

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	58	40	—
Thursday	60	34	—
Friday	58	40	—
Saturday	54	36	.07
Sunday	46	26	.08*
Monday	50	26	.05
Tuesday	55	30	.03*

\* Trace of snow

GRAIN PRICES

(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)  
(F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)

There was no market for wheat or barley yesterday according to report from Morrow County Grain Growers.

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School District R-1 To Offer New Tax Base

School Board Election May 4

Petitions for school board members have been filed for Don McElligott, Zone 3 Ione and Irvin Rauch, Zone 4, Lexington. Their names will appear without opposition on the ballot on May 4. Their terms will expire in 1975 and both are succeeding themselves.

Several new names have been placed by petition on the Advisory board election. They are Fritz Cutsforth, Heppner-Lexington replacing Elden Padberg, Jim West, Ione, replacing Louis Carlson, Katherine Lindstrom Ione, replacing Bob Rietmann and John Brandt, Irrigon, replacing Lee LeBlanc, Carroll Donovan of Boardman and Herman Winter of Heppner-Lexington are both filing to succeed themselves. All terms expire in 1973. Del Piper of Lexington will serve until 1972.



ON THE TOP RAIL: right to left: Judy Bennett, Lynette Smith, Diane Pierson, Mary Pat McElligott and Victoria Lynn Hill. All were members of the 8th grade tour held last Saturday in Morrow County.

66 Entries Listed At Cow Cutting Event

High point horse at the 11th annual Cow Cutting show held here last weekend was Elna Prom, owned by Washington Quarter Horse Ranch, Moses Lake and ridden by Shirley Bartlett. Elna Prom tied for third and fourth in the first go of the open class and was second in the second go of the open class to pile up total points of 145 1/2.

Second in the open class average was Pat Brady, owned by Floyd Jones of Heppner and ridden by Morris Lynch of Selah, Wash. Pat Brady won the first go and was fourth in the second go and had total points of 144 1/2.

Complete list of winners in the six classes with two go rounds and the one go youth class follows.  
OPEN: First go: Pat Brady, first; Poco Flame 9, owned and ridden by Oren Emerson, Selah, second; Elna Prom and Little H, owned and ridden by Art Vance, Heppner, tied for third and fourth. Second go: Miss Penny, owned and ridden by Bob Hartzell, Selah, first; Elna Prom, second; Missile Joe, owned and ridden by Frank Bates, Boise, third and Pat Brady, fourth.

\$1000 NOVICE: First Go: Kim's Shorty, owned by the Billingsley Ranch, Ephrata, Wn., and ridden by Chuck Black, first; Cindy, owned and ridden by Dude Parke, Nampa, second; Paul Tivio, owned and ridden by W. O. George, Walla Walla, third and Sunday, owned and ridden by Jean Barboletos, Klamath Falls, fourth. Second go: Cindy, first; Sunday, second and Paul Tivio and Kim's Shorty tied for third and fourth.

\$500 NOVICE: First go: Tico Chex, owned and ridden by Floyd Jones, first; Brewer's Whisper, owned by Adrian Stutfield, Kirkland, Wn., and ridden by Shirley Bartlett and Del Rio Boo, owned and ridden by Don Roberts, Klamath Falls, tied for second and third; and tied for fourth place, Miss Frosty Star, owned and ridden by Dean Dittmore, Madras and Peppy's Pogo, owned and ridden by Chuck Peterson, Boise. Second go: Glowing Isle, owned and ridden by John Tangeman, Yakima, first; Del Rio Boo, second; Brewer's Whisper and Peppy's Pogo, tied for third and fourth.

\$300 NOVICE: First go: Tag's Cutter, owned and ridden by Mark Tower, Tacoma, first; Idaho Lady, owned and ridden by Barney Brown, Yakima, second; Mr. Charge Bar, owned by Henry Cook, Redmond, and ridden by Bill Hays, third, tied for fourth. Sonny's Missy, owned by Clyde Caldwell, Kent, Wash., and ridden by Bill Hays and Signet Bar, owned by Cal Shoemaker, Yakima and ridden by Curtis Tarwater.

