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Mabens new owners of Court St. Market

Jack and Ruth Maben have purchased Court Street Market in Heppner, LenRay Schwarz, previous owner announced this week.

Court Street Market has been under Schwarz family ownership since 1946, first operated by LenRay's father, Leonard. Schwarz will continue to do custom meat cutting under the business name of Court Street Processing in the plant located at the market. He will continue to

cut case meats for the market as well.

The new owners moved to Heppner from Mollala where they operated a small cattle ranch and Maben worked for Crown Zellerbach in the woods. The couple have three grown children and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Maben said store hours and operations will remain the same. Locker beef and locker rentals are available through the market.

Morrow County booth wins blue ribbon at Oregon State Fair

The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce booth at the Oregon State Fair attracted a lot of interest, comments and awards this year.

Awards for the booth included a blue ribbon for its division; a special award of \$25 from First National Bank for the best booth in the section; an Oregon State plate

for booth scoring over 90 of 100 possible points in overall judging (a score of 97); and a trophy presented by the Commercial Bank of Oregon for the booth best portraying the

theme of the Oregon State Fair this year.

Following the theme of "Fun is Working in Morrow County" the booth used a background of old boards and a focal point of a small barn, depicting the agricultural basis of the county's economy with commodities decorating each side of the booth. The barn window served as a screen where slides of developments in the county were shown, along with a taped narration. The slide show included irrigation and agribusiness developments in north Morrow; the wheat farming story; livestock and rangeland; the coal-fired plant; the timber industry, as well as involvement of people and recreational opportunities.

In addition to the honors won by the Chamber booth, Morrow County again won the trophy presented by Pendleton Grain Growers for the best exhibits of wheat and barley in the commercial grain division.

FFA and 4-H members won many honors and awards, with the Lexington tote painters dominating the state exhibit again this year, bringing home most of the purple ribbons.

With record crowds attending the state fair this year, the Morrow County story attracted the interest of people from far and near. Many expressed amazement that a county rated in the state as number one in potato production, number two in wheat production, number ten in livestock, and number four in overall farm income, had a population of only 5,500 friendly people.

The booth was designed and built by County Extension agents Birdine Tullis and John Nordheim. Kate Evans staffed the booth to answer questions

Break-ins, vandalism keep area lawmen occupied

A vandalism spree and break-ins at two Morrow County schools cost property owners thousands of dollars during the past week.

Spray paint wielding vandals marred buildings, sidewalks, bridge abutments, and streets in Heppner with obscenities, anti-police and pro-drug slogans during the pre-dawn hours last Friday.

Hit hardest by the spray paint attack was Heppner City Hall, which had to be painted later in the day to cover up the obscene comments sprayed on its walls.

A total of 13 locations within the city were marred in the spray paint spree, including the Willow Street Bridge, the rear of the Sears building and Bucknum's Tavern, and the Episcopal Church parking lot.

Police arrested two men on criminal mischief charges in connection with the vandalism and have warrants on file for two others—both adults.

Michael R. Bushke, 19, of Heppner, was charged with five counts of criminal mischief, with Tommy R. Ayers of Lexington facing one count.

Ayers pleaded guilty to the charge in Heppner Justice Court. Bushke has not yet entered a plea.

Sometime during the extended Labor Day weekend, thieves entered Heppner High School, making off with nearly \$4,000 worth of musical equipment, and A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon, where several hundred dollars worth of office equipment was taken.

Most of the more than \$3,800 in equipment taken in the Heppner High break-in was owned by band director Jim Ackley. One of two electric guitars stolen was owned by

HHS student Scott McEwen.

In addition to the guitars, a wide assortment of amplifying equipment, recording gear, and stereo components were ripped off in the heist.

Police found a broken window at the opposite end of the school building from the band room, but were uncertain whether it was the site where thieves entered the school.

Further details on the Irrigon break-in were not immediately available.

Bennett to visit area this week

Chuck Bennett, Democratic candidate for the District 55 legislative seat, will be in Morrow County Sept. 7-14, according to Michael J. Sweeney, Bennett's local campaign chairman.

Sweeney said Bennett will concentrate on door-to-door campaigning throughout the county but will also make public appearances at the Boardman Harvest Festival and in Southern Morrow County.

A public forum at which time residents can meet Bennett will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., West of Willow Restaurant.

