

# The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



Weather  
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., April 5	55	32	
Wed., April 6	63	39	
Thurs., April 7	58	31	
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Mon., April 11	53	27	

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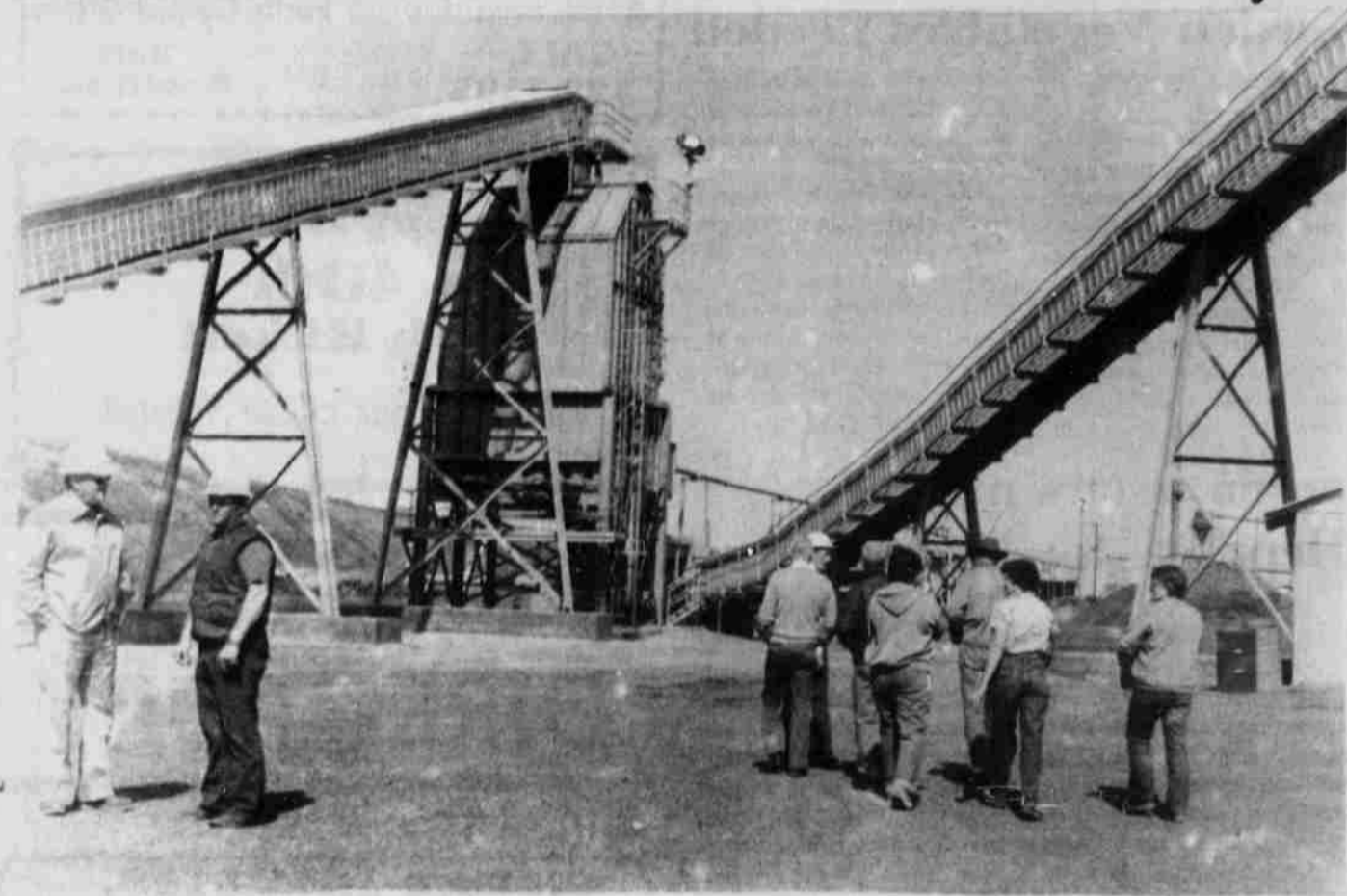
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## Local residents tour new Kinzua facility



Kinzua General Manager Harry Kennison (far left) talks with Walt Nix while tour of new facility is conducted.

By MARY ANN CERULLO

On Friday, April 15, Kinzua Corporation held a tour of their new \$1.5 million chip facility to approximately 12 interested area residents. The group was split into two

parts by guides Frank Pearson, chip plant superintendent, and LaVern Van Marter, safety and personnel director.