Second go: Miss Crosscut, owned and ridden by Norm Bryant, Pleasant Hill, Ore., first; Pride McCue, Too, owned and ridden by Dale Goodie, Klamath Falls, second; Sonny's Missy and Signet Bar tied for third and fourth.

\$100 NOVICE: First Go: My Tontime, owned and ridden by Kay Simmelink, Madras, first; Paddy, owned and ridden by Dick Osborn, Vancouver, second; King's Pistol Ten, owned and ridden by Ival Sullivan, Irrigon and Dud's Chubby Bud, owned and ridden by G. W. Burns, Olympia, tied for third and fourth. Second go: Tag's Cutter, first; Sonny Field, owned and ridden by W. O. George, second; My Tontime, third and Paddy, fourth.

\$25 NOVICE: First Go: Dud's Chubby Bud, first; Sandy's Folly, owned and ridden by Jim Seals, Selah, tied for second and third with Lynn Bar, owned and ridden by LeRoy Michaelis, Olympia. School Rogue, owned and ridden by Les Kamm, Pendleton, was fourth. Second go: Sandy's Folly, first; Dud's Chubby Bud, second; School Rogue, third and Datsue Mount, owned and ridden by Bob Threlfall, Port Coquitlan, B. C., fourth.

In the youth class, which was an added event and had one go round, Saturday, Dan, ridden by Ellen Crowson, Monroe, Ore., was tied for first with Elna Prom, ridden by Jan Bartlett, Miss Frosty Star, ridden by Marc Dittmore and was third and Kreeco, ridden by Sandy Wainwright, Redmond, fourth.

There were 59 horses entered in the show and the contestants paid a total of about \$2500 to enter. Some of the contestants that were expected could not be here. Rey Jay's Pete, owned by S. J. Agnew, Tenino, Wash., currently standing second in the open top ten was not here because the Agnews are in the east with their race horse, Kentago, who is running in the Kentucky Derby.

W. E. Carter's horse, Castenea also was missing since Dr. Carter, who is track veterinarian at Portland Meadows, had to remain in Portland following the fire at the track.

Dr. Jim Nozema was unable to participate with Socko Bob because of illness.

The \$300 novice class was the largest class with 13 horses entered. There were 11 horses in the open class.

Batter Up!

The first big double header of the Willow Creek Little League is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the rodeo grounds. Coaches are Lindsay Kincaid of the Indians; Tom Beam, the Dodgers; Marion Green, the Braves; Joe Yocom, the Giants. Clyde Allstott is coach of the Farm Team. Their first practice is next Monday night, we understand.

President of the Association is Wayne Harsin; vice president is Pat Wanser; directors are Clyde Allstott, Louie Carlson, La Verne Van Marter, Jr., and Glen Ward. Batter up!

Chamber Members Hear Famous Baseball Pitcher

At Monday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Jerry Sweeney introduced Cliff Chambers of Boise, a one-time baseball great who is a member of the Hall of Fame. He was a pitcher for some years for the St. Louis Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Pirates. He pitched a no-hit game in 1951 against the Boston Braves.

Mr. Chambers is now area marketing manager for Credit Bureaus, Inc. and spoke on baseball and also the credit business.

Mr. Chambers praised the quality of life in small towns which do not have the pressures of the big cities with their huge populations.

He spoke about the great importance of baseball and other forms of athletics to both children and adults. He told of TV coverage as being a fine thing even though giving only a part of the overall picture.

He told of the lifetime lessons taught by experience on baseball diamonds and the important values from athletics that reflect on a nation. He stated that local athletic programs prepares people for the agonies of life, the experiences of both success and failure as in games. Mr. Chambers spoke on people such as Buck Bailey of WSU who had influenced him, both in a personal way and in baseball.

Speaking about credit, Mr. Chambers told of the growth of credit bureaus across our nation. The credit bureaus are a financial system of credit reporting and it is now becoming more and more computerized. Big firms in cities can now control their credit losses to 1 percent of gross business.

His firm runs both a credit reporting and bill collecting service. "Merchants," he explained, "are losing millions in 'skips.'" This refers to folks who

Craig Cutting Named Oregon Scholar

Craig Cutting, Heppner High School was among the 1500 students that have been announced as 1970 Oregon Scholars by the State Scholarship Commission. The students earning this honor are selected from all high schools in Oregon on the basis of their outstanding academic achievement. It was explained by Sidney Schlessinger, chairman of the commission.

