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Donald F. Gilliam, official weather observer for Heppner, reports the following high and low temperatures and measured rainfall for the past week, starting Tuesday, Sept. 11.

	High	Low	Pre.
Tues., Sept. 11	75	42	
Wed., Sept. 12	78	42	
Thurs., Sept. 13	81	44	
Fri., Sept. 14	90	47	
Sat., Sept. 15	92	52	
Sun., Sept. 16	84	53	
Mon., Sept. 17	83	48	

## Foreign trade zone discussed by Port of Morrow Commissioners

The possibility of establishing a foreign trade zone at the Port of Morrow along the Columbia River was discussed at the Port of Morrow Commissioners' meeting Sept. 13 in Heppner.

Vern Chase, the Port of Portland general sales manager, briefed the commissioners on the possibility of a foreign trade zone coming to the area.

Mort Michelson, of the Portland foreign trade zone, said there was economic justification for a foreign trade zone in the Portland area and that some need would have to be shown here before a similar project could be started.

He added that the foreign trade zone system is expanding rapidly from seven in 1970 to 57 now. About 12 have come about just in the last two years.

"We have to find out if a foreign trade zone is justified to be here," Michelson said. "We will have to work

together to develop the idea. I am not pessimistic nor am I optimistic. We must explore the idea further."

Chase said the Port of Morrow could be an ideal location if the appropriate facilities could be developed.

Michelson was not as optimistic as Chase as he said, "The property in this district is not encouraging."

Michelson and Chase had looked at an Army ordnance depot along the port as a possible spot for a zone but they found the depot "unacceptable."

"The facility is controlled by the department of defense and they demand strict safety precautions and conversion of the building does not look promising," Michelson said. "The military could call back the building at any time on short notice."

Another drawback to the depot, which was built between 1942-45, is that not all of the buildings are dock high. Michelson said the possibility

of moving the depot buildings to another spot along the port would not be too probable.

"The cost would be expensive and close to what it would cost to build new ones," Michelson said. He added the existing buildings may not meet code standards anyway.

"I am for it (a foreign trade zone coming to the Port of Morrow) but we will have to look in the area for a different facility," Michelson said. "The local labor force can sell this area as a foreign trade zone but we will have to find out if the need and potential warrants the expense."

"The river is gold to us," Chase said.

The commissioners agreed to meet again with Chase and Michelson to see if there is definitely a need for a foreign trade zone if the facilities can be found to house such a project.

Portland has one of the newest and most modern foreign trade zones in the world and a Port of Morrow

zone would probably be a sub-zone of it.

Many American businessmen are turning to the Portland Port to keep pace with the dramatic increase in trade with Japan and the other Asian countries.

The advantages of establishing a foreign trade zone instead of using conventional bonded warehouses include:

-Duty free customs privileges. The zone is regarded as neutral territory for customs privileges.

-Within the zone, manufacturers may process, label, mix, sort, assemble, warehouse, manufacture and transship goods free from U.S. tariffs.

-Testing and exhibiting imported merchandise to potential customers within the zone is not subject to a duty tax. If the merchandise was sold in the domestic market, the price of the duty would be passed on to the buyer.

-Raw materials, which carry a high duty tax, may be transformed to an end product within the zone which will then be taxed at that usually lower rate.

-Goods may be stored indefinitely while bonded warehouses can store for three years and sometimes for as little as three months.

-Customs officers are on the spot so there is no delay in waiting for a customs representative.

-Goods in the zone are without a formal duty and import quotas do not apply.

-Freedom from unnecessary customs documentation, formalities and surveillance is an advantage.

Special advantages to zones which are established in the state of Oregon include:

-No retail sales tax.

-Exemption from property taxes during construction.

-Lower corporate excise taxes.

-Pollution control equipment credits.

-A tax relief credit designed to promote economic development in areas in Oregon that lay behind the state average in economic development.

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Judge D.O. Nelson

## Judge Nelson quits for personal reasons

County judge D.O. Nelson announced Monday that he will be resigning from his position Oct. 15.

Judge Nelson cited "personal reasons" as the cause of his resignation.

"I hate to do this," Nelson said. "I have a great association with all the people in the county. Everyone has been very cooperative with me. But I have given this a great deal of thought and I feel I must resign."

Judge Nelson's resignation will leave a vacancy that will have to be filled by an appointment by Oregon Gov. Victor Atiyeh. Nelson said it is customary for the governor to appoint a judge from the same political party as the departing judge. Nelson is a Democrat. The governor will usually appoint someone who is recommended by the Democratic Central Committee.

Whoever Governor Atiyeh appoints will have to run in a

primary in May to see who will serve a new term which will begin in January of 1980.

Judge Nelson was appointed to his position in July 1977, and then ran in the primary the following May and was elected and took office in January. He has served less than two years of the six-year term to which he was elected.

Nelson said he does not plan to leave the area at this time but he does not really know for sure.

## Will there be elk? Oregon Forum wonders

Will there still be elk herds in northeastern Oregon in the year 2000? And if there are, how will those herds affect the quality of grazing lands and timber production in the area? Residents of Heppner will have a chance to explore these and other questions related to big game and timber management with forestry and wildlife experts at a workshop this Saturday titled "Elk Management in Timber Country."

The event will be held at the Heppner High School Cafeteria from 12 to 5 p.m. and is free to the public. The workshop is one of seven being presented this year in Oregon through a grant from the National Science Foundation by a Eugene based group, the Oregon Forum.

The workshop will feature experts in the wildlife field such as Warren Aney, regional supervisor of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Jack Ward Thomas, chief research biologist for the U.S. Forest Service laboratory in La Grande, as well as speakers from the Northwest Pine Association, Oregon Cattlemen's Association and the Elk Foundation.