According to Pearson, construction on the chip facility began in October 1982 and was completed in December with the first logs being pro-

cessed through the plant on December 20. The plant was in full production on January 8, he said.

The facility is currently running four hours a day and handling approximately 50,000 feet of logs in that time,

continued Pearson. The mill makes the majority of their chips from white fir, Douglas fir and pine. The chips are separated into units and trucked to Boardman and then barged down the Columbia River to Longview Fibre.

### Court meeting canceled

Morrow County Court will not meet in Irrigon on Wednesday, April 27 as previously planned, announced a courthouse spokesperson.

The next meeting of the court will be on May 4 at the courthouse in Heppner at 9 a.m.

### Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 24. Remember to move your clocks forward one hour.

### Lexington City Council meets

The Lexington City Council discussed a proposed contract with the county for fire protection at the Lexington Airport during a council meeting April 12, reported Linda Jones, Lexington city recorder. No action was taken, she said.

The council also presented Bill Sheirbon and Bill Smith plaques for time served on the council. Both of the men's terms expired and they chose not to run for re-election.

In other business the council: — signed a contract to install satellite television with Steve's Electronics of Fossil so that Lexington residents will receive Home Box Office and ESPN, an all-sports station within 30-60 days, Jones said. — set a budget committee meeting for May 9 at city hall at 8 p.m.

## Ione turns out to protest cuts

The Morrow County School board found it necessary to hold its meeting in a gymnasium Monday night, in order to accommodate the large crowd which turned out to protest budget cuts proposed for Ione schools.

Over 100 Ione residents came to the district offices in Lexington, causing part of the meeting to be held in the Lexington gym instead of the board room.

During more than an hour of testimony the board heard complaints that recently proposed cuts in the school budget are unfair to Ione, and that the board should look elsewhere to save money.

On March 28, county voters turned down a school budget \$66 to \$26. The budget committee came back April 5 to recommend cutting the budget by \$111,509, before sending it back to voters May 17.

Residents of Ione objected to the cuts saving most of the savings will come from their schools through elimination of staff.

"Why was Ione selected to take the bulk of cuts in the budget?" asked Ione businessman John Bristow.

Under the proposed cuts, Ione High School would lose one full time and one part time classified employee (non-teacher), and one full time health and physical education teacher.

The grade school would lose one sixth grade teacher, and the fifth and sixth grades would be combined.

These cuts in staff would save the district \$63,426, the administration said later.

Also included in the proposed cuts would be a part time and a full time classified employee at Heppner which would result in a savings of

\$14,633.

"We're going beyond what other schools do," said Ione farmer Marvin Padberg. "This one hundred thousand dollars is just a token cut. Ione passed the school budget (128-81) and it just isn't right — it's bad management. People in the areas that vote down their budgets should be the ones to take the cuts."

Della Heideman, who has students in the grade school said the large cuts from Ione schools are not good. "It's going to hurt (the quality of education)" she said.

The teachers were dropped, administration officials said, because the enrollment at Ione has recently decreased. There are now approximately 30 students in the high school and about 90 in the grade school, according to the district administration.

The class sizes are small but

they will be increasing," pointed out Heideman. She said many people feared if the teachers were dropped, when the enrollment did increase the teachers would not be replaced again.

Betty Rietmann, who has taught at Ione for 15 years and graduated three sons who now go to college said an earlier superintendent and board made a commitment to Ione, and "this school board is not supporting us anymore."

Others said if the board persisted in making the cuts in Ione it would cause hard feelings between Ione and the rest of the district.

"There were hard feelings back in the sixties, and there are still hard feelings. I wonder if a few bucks are worth all this hassel," said retired businessman Charlie O'Connor.

"It's not good if you take all the cuts in one school, which has traditionally supported the budget," said Ione farmer and county Judge Don McEligott.

"Ione is a good quality school. But this is not the issue. We have good quality schools all over the district," said Superintendent Matt Doherty when given time to respond. "My commitment to Ione school is the same as any other school in this district, but we have to be responsive to this cost thing. If we don't respond to cost we do jeopardize your school."

Doherty said the cost of educating students at Ione is the highest in the district.

He said 14 percent of the school budget now goes to Ione, which has 8.8 percent of the enrollment.

