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School board hears auditors report School district in good financial condition

The Morrow County School District board learned last Monday night that the district is in good financial condition. Brent Fife, district auditor, of Morrison and Fife, Certified Public Accountants of Pendleton reviewed his report with the board. Fife also recommended that the district move from a cash base to a modified accrual base sometime in the future.

Matt Doherty, county school district superintendent, told the board of the possible effects to the district of Ballot Measure No. three. Doherty

said Standard and Poors of New York is holding the district's bond rating until after the upcoming November election. If Ballot Measure three passes, Doherty said, the bond rating will be lowered. The district currently has a class A rating.

Doherty indicated to the board that it is necessary to review the district's insurance program to see if coverage is adequate and to determine the policy value. Board members Jerry McElligott and Irvin Rauch will assist the superintendent in his review. The board also learned from

Doherty that Union Pacific Railroad has received a judgment in its favor for overpayment of taxes. Morrow County will have to pay back about \$40,000, \$25,000 from the school district's funds, as a result of the judgment, Doherty said, so the district will be short that amount in revenue.

In regular business, the board:

— appointed a committee to review computer education within the district and to make a recommendation to the board concerning what amount be allotted for the

programs.

— appointed Gene Rietmann of Lone to serve as a budget committee member for the district.

— heard a report from Michele Portmann, counselor at Heppner High School on the advisor-advisee program at the school. In the program, each student is assigned to a teacher so each will have a personal advisor.

— accepted bids from Myrick Chrysler Dodge of Hermiston for two 15-passenger vans at a cost of \$11,088 each.

— agreed to accept bids for

an intermediate and compact automobile.

— discussed the need for an appraisal of the district's property. No action was taken.

— approved the budget calendar for 1983-84 with two significant dates being January 3, when the first meeting of the budget committee will be held, and the school budget election on March 29.

An executive session was also held Monday night so the board could receive an update on a personnel matter related to a discrimination charge. No action was taken.

7,000 hunters expected

Deer season opens Saturday

About 7,000 hunters are expected to move into the Heppner District of the Umatilla National Forest when deer season begins this Saturday, said Glen Ward, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Heppner. The department is anticipating about 2,400 of the animals will be bagged, he said.

Ward explained that the deer and elk are scattered throughout the area due to abundant forage and water instead of concentrating in

agricultural areas as they have in past years.

The yearly crop of bucks (forked horns) is moderate due to fair to good production in 1981, he said. Also, spike bucks are legal this year, he added.

"The best bet is fairly close to timber, and the larger bucks will be found in the higher elevations in thickets," he reported, and all animals are in excellent physical condition. Chukar season also opens

Saturday. Ward said they are also widely scattered because of abundant food and water. Brood production was down about one-half in comparison to last year, but there is a good carry over of adult birds, he said.

Last week the department released 760 male and female pheasants to supplement the native production, which was also low this year, said Ward. That season opens Saturday, Oct. 16.

Road banner new addition to Main St.



Large banner over Main St. will help hunters find Willow Creek Road.

Last Monday, Sept. 27 a bright blue and orange banner became a new addition to Heppner's Main Street.

The banner, reading "Willow Creek Road - Straight Ahead" has been erected in time for those out of town hunters who may not realize that the old Willow Creek Road has a dam across it.

After a number of com-

plaints that trucks were going up where the old Willow Creek Road ends and disturbing residents, the city of Heppner decided to take action.

According to Marshal Lovgren, City Recorder, the banner cost the city \$25 for material. City crew member, Roger Ehrmantraut painted the words in his free time, and Tom's TV hung the sign up.

New business opens in Heppner Tuesday



Kathy Maben displays the few cakes she had left after the business opened Tuesday.

Kate's Cake shop and Mabens' Furniture opened for business Tuesday in Heppner. Owned and operated by Kathy and Jeff Maben of Heppner, the businesses are located in a building at 289 Main St. The business phone number is 676-5210.

The cake shop will offer

cakes, pies, raised and cake doughnuts, maple bars and other pastries as more equipment arrives. Mrs. Maben will begin baking daily at 4 a.m. and is also taking custom cake orders.

Furniture for sale includes dining sets, gun cabinets, rocking chairs, desks and bedroom sets.