Average grade point of those named as Oregon Scholars this year is 3.82.

Each recipient will be presented with an Oregon Scholar certificate by the commission. In addition, Governor McCall and School Superintendent Parnell will send letters of tribute to the Oregon Scholars of each high school.

Encouraging News From Sisters Injured In Car Wreck Near Lexington

Penny has a "tingling in her foot" is the good news that Carl Marquardt brought back from Portland Tuesday night where he had gone to see Penny and Billie June Marquardt, who were injured in a one car accident on the last curve going into Lexington from Heppner last Thursday evening. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marquardt.

Penny has been paralyzed from the waist down and with little feeling in her arms. She can now move her arms and fingers on one hand. She has head traction that holds her head straight, no pillow and is moved very gently. It is believed she has a broken neck and at first was given a 10% chance of walking. She was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital on April 24.

Billie June was taken down April 25. She had surgery on her right leg for multiple fractures. She has a pin in her leg. She is badly bruised. Their mother, Mrs. Bill Marquardt is staying in Portland to be near the girls. On Tuesday two carloads from Heppner went down and back. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, Carlita and Lolita; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger and Mrs. Norma Marquardt, the girls' grandparents; Rick, Charma, Doug and Phil Marquardt, Jim Schaffitz, Steve Hedman and Mary Kay Hughes. Bruce Marquardt also made the trip. Charma stayed down for a week.

Scene of Accident  
First on the scene of the accident was Kim Lindsay driving a chip truck for Lumber Transport about 9:30 that night. He

Moonlight Sale Provides Leisure Shopping Time

Two great big hours of shopping was just that on Friday night for the Moonlight Sale in Heppner. Friends shopped, strolled and browsed through store after store. People were gay as they visited with friends as they went from place to place. J. C. Penney reports they took in just as much in the two hours they were open Friday night as they had all day. Other merchants are reporting equally good response to the Friday night shopping.

The next big events for shopping in Heppner are Mothers Day and Graduation.

Invitational At Boardman

Morrow County High schools held their second annual Invitational Track Meet at Riverside High's track, in Boardman, last Saturday, April 25. Participating were eight A-2 schools and ten B schools from the Eastern Oregon area.

Ione's Doug Beggs collected three firsts and a second place finish for his afternoon's efforts. He placed first in the 100-yard dash, the 220-yard dash, and the long jump. He garnered a second place finish for his effort in high jump.

Joe McElligott helped the Ione effort as he gathered in three fourths and a fifth place. He placed fourth in the 220-yard dash, long jump, and the high jump. He placed fifth in the 100-yard dash.

Heppner's efforts seemed in vain as only two men scored. John McCabe, a recruit from the baseball team, placed fourth in the javelin with a toss of 151'7" and Kevin Dick, junior two-miler, placed third with the best effort of his career. Dick ran his two-mile in 10:19.2.

Heppner was without Craig Munkers and Rory Stillman; both were ill.

In team placings Madras topped the A-2 scoring with a 135-point effort while Heppner garnered only 10 points. McEwen collected 107 points for a first place in the B scoring. Ione had 55 points and Riverside had 6. On Saturday, May 2, Heppner's track team will participate in a meet at Dayton, Wn.

Masons Plan Scholarship Banquet

May 8 at 6:30 p.m. the Heppner Lodge No. 69 AF & AM will host the annual Scholarship banquet honoring the senior boys and male faculty. Dinner will be prepared by the members of OES No. 32 and served by the Rainbow Girls Ruth Assembly No. 50. The winner of the \$100 Scholarship will be announced. The Honorable John Murchison will be the guest speaker.

School District Sets Tax Base Election

The Directors of Morrow County School District R-1, at a regular meeting held on April 20, decided to present to the voters of Morrow County the question of establishing a new tax base for the school district.

This decision was based on the fact that the present tax base represents only 27.4% of the total levy and the fact that the tax base election must be held in connection with the statewide primary on May 26, thereby holding the cost of the election to a minimal figure.

In the next few weeks I will attempt to provide the voters with background information that should be helpful to them in determining how they wish to vote on this important issue.