Doherty gave figures to show that it cost \$4,800 per student per year in Ione, and \$2,900 per student per year at Sam Boardman Elementary School. He said the district average is \$3,600 per student per year.

The average student-teacher ratio at Ione is 11.5 to one, and at Sam Boardman it is 18.4 to one.

Ione residents responded saying that before the recent population growth of the Boardman area, the costs of educating a student there were also high.

The possibility of Ione High School being closed was also brought up.

"We are trying to be fair. We don't want to close down Ione schools. We're not against Ione or the Ione community," said board chairman Jean Bennett.

"The board has supported Ione schools over the years," said board member Pauline Winter. "We are not at this point ready to close Ione."

"We're talking about the future of the city of Ione," said Bristow. "When you strike at the budget of Ione schools, you strike at the heart of the city."

After hearing all the public comments and responding, the board said it would hold a special meeting on Monday, May 2 at Ione, to discuss the issues further. The meeting will start at 8 p.m.

## Westmoreland pleads guilty

Thomas Winston Westmoreland III of Umatilla pleaded guilty to charges of murder and first degree robbery Monday after being indicted on four charges stemming from the December 17, 1982 shooting death of Irrigon resident Michael Brown and robbery of Brown's Truck Stop, Irrigon.

Brown was working at the truck stop where the incident occurred.

Two other charges against Westmoreland, aggravated murder and first degree theft, were dropped, reported Morrow County District Attorney, Richard McNeerney.

Judge Richard Courson sentenced the 20-year-old Monday to life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of 10 years for the murder charge, McNeerney said. He also received a 15-year sentence for

the charge of first degree robbery and a five-year sentence for using a firearm during the commission of a felony. Both of the later sentences are to run concurrently with the sentence for the murder charge.

He was transported to the Oregon State Correctional Institution Monday by a Morrow County sheriff's deputy.

## County planner voices concern

By MARY ANN CERULLO

On Wednesday, April 13, Morrow County Planner Deene Seeger voiced his concern with Morrow County Court over the current building inspection personal services contract with inspector Don Dale of Arlington.

According to Seeger, checks that are being written for

building inspection fees are currently being written directly to Dale. Seeger suggested that if the contract is continued for the 1983-84 fiscal year, it should be rewritten.

The county currently receives 30 percent of the inspector's fee. The building inspection service is a private service which works out of the Planning Department.

In other business, Seeger announced the city of Irrigon's donation of an acre lot for a senior citizen's center. The land has been valued at \$32,260 and is located one block west of the Morrow County Annex on the Old Columbia River Hwy. in Irrigon, said Seeger. The site will provide a center for activities for seniors in Irrigon and Boardman.

## HHS students broadcast TV programs over channel 3

Heppner High School Film and Television students are broadcasting a weekly program over a new station (KHHS), channel three, for

viewers within the Heppner city limits. The programs will give information about what is going on at the high school, including news of the week.

Interviews with staff members and students, studies in the classrooms and some school events and club activities. Viewing times will be on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. until school is out.

Programs will run from 15 minutes to an hour in length and will be planned, written, filmed and produced by the Film and Television class, team-taught by Marion Abrams, librarian and media specialist, and Jane Rawlins, language arts teacher. Members of the class include: Greg Orr, Gary Riley, Cord Adams, Tom Hamman, Dennis Warren, John Martin and Danny Fortenberry.

down a hill into the building. In other business, the board:

— voted to deny a grievance from Heppner teacher Lisa Nelson, who was not hired back for next year by the district. She is contesting the non-renewal and has carried her grievance through two steps. A hearing was held in executive session.

## Board hears building repair estimate

Damage caused when a pickup rolled through a wall at Heppner High School April 8 will cost \$1,100 to \$1,500 to repair, the Morrow County School Board was told Monday night.

The wall and a window were damaged when a truck belonging to Danny Fortenberry, a high school student, slipped out of gear and rolled

## Fishing season opens Sat.

Major local streams open to trout angling on opening day, April 23, will include Willow, Rhea and Butter creeks, and all streams draining into the John Day River system such as Rock Creek, Middle Fork, Juniper, Butte, Potomus and Ditch Creeks will open May 21, said Glen Ward of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The later opening date is to protect young steelhead in those streams, which serve as rearing areas, until the fish mature and move downstream to the ocean.

"Any rainbow trout over 20 inches in a stream considered a steelhead stream is considered an adult steelhead and is illegal to keep and should be released immediately," Ward said.

