members on the council? Is this the way the town should be run? Don't the laws apply to Lexington?
(s) Robert Taylor
Lexington

Obituaries

Earl E. Hardie

Earl Eugene Hardie, 82, of Condon, died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006 at the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles.

The funeral service was held Aug. 8 at the United Methodist Church in Condon.

He was born Aug. 27, 1923 at Fossil, the son of Will and Georgia Smith Hardie. He attended the Badger School through the third grade, then the Trail Fork School. He then attended Condon High School where he graduated in 1941.

For one year he attended Oregon State College in Corvallis. He joined the military, serving in the United States Army during World War II. He was badly wounded at Normandy and received a Purple Heart. He was also in the Battle of the Bulge with the United States Army Division, then ended his tour of duty in Czechoslovakia and was honorably discharged in December of 1946.

Hardie returned to Oregon State College and received a bachelor's degree in 1949. For two years he worked for Pendleton Grain Growers. He then worked for the state department and served in West Africa for several years.

He returned to the family ranch in the late 1960s. Following the death of his father he took over operation of the Lost Valley Ranch. He remained at the ranch until moving into Summit Springs Village Retirement Center at Condon and later moved to the Oregon Veterans Home at The Dalles.
In 1978, Hardie was

honored as the Gilliam County and then as the State Conservation Man of the Year. Care of the land was one of his passions. He also enjoyed square dancing and he loved to hear the bagpipes.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ, the Condon Elks Lodge, the Masons and the Oregon Cattleman's Association. He was also a member of the Oregon State University Alumni Association and had served as a board member on the E. R. Jackman Foundation. He had also been active in the Gilliam County Historical Society.

Survivors include brother, William D. Hardie of Condon; nieces, Nancy Hardie Nylin, Suzanne Hyde and Georgia VanWinkle, all of Condon; nephew, John Hardie of Condon; great-nephews, Scott VanWinkle and Brad Hardie; and one great-niece, Jessica McHoney.

He was preceded in death by his father, Will Hardie, in 1970 and his mother, Georgia Hardie, in 1983.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the Earl Hardie Memorial Scholarship, c/o the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, 1500 Valley River Drive, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401, or the Alzheimer's Association of Oregon, 1311 NW 21st Ave, Portland, OR 97209.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon was in charge of arrangements.

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**City Council gets update on
Sr. Center water damage**

Heppner City Council learned Monday that much of the water damage done during flooding at the St. Patrick's Center will be covered by insurance.

Nancy Snider of Wheatland Insurance was at the meeting and explained to the council that the city should get at least \$42,836 to repair damage from multiple instances of flooding at the senior housing center.

There has been concern by the city and some residents of the center recently, that insurance may not pay for damages.

The Sr. Center is in fact holding a rummage, raffle and silent auction on August 19 to help pay for water damage to the center.

Snider said the city would get \$2,000 back for deductibles paid that did not owe. She also told the council that the insurance company will pay for repairs to fix damage, but not for repairs to fix the problem of the flooding.

On other Sr. Center business the council learned that a local anonymous person had donated \$2,000 to the center to help with expenses. Also that the housing authority had put off raising rents for now.

In other business, the council authorized the city manager to contract with Bailey Construction of Heppner to fix a problem with flooding in the alley way between the city shop and the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Gazette-Times owner David Sykes told the council

his business has been flooded four times this spring with up to 3 inches of water in the office building.

Ken Bailey had earlier examined the alley and proposed a solution including diverting rain water off the city shop roof and the nearby street and installing a deeper and better drain system in the alley. The council approved the project unanimously.

The council also discussed with the county sheriff representative reports that police cars are driving too fast while responding to calls. The deputy in attendance said he would look into the concerns. The council also heard complaints that fire trucks were driving too fast when answering calls.

In other business: The council heard that there was still no candidate for mayor. The paperwork has to be completed and into city hall by August 25.

Ownership of a reservoir behind the hospital has reverted to ownership by Morrow County. In 1974 the city and county signed an agreement where the reservoir was given to the city in exchange for giving free water to the court house. The city has for some time been charging the courthouse for water so ownership reverted.

There will be a meeting of the Morrow County mayors on August 17 at Lone city hall.

Approved liquor license renewals for all eight establishments that have them in Heppner.

Real Estate
By DAVID SYKES
REALTOR

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A MORTGAGE?

When buying a home, one of the most important aspects for most buyers once they have decided on their choice of a home, is meeting the lender's requirements for obtaining the loan.

The elements that the lender will look for in qualifying a buyer for a loan is the amount of total income, long-term debt such as auto payments, installment loans and credit card payments. These amounts, along with the projected cost

of repaying the mortgage and figuring monthly payments on principal, interest, taxes and insurance are all figured together and subtracted from the total income.

From there, the lender will allow a certain percentage of these costs, roughly a third, from the total income as allowable debt. This so-called ratio is how the lender qualifies a prospect for a home loan, along with credit history, savings reserves and stability of employment.



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Over the Tee Cup

Ladies gathered on Aug. 8 at Willow Creek Country Club for their weekly play day.

Carol Mitchell took low gross of the field. Janice

Paustian and Betty Christman tied for low net of the field. Luvilla Sonstegard took least putts of the field.

In flight A, Pat Edmundson took low gross.

In flight B, Melissa Coiner took low gross; Lois Hunt took low net; and Lynnea Sargent took least putts.

In flight C, Lorrene Montgomery took low gross; Joanne Barbee took low net and Petra Payne took least putts.

Paustian had the third shot for flight B and Barbee had it for flight C. Barbee also had a chip-in on hole #4. Mitchell had a birdie on hole #1. Sonstegard had long putt on hole #1.

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