

The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Sept. 13	79	44	
Wed., Sept. 14	74	44	
Thurs., Sept. 15	82	43	
Fri., Sept. 16	75	41	
Sat., Sept. 17	66	44	
Sun., Sept. 18	53	35	.42
Mon., Sept. 19	57	32	

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Hardman Community Center officers, board members elected



Michael Stickney (L), Rod Fulton, Ernest Allen, Deby Hammons, Nathan Hammons and Jere Le Doux

Officers and board members of the Hardman Community Center were elected during a meeting September 18, and plans are underway for several activities in the small community. Zelma McDaniel, outgoing treasurer, chaired the meeting.

New officers include President Ernest Allen, Vice-president Dallas McDaniel, Secretary Rod Fulton and Treasurer Beverly Harris.

Directors on the board are Duane Rankin, Nathan Hammons, Jere Le Doux, Mike Stickney and Brian Sweeney.

Upcoming community activities include a hunters' breakfast to be held each morning from September 30

through October 31 beginning at 4 a.m. The menu will include hotcakes, ham and eggs. Chili and doughnuts will also be available, and coffee will be free. Cost will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Anyone wanting to help with the breakfast may contact Fulton, 676-5859.

It was also announced that aerobic dance classes will be held at the Hardman Community Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Diane Beckett will be instructor. Cost will be 25 cents plus firewood, Fulton said. Anyone interested may call Beckett at 676-5858.

President Allen was asked to begin selecting an entertainment committee to promote a possible Halloween dance at the hall. His appointments will be made at the next meeting on October 15.

The group discussed having a flea market in the summer and Hammons was appointed chairman of that activity.

Zelma McDaniel and Juanita Carmichael received pints of plum jam from the group in appreciation of the work they have done over the years. The jam was made from a plum tree in an old orchard in Hardman.

The group's next meeting will be held October 15, 2 p.m.,

at the hall. All interested persons are invited to attend, said Fulton. Meeting minutes will always be posted outside the hall, he added.

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Morrow County building inspector's hours announced

On July 1, Morrow County initiated its first full-time Building Inspection and Zoning Administration services as a branch of its Planning Department. On July 15, the county hired Roger D. Converse as its building official and zoning administrator.

Converse, and his wife, Patty, and two daughters Cari and Mandi, come from Mehama and currently reside in the Irrigon area.

Converse has had past experience with the City of Ashland and the Oregon State Highway Department and 16 years as a building contractor. He graduated from Chemeketa Community College in 1982 in Building Inspection services. He will maintain two

Search for new school superintendent actively underway

The search for a new superintendent of the Morrow County School District is actively underway, with the board of directors hearing a report Monday night from a committee in charge of finding a replacement.

Present Superintendent Matt Doherty informed the board earlier he intends to resign as soon as a replacement can be found.

According to the report Monday the district will advertise the position beginning

in November, with screening of applicants to begin in February.

The board has targeted April as the month to interview final candidates and make a selection.

Doherty has been superintendent for the past nine years, he hasn't revealed his plans after resignation.

The steering committee appointed to oversee superintendent replacement is made up of Riverside High School Principal Dan Daloso, Board

members Pauline Winter and Joe Stevens, and A.C. Houghton Principal Mick Tolar.

The committee indicated in its report it would use a committee of nine to screen the applications received by the district.

The screening group would include three advisory board members, three school board members, two school administrators and one teacher, with all areas of the county to be equally represented. The screening committee will be

appointed in December.

The board of directors will interview and select the new superintendent from five or six finalists for the job.

In other business, the board:

- heard a report from Morrison & Fife, the district auditors. The auditor said the district is in good financial shape, showing a surplus balance in the general fund last year of \$1,088,928. The money was carried over into the present budget year as a tax offset. Most of the money was earned interest from a large tax payment from Portland General Electric last year, said Superintendent Doherty.

"You received more and spent less than you thought," said auditor Brent Fife. "This is a credit to your administration. They didn't spend it down as I have seen done in other places."

- appointed board members Jean Bennett, Pauline Winter and Randy Hughes to head up the district's negotiating team with the classified employees this year.

- adopted a budget calendar similar to last year, which places the budget election on March 27, 1984.

- voted to hire new personnel Helen Flanagan as counselor at Heppner High, and Caryn Schmidt as a speech pathologist for north Morrow County.

- gave extra duty contracts to Del LaRue of Ione for head track coach and athletic director, Roberta Tye, Columbia Jr. High as asst. volleyball coach.

- voted to hire an aid for first grade at Sam Boardman Elementary School, because of overcrowding.

- heard a report that the district's enrollment after the first week of school was down to 1707. Last year's enrollment was 1714.