The program will emphasize an objective approach to

the issues in which two hours will be solely devoted to discussion periods between area residents and speakers. This format makes the workshop a unique opportunity for area residents to take part in a lively exchange of views between groups and agencies who do not often have the opportunity to meet.

Although the area's Forest Management Unit Plans are all nearly complete, the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management are both starting the process of developing comprehensive management plans on a regional basis. In this area the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests are in the initial stages of plan development. During the next two years the decisions that are made by the Forest Service and BLM in developing their plans will determine future availability of timber and grazing lands as well as wildlife and fish habitats.

Oregon Forum will compile the recommendations made by the participants for post workshop submission to state and federal resource agencies such as the U.S. Forest

Service, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry and Fish and Wildlife and the L.C.D.C.

The theme of elk and forest management was chosen because of the economic importance of both big game hunting and timber production in the area. In recent years the area has experienced increasing pressure for use of its timber and grazing lands while still meeting the demands of an ever increasing use of natural areas for recreational activities. Logging and grazing practices can change the relationship of forest resources. These in turn can significantly affect the levels of game herds, fish habitat, air and water quality. The directions the area will take and their economic and environmental consequences will depend to a large degree on the decisions made by area residents and agencies over the next few years.

Further information about the workshop and the work of Oregon Forum is available by writing to P.O. Box 3532, Eugene, Ore. 97403 or by phoning 1-686-4087.

## Hospital directors offer job to Umatilla man

A.K. Felt, administrator of the Umatilla Hospital District No. 1 at Umatilla, has been offered the administrator's position at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner at an annual salary of \$22,000.

The offer was contained in a letter signed by directors attending a special board meeting Monday night.

If he accepts, Felt, 53, would assume the position in Heppner Nov. 1.



A.K. Felt

Frederick Martin of Ione, chairman of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital board, said it was hoped that Felt would be "strong in doctor recruiting."

"We are prepared to go to any length—within reason—to secure a physician who would practice here," Martin commented.

The board would be flexible in what it offered, he said but has budgeted funds for the employment of a doctor. However, if a physician wished to maintain an independent practice, office and clinic space could be provided.

"The board is committed to seeking additional medical staff for the hospital," he said.

The vote on offering the administrator's position to Felt was conducted without discussion. Other candidates had been considered but their names and qualifications were not mentioned at the meeting.

Felt has been administrator of the Umatilla Hospital since 1975. Among his references was a letter published in the Columbia Beacon, a community newspaper, in March of this year expressing "Thanks to 'Lucky' Felt for the tremendous job he has done."

In the letter, Ervin W. Bushby, board chairman, said when Felt took over as administrator, the "future of the hospital looked rather grim. We were close to \$100,000 in debt and our credit rating had gone 'the way of the wild goose.'"

Bushby said the Umatilla Hospital, under Felt's management, had reduced its debt to a bank loan that was to be paid off this year. Furthermore, the hospital has been equipped with modern facilities and instruments.

Prior to assuming management of the Umatilla Hospital, Felt had managerial positions for seven years with Burnham's Department Store in Hermiston, six years at Erickson's Department Store in Madras, and eight years with Merrill Clothing Co. in Merrill, Ore. Good references from all of them were included in the resume.

Felt is married and has two grown children. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps in which he served from 1943 to 1946. Among his community service activities

have been membership in the Lions Club, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, and in a volunteer fire department in which he served for five years as chief. He also has been active in United Fund and Red Cross blood programs.

In both Hermiston and Umatilla he has served on municipal budget committees. He is the current chairman in Umatilla.

In addition to civic activities Felt has been a member, past or present, of the Masonic and Elks Lodges and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He lists his personal interests as golfing, bird hunting, reading, and helping his sons-in-law and daughters in farming.

As the administrator of the Umatilla Hospital, Felt is a member of various professional groups including the Oregon Association of Hospitals. In connection with the offer to him, his expenses to the convention of the state organization in October would be met by the Pioneer Memorial Hospital board.

## Wildlife department busy this year, Ward says

Glen Ward of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife department was the guest speaker at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting Sept. 17 at the West of Willow Restaurant.

"The red hats are coming (referring to hunters) and there is not much we can do about it," Ward said in opening his slide presentation.

Ward then went on to explain about the various types of animals in the area and the types of programs his department uses to preserve these various types of animals.

Ward said the elk in the area have stabilized and some private landowners have agreed to let hunters on their land at certain times but permits must be obtained first.

The deer are not doing as well and are down in numbers by 15 per cent. Ward said the tough winter last year and the drought spring before that is the cause for this drop in numbers. He said there are more deer in the higher elevations than in lower grounds.

Ward said the department is trapping surplus antelope and moving them to Baker County. He added that the department may bring in bucks to improve the ring of antelope.

Ward said the forest service is trying to educate people to build fences around streams so plant growth can occur

around the waters. This will help in flood control and will also make for good cover for birds to live in.

The chukar hunting season from Sept. 29 to Jan. 13 should also be good, according to Ward. Eight chukars can be taken daily.

The game department has raised and released 1,220 pheasants, according to Ward. He added that pheasants which were raised on the farm are not as wild as the ones in their natural habitat.

A drawing of 50 permits will be available, Ward said, for turkey shooting for the spring season. He added that only four turkeys were taken last year.

Ward explained some of the other department projects to the audience of about 30 Heppner citizens.

He said that roads have been closed to hunters and that a \$35 fine will be charged to every person in an area which is closed to vehicles or in a safety zone.

Ward said the department is studying the migration patterns of all types of animals and is very concerned about pollution killing off animals. He said they are also very concerned about the number of illegal kills which are made each year.

"Our main objective is to provide recreation for the participants," Ward said. "The hunter being successful is only a secondary goal."