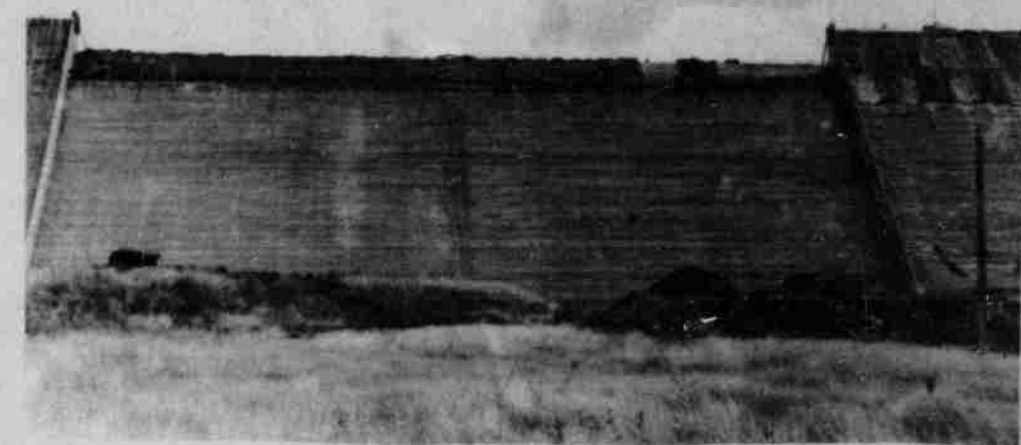
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| Tues., Sept. 21 | 65 | 44 | |
| Wed., Sept. 22 | 70 | 46 | |
| Thurs., Sept. 23 | 75 | 56 | .12 |
| Fri., Sept. 24 | 72 | 50 | .01 |
| Sat., Sept. 25 | 68 | 42 | .04 |
| Sun., Sept. 26 | 58 | 40 | |
| Mon., Sept. 27 | 60 | 49 | |

Work coming to a close on main structure of dam



Work on the main structure of the Willow Creek Dam is coming to a close.

Placement of roller compacted concrete, of which the dam is made, was completed Monday, though a conventional cement "cap" is yet to be placed on the dam.

Workmen will be leaving the project now, says Information Officer Leif Erickson of the Corps of Engineers, and there will be no more night

work, he added.

Grass seeding, grading, work on the water outlet, and work on the spillway, as well as a baseball diamond below the dam, is yet to be done, said Erickson.

"We are very appreciative of the people here putting up with our work, noise and dust," said Erickson, who will be leaving to return to the head office in Walla Walla, Wash.

Truck proves more weight than bridge can handle



A truck load of building materials proved too much weight for a wooden bridge outside Heppner Monday evening, as the beams broke sending the truck into Shobe Creek. The truck is owned by Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply of Heppner.

"Those beams were getting pretty old, so I guess it was a matter of time," said owner Jo Pettyjohn. The bridge crosses Shobe Canyon in front of the Pettyjohns' home on the Heppner-Condon Highway.

Tuesday morning, friends were out with trucks and equipment to unload and pull out the truck.

Consumer Protection Dept. says

Watch out for talent searchers

A joint consumer alert has been issued by Oregon's Departments of Justice and Education following numerous statewide inquiries about the business practices of a southern California company, Five Star Productions.

Consumers, primarily recent high school graduates or current 12th grade students, report receiving postcards in the mail which describe the firm as a television production company looking for "new faces" to possibly appear in commercials and motion pictures. There is a \$10 "processing fee" requested.

Presently, several 1982 graduates of Heppner High School have reported receiving postcards.

"I to my knowledge have not heard that any students at the high school have gotten any (Five Star Production materials). No one has said anything to me," said Michele Portmann, Heppner High School counselor. "But I don't have any idea what they would have received in their private mail. It would probably be a good idea to warn them against it."

It is not known at this time how many Oregonians have received the promotional postcards. The materials are currently being reported in California, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Students and high school graduates who have received Five Star Productions postcards are requested to send

either the originals or copies to: Oregon Department of Justice, Consumer Protection and Services Section, Justice Building, Salem, OR 97310.

Industry representatives contacted in Los Angeles have no knowledge of Five Star Productions and indicate that this type of advance fee promotion is contrary to regular industry practices. New talent is not sought in this manner.

In addition, California state officials confirm that Five Star Productions is not licensed as required under established labor codes. An active investigation is underway in California into the business practices of Five Star Productions for possible violation of the labor code which is classified as a criminal misdemeanor.

CF Bike-A-Thon enthusiasm was high



Seth Wilson, age 4, and Tammy Bruch, 7½, both of Heppner, stop long enough to have their picture taken during the CF Bike-A-Thon last Saturday.

The weather may have been perfect but the turnout was small with only five children participating in the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon last Saturday, Sept. 25.

More mud sets workers back after Sat. rain

Last Saturday, Sept. 25 another downpour hit parts of the southern end of Morrow County setting work crews back in their clean-up efforts after the flooding of Sept. 19.

According to Morrow County Public Works director, Don Briggs, most of the recurring damage was mud washing down from Blackhorse and Rhea Creek Canyons. Road crews were out working early

Monday. "Roads weren't totally impassable this time. We'll have things pretty much under control by the end of the week," stated Briggs.

Eight inches of mud had also washed up on the road at Cutsforths Corner, but the state road crew was out working on it by Sunday, it was reported.

Legion Aux. to hold hunters' breakfast

The American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 87 will hold an annual hunters' breakfast beginning Friday at Ron McDonald's Chevrolet showroom in Heppner. Breakfast will be served from 4 p.m.

Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday, said Rita Hedman of the auxiliary.

On the menu are ham, eggs, hotcakes and a beverage, all for \$3.