County Health Dept. to hold flu immunization clinics

The Morrow County Health Department will be holding flu immunization clinics at the Heppner Neighborhood Center on Monday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to noon; at the Irrigon county offices on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1 to 4 p.m.; at Boardman City Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1:30 to 4 p.m.; and at the Ione Bank of

Eastern Oregon Kitchen on Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The charge will be \$3. Vaccine will also be available at all blood pressure clinics conducted by the County Health Dept. thereafter, said Morrow Co. Health Nurse Pat Wright. The Oregon State Health Department recommends that

the following groups of people are at high risk for serious illness from flu and recommend they be immunized:

- People 65 years of age or older.

- People over 13 years of age who have a chronic illness, diabetes, anemia, cancer or an immunological disorder.

Local wheat yields up, production down

By BOB COSTA
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Morrow County

Morrow County wheat growers enjoyed the second highest average yields ever in 1983, but total wheat production was the lowest in six years.

The average wheat yield on dryland was 42 bushels per acre on 135,000 acres. The average yield for irrigated wheat was 90 bushels per acre on 15,000 acres.

Total wheat production for Morrow County was seven million bushels.

The number of acres planted to wheat in Morrow County was the lowest in 10 years as a result of U.S.D.A. farm pro-

grams. Many of the acres taken out of wheat were planted to barley.

Barley was grown on 32,000 acres with an average yield of 52 bushels per acre. Most of the barley was grown on dry

land with 29,000 acres. The yields of fall planted barley were excellent, but spring barley yields were mostly disappointing due to late seeding and disease problems.

Soroptimists to hold rummage sale Sat.

The Heppner Soroptimist Club's annual fall rummage sale will take place this Saturday, Sept. 24 at the fairgrounds in Heppner. The doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Benefits from the sale are used for scholarship and citizenship awards that are given each year by the club.

Two citizenship awards are given to local high school seniors each December, and in the spring two scholarships are given to Morrow County high school seniors at graduation.

The rummage sale is the club's largest annual fundraiser.

Congressman's 'circuit rider' to hold meeting

Mike Hanna, a "circuit rider" for Congressman Bob Smith, will hold a public town hall meeting on Monday, October 3, 1 to 2 p.m. at Heppner City Hall Council Chambers. "The public is urged to

attend and communicate their thoughts, ideas, or problems to Mike, who will relay them to Congressman Bob Smith," said Leigh Johnson, district administrator.

A citizens' committee was appointed to study the matter and will give a recommendation to the council at a regular council meeting October 4 at 8 p.m. at city hall, Starr said.

In other business, the council:

- heard a short presentation from Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago who informed council members on the duties

of the sheriff's department and services the department has been providing for the county.

- was introduced to Roger Converse, the county's new building inspector by County Planner Deane Seeger. Seeger described the planner's and building inspector's duties to the council and what services are offered for the city.

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The county's application for the federal grant, which will come from taxes on aviation fuel, accompanies an \$800,000 county master plan to improve the county airport in Lexington.

Morrow County Court began interviewing aviation engineers last week to make the final detailed plan for construction.

Under the improved plan,

the present 2,520 ft. runway will serve as a taxi area. A new 4,355 ft. runway will accommodate larger planes. New fencing, improved taxiway surface and a parking area are also a part of the plan.

In other business, the court: - moved to continue a public hearing October 12 at 9 a.m. on the upgrading of eight streets before turning them

over to the city of Irrigon.

- adopted a resolution amending the county personnel policy, changing the retirement age from 60 to 70.

- discussed the possibility of hooking up a two-way radio with the Cutsforth Park attendant's office for emergency purposes.

- approved the court minutes for the Sept. 7 meeting as corrected.

day and Thursday. The main planning office in Lexington now provides full map files and survey files with duplication facilities for map copies. Files will be maintained on

each of the five city's planning, zoning, mapping, flood control boundaries and floodway maps. In addition, the county supplies the following state applications as a con-

venience for the public: Department of Environmental Quality permit applications (septic tank), electrical permit applications and plumbing permit applications.

Brownfield joins Swanson Insurance office in Ione



Nancy Brownfield tries out new computer at Swanson Insurance.

Nancy Brownfield of Heppner has recently joined the office of Swanson Insurance in Ione, owned and operated by Jim and Monica Swanson. Brownfield, who is also the

local coordinator for Blue Mountain Community College, is working as office manager in the insurance office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Her office hours for

BMCC are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

In December she will receive an associates degree in business administration from BMCC. She plans to become a licensed insurance agent this winter, probably in February.

Swanson Insurance recently installed a new computer which Brownfield will be using. One of the computer's uses will be to determine how much crop insurance farmers need, she said. This will be demonstrated at a Crop Insurance Seminar October 12 in Ione. More details about the seminar will be announced next week.

After obtaining her license, Brownfield will be able to sell insurance for the company, which is a full service agency.