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Weather  
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Nov. 2	51	30	
Wed., Nov. 3	54	38	Trace
Thurs., Nov. 4	61	35	
Fri., Nov. 5	55	37	.05
Sat., Nov. 6	50	28	
Sun., Nov. 7	51	26	
Mon., Nov. 8	34	32	.04

## 2 hunters show success in local area



"This is my first bull," announced Roger Hill of Corvallis, "We've got three bulls out of five guys in our camp." According to Hill, he brought down the 600 pound animal Saturday morning, Oct. 30, at Thompson's Corral with one shot from his 270. The 45-year-old gun was given to him by his grandfather and was still serving him well, Hill said. "We were hunting in one and a half feet of snow up there," he continued. Hill planned to have the rack mounted when he returned to Corvallis.

Rod Cole, 17, of Heppner, shot his first elk on the opening day of the season, last Saturday. Out of a party of four, Cole was the only one successful. The five-point bull was taken near Tupper, he said, and weighed 320 lbs. dressed out. The animal was 50-75 yards away when he shot the first time, however, it took six shots to bring it down. Cole said he will have the rack mounted, and will use it for a gun rack.

## Cropping Seminar to be held in Heppner Nov. 18

By BOB COSTA  
OSU Extension Agent  
for Morrow County

An Annual Cropping Seminar for wheat growers will be held at the Fairgrounds in Heppner on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Morrow County office of the Oregon State University Extension Service and co-sponsored by the Morrow County Wheat Growers League and the Morrow County Grain Growers. Dr. Bob Ramig, Agricultural Research Service researcher from the OSU Experiment Station in Pendleton will be on hand to discuss his past re-

sults and current research with annual cropping. Extension agent Bob Costa will discuss the results of a local fertilizer trial on no-till, annual cropped winter wheat and the current situation on no-till seeding. Dean Erhard of the Morrow Co. Soil Conservation Service will talk about the areas in Morrow County suitable for re-cropping.

Other topics to be covered in the program will include how to decide when to recrop, weed control and fertilizer needs, cropping rotations and the effect on soil erosion.

## Taxpayers asked to keep statements

By MARYANN CERULLO

Morrow County Court heard a financial report from Morrow County Treasurer Margo Sherer, during a meeting November 3. Sherer explained that this year the tax office is asking taxpayers to keep a copy of their property tax statement and use the cancelled check as a receipt. "If a person wishes a stamped receipt, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope," she said. According to Sherer, approximately 7,200 tax statements had been mailed the previous week. Greg Sweek, Morrow Coun-

ty assessor, also came before the court to discuss taxes. According to Sweek, Curry County usually has the lowest tax rate in the state, but this year Morrow County is lower. Sweek explained that the PGE coal fire plant in Boardman was the major reason for the low rate. Business continued with Morrow County Court hiring LoRaine Bowman as secretary to Judge Don McElligott. She replaces Barbara Cummings, who resigned October 20. In other business the court: —heard the election returns from Barbara Bloodsworth,

Morrow County clerk, who reported a good turnout. —accepted the resignation of Ron Currin, Butter Creek, from the county fair board. —heard a second reading and signed an ordinance which will adapt the Oregon State Building Code for use by the building inspector recently hired by the county. —moved not to furnish a cattleguard for Don Robinson, Heppner, unless written proof is presented showing that an earlier arrangement with the county had been made. —approved a \$19 tax refund to Herb and Norma Bessey of Heppner.

## City street lights to be turned back on

Street lights in Heppner that were shut off in August, 1980 to save on electrical costs, will now be turned back on, the city council ruled last Monday night.

About 75 lights had been turned off by the city in an effort to save money.

Monday, Nov. 1, a delegation of citizens appealed to the council to turn lights on Union Street back on, citing the number of children living in that area and the danger to them now that winter is here and the sun goes down earlier.

The council, under the recommendation of Mayor Cliff Green, voted three to two to turn on all the street lights in the city.

Street lighting in the city will cost less, now that Columbia Basin Electric Co-op is installing new, more efficient lights in town. Paul Sumner of the co-op had told the council at an earlier meeting.

In other business, the council:

—heard that the city's new water system is functioning well except for low pressure in

fire hydrants on Fairview Way. The low pressure may be due to small pipe size. The council voted to accept the water project as completed by McGrew company.

—was told that the city's new water tank has a leak, and the contractor on the job, Delta Summit, has been contacted to return and fix the leak.

—heard a recommendation

from the city attorney that the city pay for damages incurred to homes on Cemetery Hill following a break in water lines during construction. The city hopes to be paid back by the Corps. of Engineers, the attorney said.

—accepted a site on the hill near the new city water tank as a site for the new water well. The site has been witched and it is estimated it will

produce about 100 gallons per minute. The site is in an ideal location because it is close to a mainline which will reduce costs of piping the water into the city system. The council authorized the city engineer to move ahead with engineering work on the well.

—renewed the sanitation agreement between the city and Heppner Garbage Disposal Service.

## U. P. withdraws Heppner agent

In an effort to save money, Union Pacific Railroad Company is withdrawing its agent from Heppner, the railroad announced recently.

The move must be approved by the state public utility commissioner, but the railroad has indicated the commissioner will say yes.

It cost the railroad \$34,336 to have an agent in Heppner, a cost the company said can be eliminated without loss of service.

