

Mop Up crews hard at work



Approximately 260 total people, students and staff, of Heppner High School turned out on Thursday, May 3, for the Mustang Mop Up. 24 groups spread out throughout Heppner and Lexington to perform 39 clean-up projects.

Groups performed tasks such as cleaning, painting and trash pick-up.

Some of the specific jobs performed included painting the interior of the Morrow County Museum; 14 projects were done for handicapped or elderly people; clean-up at the fairgrounds and county property including Zig-Zag Trail, Lakeside Trail, and Lover's Lane.

Projects were also worked on at the Heppner Daycare and Stable of Youth. At the ball fields Highway 207, work groups, with the help of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, removed sod from the trees and barked them. One group painted a vacant apartment at St. Patrick's Senior Center. A landscape project was done at Gondes Island. Groups worked at the hospital, football field stadium, high school fields and lower field at the elementary school doing basic clean-up. Seventh graders were in charge of picking up street litter. At Hager Park, a rock walk was built, the ground was leveled, and trees were planted.

Two work groups went to Lexington where they cleaned vines and ditches. —Photos by Mahaley Huddleston

U.S. Senator Wyden to hold town meeting Saturday

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden will host Morrow County town hall meeting on Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center. County residents are invited to attend the open forums to voice their questions and concerns.

In Wyden's first U.S. Senate campaign in 1996, he promised to hold a town hall meeting in every Oregon county each year. Since being elected he has held more than 430 town hall meetings.

HHS prom held



Pictured left to right are Tony Haguewood, Amber Patton, Zach Kurtz, Sarah Price, Queen Regi Seitz, King Aaron Allstott, Casey Maben, Mahaley Huddleston, Lyndi Patton, and Justin Gregory. —Photo by Sandy Matthews

Ione School holds prom



Students from Ione High School enjoy their prom

Ione High School hosted its prom on Saturday, April 21. The theme of the prom was Casino Royale 007. The junior class sponsored the event, and held it at the Ione Grange Hall.

Casino Night began at 8 p.m. Members of the Ione Community School staff acted as dealers, waiters, and waitresses, and donated several items for auction. At 10 p.m. the dance began with DJ Dan Burns of 3D Productions in Pendleton.

Several junior parents donated food and prepared it for a breakfast held after the dance. The junior class appreciates the parents, advisor, and the staff for all of their donations, hard work, and time.

No injuries in prom night accident

Two Heppner High School students traveling to prom from Hermiston escaped serious injury after a rollover accident on Highway 207. According to the Oregon State Police, around 7 p.m. a vehicle occupied by a male and female was traveling southbound on Highway 207 near Sand Hollow Road when, around milepost 15, the vehicle, a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria, crossed the center line into the northbound lane. According to the OSP, the driver overcorrected and the car went of the shoulder, caught, and rolled.

According to the OSP, when police arrived on the scene the male subject stated that he had been driving when he lost control of the car. His female passenger stated that she had

not been wearing a seatbelt. The male subject was cited for careless driving and the female subject was cited for failure to wear a seatbelt.

However, OSP stated that while the officer was writing up the report, a witness came forward and stated that some of the details were not correct. This witness stated that, in fact, the female subject had been driving and the male subject had been the passenger. At that time both subjects refused to give a statement.

OSP states that a new report was filled out in which the male subject was cited for permitting unlawful operation and failure to wear a seatbelt. The female subject was cited for careless driving, failure to wear a seatbelt, and no operator's license.

Truck crash blocks Hwy. 207 near Heppner

A truck crash along the Heppner - Spray Highway (Oregon Highway 207) near mile point 21 blocked one lane of traffic.

Motorists traveling in the area were advised to slow down and drive with extra caution.

A ten-yard dump truck hauling gravel was the only vehicle involved in the rollover crash which occurred around 7 a.m. on Monday, May 7. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the hospital with serious injuries. ODOT crews directed traffic through the area. Oregon State Police and other emergency service crews were on site.