"We hope to have a large turnout at the public forum because Chuck Bennett has some important things to say about the issues that face the residents of Eastern Oregon," said Sweeney.

Candidates are needed to fill city government posts

It should be a wide-open race for offices in Heppner City government this November, but so far, there are no racers.

Two out of three council members whose terms expire this year have announced that they will not seek re-election, and the third is uncertain. The mayor's position is also up for grabs this fall, but incumbent Jerry Sweeney has not yet decided whether or not to toss his hat in the ring and seek another two-year term.

Council vacancy created by last month's resignation of Hubert Wilson remains unfilled, and will also be available during the November election. With three certain vacancies and one possible additional empty slot on the council, citizens interested in participating in local government now have a golden opportunity to do so.

Councilmen who have announced their intentions not to seek re-election are Larry Mills and Bob Jones.

Mills, who recently resigned his position on Pioneer Memorial Hospital's board of trustees, cited business pressures as manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers as the main reason for his departure from the Morrow council. "Besides, I think I've spent enough time on the council," he added.

Jones, who is completing his second full term on the council, said that taking part on the city panel "has certainly been an experience for me," but stated that he definitely will not run again. "I hope somebody does run," he added. "I think a person ought to try it once."

Carolyn Cole, appointed to the council several months

ago to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of West of Willow operator Jimmy Rogers, is also up for re-election this fall. "I've enjoyed taking part on the council," she said, "but I'm not sure that it's something I'd want to continue. When interviewed, Mrs. Cole indicated that she was leaning towards not pursuing another term on the council. The two remaining city council members, Warren Plocharsky and Cliff Green, still have time remaining on

their terms and do not face re-election decisions this year. Officials at City Hall said that thus far, no one has submitted

petitions to be placed on the November ballot for either council seats for the mayor's position.

Details on the nominating procedures for the positions in city government are available at City Hall. Oct. 6 is the deadline for meeting requirements in order to be placed on the ballot.

Three council seats open in Lexington

Three council positions will be up for election in Lexington when voters go to the polls on Nov. 7.

Two of the council positions are for four-year terms. The incumbent councilmen who held the two posts, Ed Baker and Bill Smith, have announced that they will file for re-election. The third position

up for election is to fill out the unexpired term of a councilman who resigned in July. The terms of all three will begin in January.

Several persons are under consideration by the mayor and council to fill the vacancy until a new council member is elected.

Local BMCC classes are listed in mailer

The Blue Mountain Community College mailer containing day and evening schedules should now have reached every home in Morrow County. If you did not receive the mailer, contact Nancy Brownfield, Coordinator, 676-5039.

The evening schedule is listed in the back of the mailer. A pre-registration form is enclosed with instructions for registering for the courses of interest to you.

There is one change in the schedule. The guitar class will be held on Tuesday evenings instead of Monday evenings as listed in the schedule.

For further information concerning the Fall schedule please contact Mrs. Brownfield.

A class on upholstery, which was to have been taught locally under the supervision of Blue Mountain Community College, has been canceled due to the illness of the instructor.

Anyone able to instruct a basic upholstery class is urged to contact Nancy Brownfield, BMCC's field representative at 676-5039. If an instructor can be located, the college hopes to hold a class on upholstery during winter or spring terms.

Nistad to chair panel on nuclear plant sites

Kinaua Corporation General Manager Allen Nistad will take on duties as chairman of the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council, when the council convenes in Bend next week.

Nistad is expected to be chairman when the council takes final action on one of the most significant decisions faced by the body—whether or not to build the Pebble Springs nuclear power plant.

The siting council, which has the power to make the decision on whether or not the massive nuclear plant should be built, is currently receiving testimony on whether or not there is a definite need for the additional power the facility would provide.

Nistad has served on the siting council for two years.

The final decision on whether or not to build the nuclear power plant at Pebble Springs is expected to be made by Spring of 1979.

Weather

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Wed., Aug. 31	78	60	.13
Thurs., Aug. 31	69	54	
Fri., Sept. 1	83	49	
Sat., Sept. 2	82	51	
Sun., Sept. 3	80	51	
Mon., Sept. 4	70	52	
Tues., Sept. 5	67	45	

August Precip—2.91 inches... a new record for the area.
Normal Precip—38 inch
1977 Precip—1.16