

The Heppner
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Heppner merchants
promote fun, festivities,
during Sidewalk Sale

Heppner merchants have outdone themselves with the Heppner Gong Show and Sidewalk Sale coming Friday, July 27.

A full day of activity is planned; drastically reduced prices on regular merchandise plus hourly specials announced publicly; concession stands along the street; music provided by Jim Ackley and his Disco Machine and two full hours of Gong Show.

This type of sales promotion is good for the community as well as the merchants sponsoring the sale. It's always a good idea to "buy at home" because the dollars spent here turn over several times before leaving the community, paying salaries and wages, taxes and generating more spendable income.

Now comes the opportunity for everyone to join in some real fun and share in shopping bargains, too.

Activities start at 10 a.m. that Friday and continue through regular business hours. A stage and chairs will be set up on Willow Creek between the Wagon Wheel and Case Furniture and from 11 to 12 and 2 to 3 p.m. a real live Gong Show will be emceed by Jim Ackley.

Persons wishing to enter the Gong Show can sign up at any merchant and grand prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers. All other contestants will receive a "grab bag" prize.

One of the day's highlights will be performances by the Heppner Merchants Band, a group of wags playing wash tubs, kazoos, pots and pans and other notable instruments.

Plan now to be a participant in the Gong Show—talent not a pre-requisite—and at any rate don't miss the Merchants Band.



Harvest is underway in Morrow County's wheat fields. A harvester was seen Saturday evening near Highway 207 between Heppner and Boardman, cutting the wheat and leaving a row of wheat stubble.

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Fifty years ago, September 6 and 7 were set aside as the dates for the North Morrow County Fair to be held again this year at Irrigon. A meeting of the fair board was held at the home of Mrs. W.C. Isom at Irrigon.

The first fire in the forest reported so far this season broke out on Lovelet Creek, not far from Tupper Ranger Station as a result of the electrical storm out that way on Saturday evening.

Gilliam and Bisbee this week delivered new combines to John Padberg and Bert Bowker, Heppner flat farmers, who will be in the midst of their wheat harvest immediately.

Chief of Police Devin, accompanied by District Attorney Notson and Judge Benge, departed early on Tuesday morning in the chief's car, destination, Missoula, Montana.

There is a freak animal on the Hal Ely family ranch near Morgan attracting a great deal of attention. It is one of a litter of several kittens. The fore part of its body is like a cat but the rear part resembles that of a rabbit; those who have seen it say it looks like a "cat-rabbit."

Orville Cutsforth of Lexington was the first farmer of that section to get grain off this season's crop into the warehouse at Jordan siding. On his place, he has his nephew, Don Pointer, working for him.

Twenty five years ago, the rural school board announced that Jack Flugg of Reedsport had accepted the position of county school superintendent, replacing Leslie Grant who resigned last month to enter the insurance business at Arlington.

Petitions bearing the names of over 400 residents of Morrow County, many of them from the Heppner area, were received by the county court Wednesday, asking the county to investigate means of keeping the Paterson ferry operation. The request has been made because of numerous attempts by concerns interested in the new Umatilla bridge to buy the ferry and take it out of operating when the bridge is completed.

Last year, the ferry carried over 140,000 cars.

Morrow County growers will join other growers in the nation on July 23 on voting on the continuation of the marketing quota at a national referendum. If the growers approve the plan, price supports will continue for another year at approximately the same basis at present.

The McCormack Construction Company of Pendleton was awarded the contract for construction of a new wing on Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Their bid was the lowest for \$100,792.

Heppner residents were warned today that the current hot weather has raised the fire danger greatly and that according to the city ordinance, no burning is allowed during the fire season.

The wheat was beginning to roll to the elevators this week as the hot weather brought more and more fields to the harvest.

Five years ago, Dr. Wallace Wolff was elected to serve a second year as chairman of the Morrow County School Board. John Matthews was re-elected vice-president.

Ebb Hughes, one of the prime movers in the Heppner rodeo over the years, stands before the Morrow County Fair grandstand.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Navy planes need use of bombing range

Editor:

My family settled at Lexington in 1888 and broke some of the first bunch grass sod around here. Now, we dry land summer fallow and produce such crops as 600 gpm well will grow on 400 acres of original homestead land. If we do not have a "family farm" there is no such thing.