George Skorney, director of public relations for Union Pacific, said all duties handled by the Heppner agent can be done from The Dalles office

just as easily. "We're just like everyone else. We have to look for ways to cut our costs. And this is just one way of doing it without loss of service," he said.

The agent in Heppner, George Gutierrez, will be offered several alternatives for employment within the company, Skorney added.

The Heppner agent is on duty five days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and his duties include preparation, receipt of and validation of bills of lading, telephoning bill of lading information to Union Pacific's Hinkle agency for way-billing, keeping demurrage

records, handling telephone inquiries and facilitating equipment needs with Union Pacific's switching local which runs from The Dalles," the company said.

The company said that seven employees are assigned to The Dalles on a 24-hour basis six days a week and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. A toll-free number has been established to serve the Heppner area. The main customer of Union Pacific in Heppner is Kinzua Corp., and officials there have accepted closing of the agent's office in Heppner, Skorney said.

## Wright retains position on C.B.E.C. board, Bettencourt defeats Kleinbach

About 265 people turned out for Columbia Basin Electric Co-op's 38th annual meeting last Thursday in Condon, reported Jerry Healy, office manager. The meeting was held at the Condon Grade School Play-Shed and began with dinner at 6 p.m.

Following dinner, the meeting commenced at 7 p.m. Two directors' positions were open with three candidates seeking election. Herb Wright, president of the board, sought re-election to the Fossil, City Zone and ran with no opposition. Wright was re-elected to another three-year term. Darl Kleinbach and Frank Bettencourt, both of Arlington, were vying for a three-year term in Rural Zone 1, previously served by Van Rietmann. Bettencourt was elected to the board. Although the board elected not to announce the number of votes each candidate received, 431 members out of 2,389 voted, Healy said.

Ken Wright, secretary-treasurer, reported for the audit year July 1, 1981 to June

30, 1982 that the co-op showed an income of \$3,368,137. Expenses totaled \$2,950,400. With margins for capital patronage and other operating margins, \$410,990 was recorded for a

total net margin. As part of the program, outgoing Director Van Rietmann gave an account of his 12 years on the board. He told of changes he had seen, and

also of the co-op's involvement in the two now terminated nuclear plants of the Washington Public Power Supply System.

## Rainbow Balloons open for business



Cara Costa shows one of the many bouquets of balloons she has to offer.

A unique business has recently opened in Heppner, offering a wide variety of "Bouquets and individual helium balloons to give someone a 'lift.'" "Rainbow Balloons," owned and operated by Cara Costa of Heppner, opened for business October 22 and is going strong.

Costa operates the business at her home on evenings and weekends. She says she got the idea from a balloon business in Corvallis. Many larger cities have the service too, she added. "It's something that's been in the back of my mind for quite awhile. I thought it would be fun to do," she said.

Fruit baskets, stuffed animals, ceramic mugs filled with candy, wine baskets (wine not included) and many other items, all decorated with balloons, are available. She also has individual balloons for sale, and takes requests for arrangements. Silver mylar balloons with pictures or messages can also be purchased from Costa.

Arrangements can be ordered for all kinds of parties, weddings, showers and just about any occasion. Holiday arrangements will soon be available, she said. Costa offers same day service, and free delivery in Heppner. Out of town deliveries may be made for 20 cents per mile, or they can be picked up at her home.

Orders can be placed by phone, 676-5444, or at her home, on evenings and weekends, at 775 N. Shobe St.

"I'm willing to work with anyone with ideas they may have," she said.

## Employment Division reports

## Aggressiveness speaks well for Morrow County's future

The Oregon Employment Division has reported in "Labor Trends" that "Morrow County continues to perform better than most Eastern Oregon counties and far better than the state as a whole." September unemployment

rates in the county were down 3.2 percent from August; from 10.4 to 7.2 percent. September unemployment rates in the county were also down from one year ago by 1.3 percent. The publication states that the county "remains very ag-

gressive in seeking industry in a time when most feel there is none to be found. Their location on the Columbia River and this aggressiveness speak well for the future of this county," the summary concluded.

## County school board to meet Nov. 15

A regular meeting of the Morrow County School board will be held on Monday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., at Lone High School.

The board is expected to consider adoption of a policy governing conflict of interest, and a number of items related to budget preparation for the

1983-84 budget. Among the items to consider are requests for field trips and recommendations for purchasing of new vehicles, said a district spokesperson.

In other business, the board will review a proposal for use of federal funds allocated to the school district.

## Lynch brothers open new businesses



Mike Lynch

By MARYANN CERULLO

Two new businesses opened their doors next to S & J Market in Heppner last week. Heppner Custom Cutting is now taking meat orders, which will come from Hill Meat Co., Pendleton. Farm kills will also be cut and wrapped at 17 cents a pound, said meat cutter, Scott Adkisson. They are also furnishing ice cube orders. The meat cutting business is owned by Mike Lynch. Sharing the same store

space is Lynch's Gift Shop, owned and operated by Curtis Lynch. Lynch will be selling his own ceramic pieces as well as others'. He will also be accepting work by local artists and craftspeople for a 10 percent commission, stated a spokesperson.

Heppner Custom Cutting is now open Monday through Saturday. Lynch's Gift Shop will be open Tuesday through Saturday. According to Mike Lynch a phone should be installed by this week.