

# The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



**Weather**  
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., May 10	60	35	
Wed., May 11	61	36	
Thurs., May 12	67	37	
Fri., May 13	67	37	
Sat., May 14	62	41	.25
Sun., May 15	51	38	.38
Mon., May 16	64	40	Trace

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## ELECTION RESULTS

### May 17, 1983

	PASSED	HARDMAN-HEPPNER		IONE		LEXINGTON		BOARDMAN		IRRIGON		TOTALS	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
		322	229	270	46	87	66	187	125	174	139	1040	605
MORROW COUNTY BUDGET													
		278	274	277	39	79	74	237	77	173	140	1044	604
MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL BUDGET													

## Virginia Rosewall honored at Road Dept. open house



Virginia Rosewall cuts ribbon to open new county shop as County Judge Don McEligott looks on.

Residents from all over Morrow County turned out for an open house at the new County Public Works Department and Road Shop in Lexington last Saturday.

The County Road Department moved into the new shop facility last July. The new 7,200 sq. ft. metal building is situated on an eight-acre parcel of land. Five acres of the land were donated to the county by Mrs. Clarence

Rosewall of Heppner in memory of her husband.

Low bid for the building shell was submitted by William Lonigan and Associates of Portland. The final finish work was completed by the following local contractors: plumbing - Pettyjohn Builders Supply; electrical - Lotts Electric Company; chain link fence - Circle D. Construction; interior partitions - Boyd

Martin Construction. Lexington was chosen as the location for the new facility because its more centralized location would save substantial travel time and fuel consumption would be considerably less.

The project was funded by federal revenue sharing money.

The 1,560 sq. ft. three-unit modular office building was transported to Lexington from a nuclear power site near Arco, Idaho and was donated to the county by the federal government. Expenses to the county for handling charges and remodeling costs amounted to \$25,000; approximately \$16 per sq. ft., which is about one-third the cost of new construction, the department estimated.

The unit was set up and enclosed by Boyd Martin Construction, with most of the finish work being completed by Paul Weed, a county employee.

Offices located in the building include the Public Works Department, Planning Department, building inspector's office and county surveyor's office.

## Central Market starts grocery giveaway



Central Market clerk Sue Mattison holds entry blanks for customers to fill out and possibly win \$5,200 in free groceries.

Central Market is participating in Associated Grocers' "Great Grocery Give-Away Contest" where 10 lucky people will win a grand prize of \$100 in groceries each week for 52 weeks. The grand prize winners will be picked from entries received at 150 participating grocery stores.

"We're the only store in the area participating in the contest," said Central Market owner Forrie Burkenbine.

He urged everyone to sign up for the contest which begins May 18 and runs through

May 23.

In addition to the grand prize, there will also be three \$100 gift certificates; eight \$50 certificates and 12 \$25 certificates, all of these to be given locally.

To enter, just fill out an entry form each time you come into the store. No purchase is necessary, and you need not be present to win. You must be 18 years or older to enter.

Drawing for the local prizes will be held at the store Monday, May 23.

## Polish family welcomed

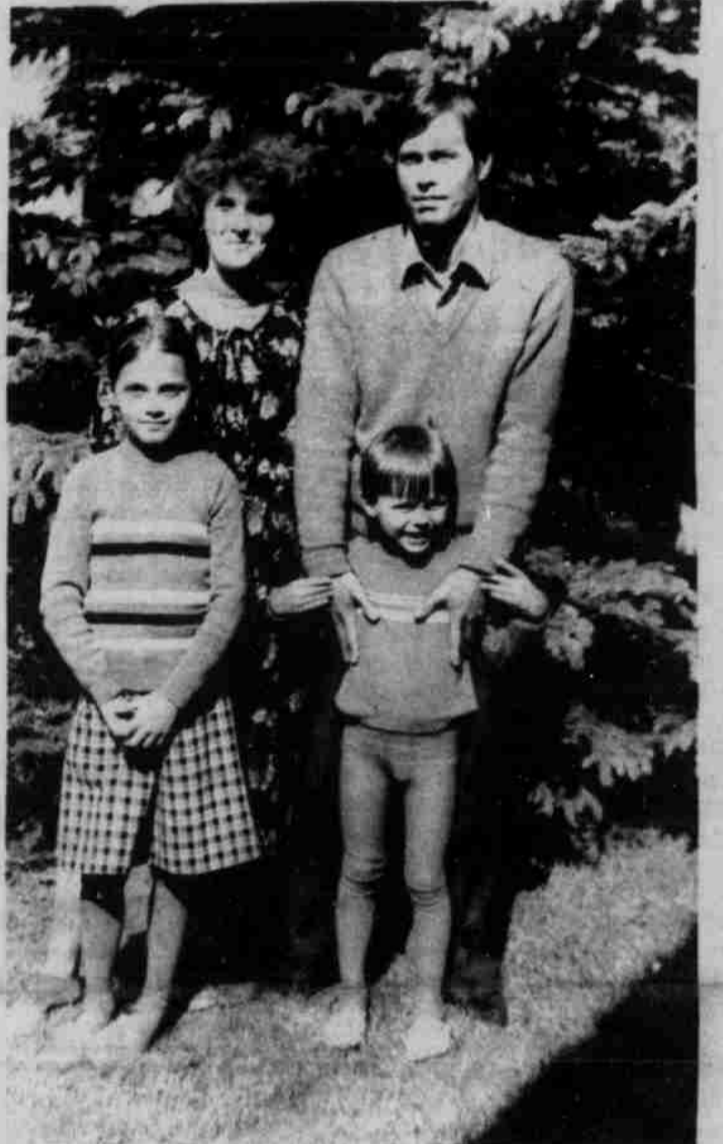
By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Andrez Doboszynsky, 32, his wife, Barbara, their nine-year-old daughter, Inga, and five-year-old son Woxjeh, are now beginning a new life in the downstairs apartment at the corner of Gale and Church streets in Heppner which their sponsors, Hope and Valby Lutheran churches, generously prepared for them.