I note that at a recent meeting of the Port of Morrow Commissioner Kyd proposed that the U.S. Navy bombing range be abandoned and the land be divided into family farms. With costs of establishing irrigated units as they are today I am prompted to answer your approved motion.

The enclosed article by Virgil Rupp explains that there are no good options for alternate crops. Yet, you people and others (Inland Waterways Association) wish to crowd out the U.S. Navy range and make it available to people to grow crops which have presently low net returns. Ten years of partial irrigation tell us this is folly. Wheat is cheap, potatoes are cheap, dry beans and alfalfa are cheap. Tom Davidson knows what he is talking about when he says further production drives down prices.

The U.S. Naval Air Groups from

Whidbey Island need suitable training terrain. They are the experts in the art of national defense and such land is apparently to their liking. They are not in the real estate and land development business but in the service of this nation for our mutual protection. Enclosed is a photo of an A-6 Intruder, the basic naval carrier all purpose aircraft. They need

suitable terrain to train over. They fly very low, through all types of weather.

Leave the Navy Bombing Range as such until world food-shortages demands its development. The land will always remain there. The water is close. Interest is high. Food now is abundant. Develop only when crops can be grown for a profit.

C.K. Peck

Hospital vote may
affect your lives

Editor:

It was late at night, the roads were very slick and covered with snow and the thermometer registered zero when a member of our family had to have hospitalization and doctor's care.

It was great to know that this could be provided a few miles by ambulance to Heppner, instead of a long trip to a neighboring town. This has happened to us, and it could happen to you!

So voters, please give careful thought to how you cast your vote on the

hospital budget. Think how your vote may effect the lives of your loved ones, friends and neighbors.

We feel a great need to keep our hospital, don't you?

Cecil and Delpha Jones
Lexington

Hospital is best insurance policy

Editor:

I think we all feel we need the hospital but are unsatisfied with some of the phases, personal and such and are fighting this way instead of the right way to get what they want.

I think we first need the money and then some public meetings to air the rest of it.

Some feel that, with no money they can change the administration, some of the board and the things they aren't pleased with, forcing them out and then start again.

The hospital can't wait for funds while this all takes place. Get the money, save the hospital, then hold meetings to air out the things they aren't pleased with.

Our job isn't finished when we vote in the money and then forget about it. Follow up, straighten out is as much each one's obligation as the money itself. Let's all do our part instead of sitting back and criticizing and expect the other guy to do it for us.

We all need what the hospital offers—protection for each of us and our loved ones.

Most people wouldn't be without insurance and we're letting one of the best insurance policies lapse when we vote no on the hospital. Think about it and vote yes, then iron out the problems.

Mrs. Wilma McTimpeny
Heppner

Turn in your
PMH ballots

Please turn in your ballots for the Gazette-Times Pioneer Hospital Poll by July 20.

We are reprinting last week's ballot if you threw your paper away or sent it out with the garbage.

No names will be used when we look at the results so don't be afraid of making a decision. We hope to have as many responses as possible to give a broader picture of our reader's impressions about the upcoming third hospital levy.

From the responses we have already received, we know that the people responding feel the hospital issue is important. So mail in your ballot at Box 337, Heppner or drop it in personally at the office.

We will be printing the results of our poll in the July 26th edition. Note that the levy election date has been changed from Thursday, August 2 to August 9.

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Life depends on open hospital doors

Editor:

How many people realize what life in Heppner is like without a hospital?

As a lifetime resident of the area, I know all too well.

On one occasion we rushed our critically ill 4-year old (in convulsions and delirious) from our home 40 miles the other side of Heppner to Pendleton. Fortunately, after 5 days in a Pendleton hospital he recovered completely. I had no friends or relatives in the area and had to stay at a motel while not at the hospital with our child.

Friends of ours had to rush their baby to Pendleton to be placed in an oxygen tent. This was in the dead of

winter. There was no gas shortage then—just no hospital.

Those who are voting "No" on the hospital ballot in order to change the administration may find that they have thrown out the baby with the bathwater.

I believe the county knows now what the people want and need, and that these changes will be effected, hopefully soon. But if too many persons vote against the hospital, period, real tragedy could result.

I urge everyone to please vote "Yes" on the hospital ballot. The life you save could be your own.

Sincerely,
(Name withheld by request)



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