The following waters will be stocked with legal rainbows prior to opening day: Willow Creek 1,500; Cutsforth Pond 1,500; Wineland Lake 3,000; and Rowe Creek Reservoir 3,000.

Bull Prairie Lake is free of ice and angling has been fair

to good, he reported. Penland Lake is inaccessible by vehicle because of snow. The ice is starting to break up and within another 10 days the lake should be free of ice.

Anglers are reminded that

lakes and ponds are open year around in this area. Cutsforth Pond was stocked Tuesday, Wineland Lake on Wednesday and Rowe Creek Reservoir will be stocked this Friday, Ward said.

## Moonlight Madness to hit Heppner next Thurs.

Moonlight Madness will hit Heppner next Thursday evening as merchants reopen their doors from 7 to 9 p.m. for bargains and sales galore. Several organizations will be selling goodies, and a movie for the kids is also scheduled.

Local Cub Scouts, who have been selling peponi sticks door to door in Heppner, Lexington and Ione, will be selling any remaining sticks during the Moonlight Sale in front of Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance.

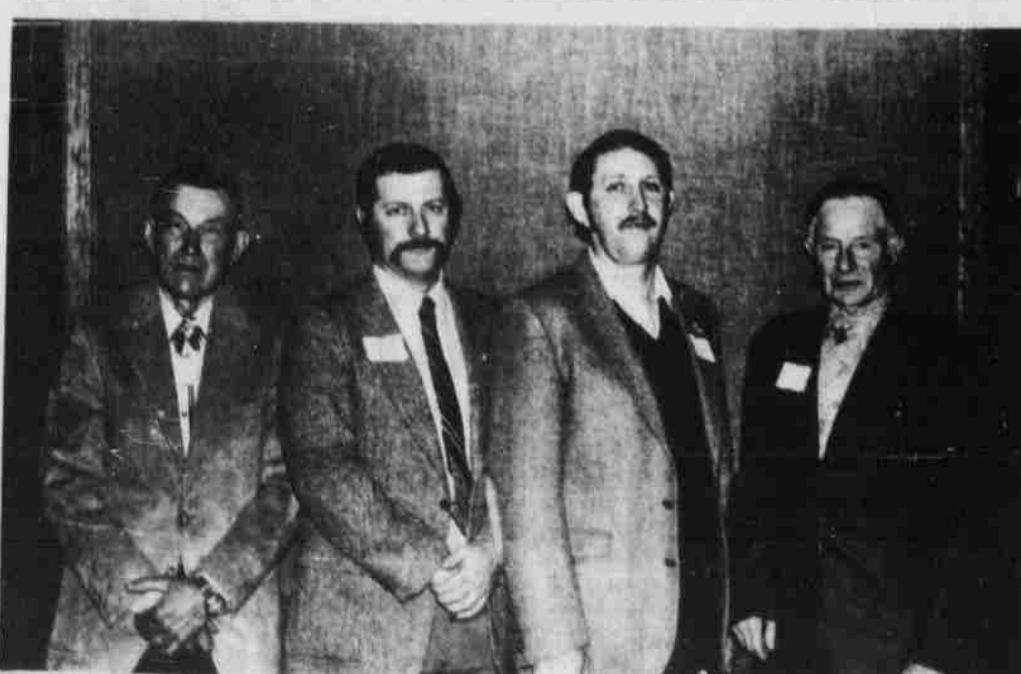
The V.F.W. Auxiliary will be selling pies and other baked goods in front of the post office, and the Heppner Lions Club will sponsor a movie for

kids inside the old post office building beginning at 7 p.m., said George Koffler, club president. The movie will last about one hour he added.

The United Christian Youth Fellowship will be selling elephant ears on Main St. Proceeds will benefit the Heifer Project, a self-help program to help people throughout the world raise cows, according to the Rev. Mike Sheridan, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

Anyone wanting to set up a booth during the Moonlight Sale may contact Andrea Mortimore at Gardner's Men's Wear, 676-9218.

## Heppner man elected director to Ore. Polled Hereford Assoc.



The Oregon Polled Hereford Association elected new officers and directors at its recent annual meeting in Salem.

Pictured are (from left): Director Howard Delano, Oregon City, President Bill Hoyt,

Cottage Grove, Vice-president Denny Morrell, Drain, and Director Don Robinson of Heppner. Not pictured are Secretary Joyce Hoyt of Cottage Grove, Ore., and newly-elected Director Larry Gill, Culver, Ore.