

## City considering "digger" Indian sculpture for placement in park

Tamástslikt Cultural Institute in Pendleton guiding efforts to show Indian history of South Morrow County

By David Sykes

The city of Heppner is working with the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute of Pendleton to come up with a suitable Indian statue for placement in Heritage Plaza Park in Heppner. Heritage is the park with the windmill and farm equipment near the farm museum.

The city Beautification/Parks and Land Commission met at city hall June 14 and had a phone conference with John Chess, Tamástslikt Development Officer.

The Tamástslikt museum in Pendleton celebrates the traditions of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes, and Chess guides development of new Indian-history projects.

Chess emphasized that the statue work needs to be done by a Native American, and that the tribes would like to have input on displays and design, and review any grant applications for funding, telling the committee that would ensure accuracy.

Members of the city park committee reviewed several different sculpture design ideas, but decided on the digger style since it emphasized agriculture, which is related to the South Morrow area.

Parks Committee member Merle Cowett suggested to Chess that whoever did the statue work might consider visiting the local mu-



The city council is considering a "digger" silhouette-type design such as above for the Indian sculptures proposed at Heritage Plaza Park in Heppner.

seum to look at photographs of our area that could be used as a reference. Committee Chairman Joann Burleson also suggested to Chess that the artist come to Heppner and visit the museum.

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## Local man attends 70<sup>th</sup> college reunion

By Andrea Di Salvo

For many of us, our 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> high-school reunions are big events. However, Lexington-area farmer C. K. "Kenny" Peck recently raised the bar on school reunions.

Peck, 93, attended his 70<sup>th</sup>—yes, 70<sup>th</sup>—college class reunion for Oregon State University last month in Corvallis. Peck graduated from OSU in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry.

In a reunion that combined 50-, 60- and 70-year milestones, the class of 1942 boasted only 11 attendees from a graduating class that Peck estimated at around 600...the class of 1942 took up only two tables at the event. That was a substantial drop from around 200 people at the 50-year reunion.

"There just aren't too many of them left around,"



C.K. "Kenny" and Lucille Peck. Peck sported plenty of orange to show his OSU pride for the photo while his wife Lucille, a University of Oregon girl from Eugene, joked that she should have worn green. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

said Peck.

Peck said he only knew a couple of the other 1942

graduates who attended. -See 70TH REUNION/PAGE SEVEN

## Sandford heads to NHSR pageant

A good luck dinner and fundraiser was held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Saturday night for hometown girl, Miss High School Rodeo Oregon Lillian Sandford.

Lilly is raising money to attend the National High School Rodeo finals and queen pageant in Rock Springs, WY, this week, July 13-21. She is the daughter of Rick and Sylvia Sandford of Ione.

Auction items included

a framed print, sweatshirt and bumper sticker, donated by the Sisters Rodeo Board; a framed pencil print of horses, donated by Jennifer Jaca; a package of a poster and two tickets to the National Pro Rodeo Association, donated by Jean McPherson; two Pendleton Wool blankets, donated by Willow Creek Storage, LLC; a wine and chocolate basket, donated by Shyla

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OHSR Queen Lillian Sandford speaks to the crowd at her fundraiser Saturday night.

## Plan ahead to run for city office

Four Ione positions up for reelection

Anyone interested in running for office in the November general election needs to begin the process soon.

Last week's information regarding county positions was only partly correct. Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has clarified that filing is closed for major-party affiliated (Democrat and Republican) candidates. However, there still are county positions for which minor-party or non-affiliated candidates may file. Contact the Morrow County clerk's office for more information, or go

to <http://morrowcountyoregon.com/county-clerk/>.

The deadline for all candidates to be filed with the Morrow County Clerk's office is August 28. However, individuals interested in running for city offices need to think ahead and consider their city's filing requirements, which may include gathering supporter signatures. City due dates for filings also vary, so interested candidates need to check with their local city hall.

Aside from positions in Heppner and Lexington

as listed in the last edition, the city of Ione has several positions opening this year. The position of mayor, currently held by Mark Bruno, is up for grabs November 6; it carries a two-year term. Council positions #1, held by Linda LaRue; #2, held by Mark Anderson; and #3, held by Deacon Heideman, are also up for reelection. All council positions carry four-year terms. Anyone interested in running for those positions should contact Ione City Hall at 541-422-7414 for filing paperwork and requirements.

## Kim Cutsforth hired as new city manager

Council hires local woman to replace DeMayo

By David Sykes

The Heppner City Council voted unanimously Monday to hire local woman Kim Cutsforth to replace current city manager Dave DeMayo, who is retiring in August.

Cutsforth is best known in the community as the principal broker at Heritage Land Company, where she has been since 1999. Her other business experiences includes sales work as director of marketing for Fremont Wood Products, Inc., where she helped expand sales of the Malaysian lumber manufacturer's products in the United States market from 1988 to 2005. She was also West Coast sales manager of the flooring division of North Pacific Lumber Co. from 1990 to 2001.

Cutsforth, 53, was born in Heppner and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1977. She then

went on to receive a degree in business management, with a focus on human resources, finance and economics, from the University of Oregon in 1981. She currently lives near Heppner in a home overlooking Willow Creek Lake on the Willow Creek Highway. She has two children.

Other community experience includes acting as president of the board of directors of the non-profit Heppner Day Care, Inc. where, according to her resume, she did work as bookkeeper and grant writer, and helped to oversee the growth of the facility from four children and one employee, to serving more than 75 families and six employees. Her resume also says that "through successful grant writing and management plans, Heppner Day Care purchased the building and made many



Kim Cutsforth

physical improvements."

Cutsforth has also served as a board member of the Willow Creek Park District from 1998 to the present, and has "helped draft and publish the annual budget, manage the books and write grants and business proposals for necessary improvements and management programs."

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## City to get new rescue vehicle

The city of Heppner is set to receive a new rescue vehicle, which Fire Chief Rusty Estes says will improve the Fire Department's rescue abilities during emergencies.

"This truck will put all our rescue equipment in one place when we go out on a call. Our jaws of life and other equipment will all be together," he explained.

The truck was a surplus vehicle from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP), which recently finished the chemical weapons destruction at the Army Depot in north Morrow County.



The city of Heppner's new rescue vehicle sits ready for delivery following modifications at Coil Fabricating. -Photo by David Sykes

"Jay Coil was low bidder on converting the truck to our needs," Estes said, "and he did lots of extras for us and made it a very nice addition to our emergency vehicles."

Estes said the depart-

ment recently received an anonymous \$5,000 donation toward the \$13,000 conversion of the rescue vehicle.

"I don't know who gave it, but we really appreciate it," said Estes.

## Fair edition deadline July 31

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo are coming up. That means the yearly fair edition of the Gazette-Times is also upon us.

The G-T would like to remind everyone that the article and advertising deadline for the annual fair edition is July 31 at 5 p.m.

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