Kinzua, a logging company-owned community

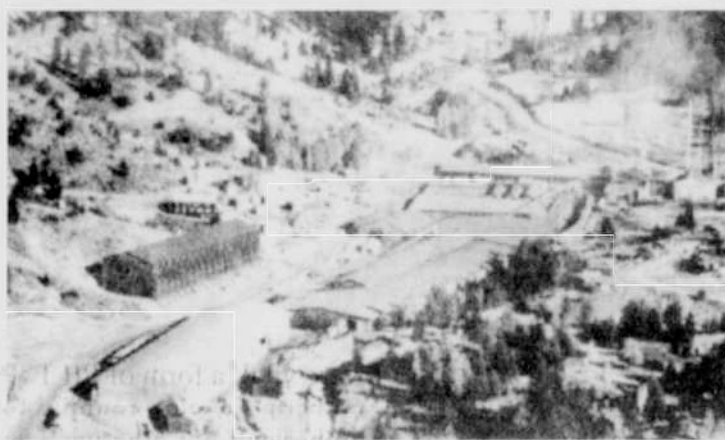
Editor's Note: The following article was found in the April 20, 2007 edition of the Central Oregonian out of Prineville.

Logging and lumber mill operations in Wheeler County of north central Oregon began to expand in 1927 when E.D. Wetmore founded the town of Kinzua. The new community was located at the head of Thirty Mile Creek. The Kinzua Pines Mill Company established the town as a base of operations for processing its timber holdings in the vicinity.

The name Kinzua is reported to be of Seneca Indian origin and means a "place of many fishes."

The newly formed town was named for the lumber company. A post office named Kinzua was established in 1928. The company named the town for Kinzua County, Pennsylvania, a community on the Allegheny River.

The company constructed the town to house mill workers and all of the buildings in the community were owned by the lumber mill. The corporate-owned town provided for all the basic needs for its employees



This photo shows the logging company town.

including housing and necessary businesses.

The company even provided for recreational pursuits and established a six hole golf course that continues to operate today.

At its peak, the mill and company-owned town employed up to 330 workers. A rail line was constructed to carry harvested timber to the mill and manufactured lumber from the mill to Condon where it connected with the Union Pacific line. The Condon, Kinzua and Southern Railroad was established in 1928 to consolidate logging rail lines in the area. The rail line in the area. The rail line was 24 miles from Condon to Kinzua. The mill and community prospered during

the heyday of lumber operations but as timber supply began to decline and operating costs increased, the company decided to shut down operations at Kinzua and moved the mill to Heppner in 1978. The rail line ceased operations in 1976 and the railroad was abandoned in 1978.

Later, all of the buildings were removed and the area returned to a natural state by the Kinzua Corporation.

No community structures remain at the site. The only reminder of the once thriving mill community is the six hole golf course with a small club house that is still utilized as a popular recreational site and operates on the honor system for tee fees.

Pie baking contest to be held

The sixth annual pie baking contest will be held on Friday, June 15, at John's Place. Pies must be entered by noon and judging will take place at 2 p.m. All entries will become property of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and will be auctioned off at 6 p.m. at the city park as a fundraiser for the chamber.

Cash prizes will be given to the top three pies selected by a panel of judges. The contest is open to the public.

Criteria for judging includes: Appearance, 40 points; taste/flavor, 40 points; texture, 10 points; and crust, 10 points. Bonus points may be awarded for extreme creativity and beauty.

Entry forms can be picked up at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Van Cleave awarded degree

Darren Van Cleave was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Meteorology, summa cum laude, from the University of Utah on Friday, May 4.

Van Cleave was selected as Outstanding Senior for the College of Mines and Earth Sciences, and was valedictorian for the commencement exercises. He has been accepted into the graduate program for atmospheric science at Colorado State University where he will work with weather satellites.

Van Cleave is the son of Tim and Myrna Van Cleave of Heppner, and is a 2003 graduate of Heppner High School.

Heppner Talent Show date announced

The Heppner Talent Show will be held Friday, June 15, at 6 p.m. at the Heppner City Park.

The categories for this event are: ages 5 and under; 6-12 years old; 13-17 years old; and 18 and over. Some examples of talents are singing a song, dancing, performing an act, pet's talents, reading a poem, or telling jokes. Talent acts will be interspersed with the pie auction.

The talent show will follow the free hamburger BBQ at 5:30 p.m. The BBQ is being donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Entry forms for the talent show may be picked up at and returned to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 676-5536 or email at heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

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and Damon and Carrie Brosnan

will be serving steak with all the fixin's!