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Oregon Fish & Wildlife officials estimated that some 10,000 hunters came to hunt in the Heppner Unit and surrounding areas last weekend and Heppner's Main Street was packed with campers, pickups, cars, and recreational vehicles of all shapes and sizes. The hunters were about 38 per cent successful, according to Fish & Wildlife man Glen Ward. The inset photo in the lower left corner shows a couple trophy racks atop a pickup as the hunters stopped to toast their good fortune. Although not as heavy, an abundance of traffic is expected again this weekend.

Council housing stand questioned

A Heppner City Council decision not to allow the East Central Oregon Regional Housing Authority to operate within the city limits brought an appeal for reconsideration Monday from District Attorney Dennis Doherty.

The council made its decision at an August 15 meeting after ECORHA Chairman Paul Jones asked the council by letter, to adopt a resolution endorsing the association's operation in Heppner. Council members cited a lack of information and a reluctance to see subsidized housing in the city as reasons for the denial.

Doherty, addressing the council as a private citizen, said he was disappointed in the council's decision, adding that the city was missing a good opportunity to have its housing needs assessed.

"I happen to believe personally there is a housing shortage here and there is a demonstrable need for housing subsidies," Doherty said. "Costs are escalating to a point where people can't afford them. There are people living here in rental housing where conditions are shameful."

Pointing out that Morrow County is one of only three counties in the state that does not participate in some form of regional housing authority, Doherty said ECORHA deserved the study and support of the council.

"A regional housing authority will be formed in the three-county area with or without the council's support," Doherty said. "We should examine it—it's unfair to oppose renter subsidy per se."

Doherty said many parts of the community rely of subsidies in one form or another. He cited new housing financing through FHA or VHA as examples.

"I hate to see the city of Heppner pass any opportunity when we know there will be further development in Southern Morrow County," Doherty said. "We are fortunate at this time to have the industry and employment to attract new residents. If we don't provide

the housing, we won't continue to attract them."

Doherty ended his presentation by asking the council to support ECORHA through resolution or to take on the responsibility of initiating its

own study of housing needs in the community. A letter expounding the points mentioned was submitted to the council and a motion was made to table the issue until the next council meeting,

giving council members a chance to study Doherty's letter.

A motion was also made to contact local ECORHA representatives and ask them to appear before the council to explain their program.

MCEDA broadens scope

Morrow County roads, moving the Navy off the Bombing Range and becoming known as a citizen's involvement group are current objectives of the Morrow County Economic Development Association (MCEDA).

A group of about 50 persons attended MCEDA's membership meeting last Wednesday evening in Ione and the general consensus was one of supporting a group that could speak for the citizens of Morrow County on economic and social development.

MCEDA President Tim Tullis, said after the meeting, "We're off the ground...the response here tonight was more than I hoped for."

MCEDA is a non-profit organization with officers and a Board of Directors elected from the general membership. Fees for membership are based on whatever the individual wishes to contribute with a \$1 minimum. Membership fees are tax deductible.

Persons wishing to become members of the association are asked to fill out the membership coupon appearing elsewhere in this paper.

"Our goal right now is to enlist more members," said Tullis, "for both their financial support and most importantly, their thoughts, ideas and help."

Tullis said current MCEDA officers are temporary with a general election for the organization being planned for later this year.

Originally formed with the idea of getting a road through

from Ione or south Morrow County to the Portland General Electric Boardman Coal Plant, the association has become broader-based in scope and will look into any social or economic development at the desire of the general membership.

"Getting a suitable, properly maintained road—over the shortest possible distance—from Southern Morrow County to Northern Morrow County is still our number one objective," said Tullis.

Included in plans for that road is a spur road that would lead to the Boardman Coal Plant, so workers at the plant can have more choice in where they would like to live.

The association originally wanted to cross lands leased from the State of Oregon by Boeing Agri-Industrial Company, but development of circle irrigation, the location of future power generating facilities and Boeing's jet-engine test facility, have put a damper on going through Boeing land with a road.

"We still have to get a professional opinion on the feasibility of going through Boeing land, but we are studying other options that may be more feasible and accomplish more in the long run," said Tullis.

One of the group's options includes working toward getting the Navy to release the Bombing Range and either putting in a new road leading north-south or using the existing Bombing Range Road and coming into PGE's power

block with a road from the east.

"By getting the Navy to release the Bombing Range we would have almost direct access to the power plant site and the 50,000 acres of Bombing Range land could be put to agricultural use," said Tullis.

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Hughes wins contest

It was a close race in last week's Gazette-Times Football Contest with the first and second place winners going to the tie-breaker for the money.

Tom Hughes of Fossil missed by only five total points on the Kansas-Oklahoma tie breaker, putting Robb Rush of Heppner in second place. Both

men picked nine winners. Following the winners were a host of prognosticators with 8-2 records.

Hughes and Rush can pick up their checks at the Gazette Times. First place gets \$10 and \$5 is awarded to the second place finisher.

Heppner planning hearing Tuesday

The Heppner City Council and Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to obtain comments on the Draft Goals and Objectives for Heppner's Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, Oct. 11, in City Hall. The hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Similar meetings will be conducted in other Morrow County cities the following week, according to Marie Hall of ECOAC, who will work with city officials and citizens in formulating the Comprehensive Plans to meet LCDC guidelines. An Ione public

move the Navy, MCEDA will hire an economic analyst to provide the group with facts and figures with which they can approach county, state and federal officials.