This Polish Catholic family arrived in Portland last Wednesday, May 11, and were met by Pastor John Maas and Lutheran ladies Anna Johnson and Shirley George, who brought them to Heppner. Last Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. John Urych of Pendleton, who speak Polish, came to talk with the Doboszynsky family and a few of their sponsors. Except for this help from John and Phyllis Urych, most of the communication between the Heppner sponsors, none of whom speak or understand Polish, and the immigrants, who so far speak no English, has been sign language and drawings.

Now plans are underway to begin tutoring sessions in English, and the Rev. Maas says that any volunteers are encouraged to contact him or Liz Curtis to schedule some time when they can help.

Last Saturday evening, Maas and Bill and Jane Rawlins accompanied the new family to Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where they were introduced to their neighbors and fellow Catholics. The Rev. McGovern presented a picture of the Pope to these fellow countrymen that they deeply appreciated. Although they were brought here through the Lutheran Church Refugee program, they will regularly attend church at St. Patrick's.



The Doboszynsky family: mother Barbara, father Andrez, daughter Inga and son Woxjeh

Daughter Inga may just visit the school here before the year ends, but the children will need much tutoring in English before they can be enrolled next fall.

Everyone in Heppner is very pleased to have this latest international addition, bringing the opportunity for residents here to become a little better acquainted with the country of Poland.

## Former Army engineer sends comments on dam

*(Editor's note: The following letter was sent to the Gazette-Times by Stanley E. Sporseen, consulting engineer, of Salem, concerning Willow Creek Dam.)*

Some months ago KOIN TV put on a program on Willow Creek Dam. I didn't get to see the program so I had the young lady at KOIN rerun it for me. I was really shocked to hear the Great White Father being blamed for foisting this monstrosity off on the unsuspecting citizens of Heppner. In fact, I am so shocked I must come forward and confess my guilt and cleanse my soul.

However, I am going to plead entrapment. In about 1948 I was planning engineer with the Army Engineers and one day the district engineer called me to his office. He had a letter from the president of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce asking Senator Morse to get the Army to make a flood control study of the Heppner area. Some months ago one of my neighbors told me he had written the letter to Senator Morse for

the Chamber of Commerce. So you see, Henry Tetz (former athletic director and superintendent at Heppner High School) and I are probably the guilty ones.

On the other hand, maybe we can all make the best of the situation. I have suggested in the past that the city should develop a hydro plant at the dam. My company, Haner, Ross & Sporseen, Inc. of Gladstone, Oregon has developed a large number of these small hydro projects and they are quite successful. Even if you don't like the dam you have it and I suggest making the best of it and get some income for the city from the project.

The stories you hear about Shobe Creek posing as great a threat to Heppner as Balm Fork and Willow Creek is a lot of misinformation put forth by people who know no better. Maybe they just like to see themselves on TV. Of course to do that you really do need something to say. No one in

their right mind, even if they know nothing about hydrology, would really believe that a small stream like Shobe Creek with a drainage area of about seven square miles could produce a flood such as Balm Fork with a drainage area of over 26 square miles. Then add the area of Willow Creek and you have an area 12 times as great as Shobe. When I made my first survey no one mentioned having seen a flood from Shobe Creek.

Furthermore, calling this an experimental dam is just a lot of nonsense mouthed by people who know no better.

## Boardman dentist to open Heppner practice

Boardman dentist Thomas F. Alexander has announced that he will open a general dentistry practice in Heppner in Dr. Huber's office, located in the First Interstate Bank Building. Dr. Alexander will

see patients on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning May 1. Appointments may be made by calling 676-9118, or 481-9462, collect.

Last year at the International Congress on Large Dams, engineers from all over the world were eager to hear about Willow Creek Dam. I think if I had taken a vote, the answer would have been 1,500 to zero approval of the design as a real step forward in dam construction. This, being a gravity dam, is really the safest type of construction available. The fact that it is roller compacted concrete just makes it cheaper to build.

Don't let a few little leaks fool you. I've seen a lot of these. In concrete dams these

always seal themselves in a year or so. That's one of the nice things about concrete in hydraulic structures. Cracks in concrete buildings and bridges are dangerous. In a gravity (dam) they are no problem. Bonneville Dam had such leaks, but in a few years they all dried up. That was my first experience of that kind. In the forty-five years since that, I've seen hundreds more.

I know the Army Engineers are proposing a sealing program. That's just window dressing. They know it is unnecessary but maybe they saved a lot of money by this type of construction and have some left over. So why not use it to lull the nervous citizens.

That's a problem with government bureaus. The end of the fiscal year is approaching and you have funds left over and if you don't spend it, back it goes to the general fund. Then next year the bureau of the budget lops an equivalent amount from your request.



Jo (left), Howard and Larry Pettyjohn, owners of Pettyjohn's Farm and Builder's Supply in Heppner, will be celebrating the completion of remodeling on their store, with an open house this Friday and Saturday.

The project included complete remodeling of the inside of the store, doubling the size of the show area, and work outside to improve looks of the building.

The Pettyjohns bought the hardware, plumbing and building supply store in November of 1963. They moved to the present location in

February 1967. Their son, Larry, joined the business in June of 1981.

During open house this Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, four door prizes will be given away each day, including a lawnmower, grass trimmer, chainsaw, hose reels and more. There will also be specials on some merchandise.

The Pettyjohns urge everyone to stop by during open house, enjoy free hotdogs between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and free pop and doughnuts all day.