I am devoting this article to the question of what a tax base is and what we mean by the 6% limitation. Future articles will deal with arguments for and against the tax base concept, as well as the procedures for updating a tax base. Public meetings on this issue are also planned for Heppner, Ione, and Irrigon.

Original tax bases were created in 1916 as a result of an initiative petition that became Article XI, Section II, of the Oregon Constitution.

This section provided a system for establishing a tax base for all public taxing agencies. The tax base for a taxing agency is the amount of tax levy that can be levied without a vote of the people. This section also provides for up to a 6% increase in the established tax base each year without a vote of the people. As an example, if a taxing agency established a tax base of \$100,000 for the year 1967-68 they would be able to increase the levy to \$106,000 for the year 1968-69 and to \$112,360 for the 1969-70 budget year.

Perhaps at this point I should emphasize that the 6% increase permitted annually applies only to the tax levy and not to the total budget. This is an important point because a 6% increase in the tax levy is considerably less than a 6% increase in the total budget.

When the Morrow County Schools consolidated in 1959 the law provided that the new base would have to be established on the existing tax base from the districts involved in the reorganization plus the 6% increase. Several districts had no tax base at the time and others had inadequate tax bases. This meant that the tax base for the reorganized district was set at \$173,118, while the actual tax levy was \$618,404.79.

With the initial tax base constituting less than 28% of the total tax levy, it has been necessary to vote each year on the largest portion of the levy.

The philosophy behind a realistic tax base is that it permits the taxing agency to continue the same program from year to year without holding a tax election.

Any new program that required funds beyond the normal 6% increase would still have to receive voter approval.

The School District tax base for the 1970-71 school year is \$328,625, which constitutes less than 28% of the total levy of \$1,199,870, which is the amount already approved by the voters for the 1970-71 school year.

The directors of the School District are asking the voters to establish a new tax base of \$1,199,870, the amount that has already been set as the tax levy for the 1970-71 school year.

Ron Daniels

Emil Groshens Has Surgery

Emil Groshens was rushed to St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton for major surgery Friday. It was reported on Tuesday morning that this is the first time Emil has ever been ill and that his surgery was successful and he is doing well.

Former Local Man Dies in Colorado

Word has been received in Portland by Miles Potter, a former Heppner boy, that Lamont (Pete) Sloum, who was born in Heppner and lived there for years, died in Nevada recently. Funeral services were in Pendleton Wednesday.

The Sloums were on their way home when death occurred. They spent the summers in the Green Horn mountains near the Miles Potters and went south for the winters. They own a lot in Prairie City where they park their trailer when they come north and take a car into the Green Horns. Mrs. Sloum (Marjorie) has a sister living in the John Day canyon.

Mr. Sloum, 72, is survived by his wife, also two sisters, Elizabeth Van Schoiack of Monmouth and Happy Kem of Portland.

Going up for the funeral besides close relatives were Mr. and Mrs. Miles Potter, Mr. and Mrs. George Stroup, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Poyser of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rofimot of St. Helens.

Three Grangers Take Degree

Rhea Creek Grange put on the Pomona Degree for Mr. and Mrs. Willard French of Willows Grange and Marion Hayden of Rhea Creek Grange at Pomona Grange held Saturday at Rhea Creek Grange Hall.

The afternoon program included entertainment by the Kitchen Band of Ione, a reading by Mrs. Nate Thorpe and memorial service for 10 Grange members who died last year. Harold Kerr, the county agent showed slides on establishing wind breaks. It is recommended shrubs be planted where the wind hits first. They deflect the wind upwards. Next row should be deciduous trees and a third row, evergreen for maximum protection.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude McElrath and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Perkins, all of Milton-Freewater were guests. Mr. McElrath is Umatilla County Pomona master and Mr. Perkins is Dist. No. 6 Junior Grange chairman. Next Pomona Grange meeting will be on July 11 starting with a 6:30 potluck supper at Greenfield Grange Hall, Boardman.

Columbia Basin Refunds \$12,000

This week Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., is in the process of refunding over \$12,000 in Capital Credits. This is to active consumers who provided patronage in the years 1955 thru 1960, according to an announcement by Harley Young, manager.