Tullis said the next general membership meeting of MCEDA will be held this month in Heppner. Time and place will be announced later.

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Day care appeal heard

At Fair Board meeting Monday

To dramatize their plight after the Heppner Child Development Center closed last weekend, nine mothers with 12 children in tow filled Judge D.O. Nelson's chambers Monday morning to personally ask his help.

Holding a small child on his lap, Nelson listened to difficulties encountered in finding suitable day care for the children. One mother planned to take her year-old boy to work with her, while another had enlisted Grandpa to watch her two children while she works. One two-year-old girl was sent to Portland with her grandparents until a babysitter could be found.

The Child Development Center was forced to close because the Seventh Day Adventist Church needed the use of its gymnasium which housed the center for three years and much effort had failed to yield a suitable location.

The mothers repeated a request made last Tuesday by center advocates that the judge use his influence to persuade the Fair Board to again listen to an appeal by day care representatives for temporary use of the 4-H annex building at the fairgrounds—an appeal turned down once already.

Later on Monday, Judge Nelson contacted Fair Board chairman Paul Hisler who

said center advocates could make their presentation again before the Fair Board at the next meeting, scheduled for Monday, October 10, at 8 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Dawn Stuchell, chairman of the Heppner Child Develop-

ment Board of Directors, said that several options have opened to them in the last week. The use of both a double wide mobile home and a house slated to be moved have been offered, but either would require a large lot. Also the

digging of a well and completion of much work to meet certification requirements.

She said the 4-H annex would be a temporary solution, necessary only until new alternatives can be explored and a more permanent center is found.

Formation of library district encounters snag

A discussion of the best and most direct approach to use in their attempt to form a library district consumed most of the Heppner Library Board meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The library has no permanent funding source since the city cut support after last spring's budget defeats. It is presently operating, with short hours and volunteer help, on a donation made by Amanda Duvall, who also erected the building in which the library and museum are located.

The Library Board has done much research on the legal complexities surrounding the formation of a service district, which requires a state appointed Boundary Commission to set district boundaries, an entity non-existent in Morrow County. While the County Court is empowered to create a Boundary Commission, it recommended the Library Board petition for its creation to show support for the idea.

The Library Board feels that petitioning for a Boundary Commission is a very round-about way of getting their objective, which is to form a library district. At the Sept. 28 meeting it was decided that more research was required to find a more direct line to their goal.

In other action by the Board, Myrna Johnson was elected chairman and Mary Pat Lande vice-chairman of the group.

Chairman Johnson explained the decision to try to form a

library district: "The Library Board is convinced of the importance of the public library in the community. Not only the beginnings of the library, but the indications of support we are currently getting from the community, show us a present as well as a traditional need in this community. This conviction has led us on a search for long-term permanent financing, the result of which has been our effort to form a library district. The district format was chosen after much

research because it seems to offer the best way out of those available to us. It would allow us to continue to serve those we have served in the past and on a more equitable basis. It would also allow the people to determine the level of service they want. In that atmosphere we feel that the library would continue to grow and flourish."

Mrs. Johnson indicated that information on the direction the Library Board takes will be available after the confusing legal issues are resolved.

State reconsiders welfare move

The state offices of Adult and Children's Services and the Public Welfare Division will not be moving from Heppner—at least for the time being.

Last week the Gazette-Times ran a story concerning the move of those state offices from Heppner to Boardman and local opposition to the proposed move.

Late last week state officials reconsidered their decision to move the offices from Hepp-

ner and the local offices were notified that a move would not take place.

Tony Williams, area supervisor for Children's Services in Hermiston, said, "At this time the original decision to move has been reconsidered and we're not moving."

Margaret Elliott, area supervisor for Welfare in Hermiston, said she received the same message from that division's regional office.

Rainfall sends farmers to fields

A total of 1.36 inches of rain were recorded in Heppner for the month of September—enough for many county farmers to begin seeding for next year's crops.

"Southern Morrow County has adequate moisture for seeding although some farmers might have to wait a few days to get equipment into the fields," County Extension Agent Harold Kerr said. "Many will be seeding this week while others will be weeding for cheatgrass and rye before seeding."

Kerr said marginal moisture in the Northern Morrow dryland areas may force some farmers to wait for the emergence of weeds before proceeding with weeding and seeding. He added that some

fertilizing will be going on this week.

"The rain was badly needed and has provided enough moisture in many areas of the county," Kerr said. "But unless we have an abnormal winter, we're not looking at an average crop next year for most of the county because of the lack of deep moisture."

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Fri., Sept. 30	61	45	
Sat., Oct. 1	63	38	
Sun., Oct. 2	61	36	
Mon., Oct. 3	60	33	
Tues., Oct. 4	58	31	
Sept. Precip.			1.36
Normal for Month			.23
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Inside

Mustangs win!

The Mustangs fired up last Friday to shut out the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots. Page 4.

Cash contest fun

Readers that take a shine to football can enter their own "cash prize" contest. It's fun...look to Page 4.