

The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



Weather
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Oct. 11	67	39	
Wed., Oct. 12	63	42	
Thurs., Oct. 13	60	42	
Fri., Oct. 14	57	32	
Sat., Oct. 15	59	32	
Sun., Oct. 16	58	41	.01
Mon., Oct. 17	56	34	.03

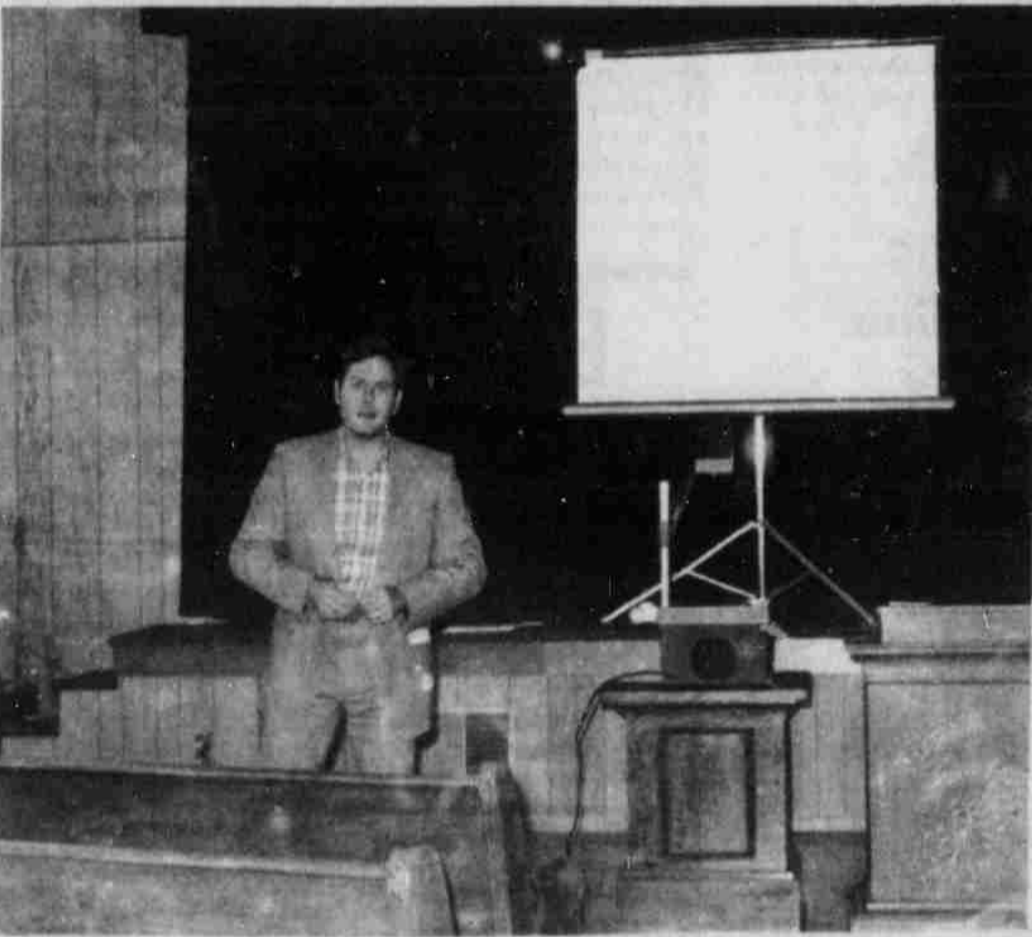
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Local farmers receive crop insurance information



Paul Jelmek, assistant branch manager for Crop Hall Management of Spokane, Wash. addresses the group of farmers who attended a crop insurance seminar last Wednesday at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione. Other speakers were Jack Knox, field actuary for the Pacific Northwest for F.C.I.C., and Dr. Gene Nelson, Oregon State University extension farm management specialist.

Lunch was served at noon by the ladies of the grange.

Following the speakers' presentations, farmers

were able to use a computer to calculate the needed insurance coverage for their crops.

Swanson Insurance and Blue Mt. Community College sponsored the seminar.

Jim Swanson, owner of the Ione insurance company, reported that many farmers expressed an interest in the seminar but were unable to attend. He said interested farmers who could not attend may stop by his office and use the computer program to determine insurance needs.

Columbia Basin announces rate increases

All classes of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op consumers except street and security lighting will see an increase in their December billing after a rate increase takes affect November 1.

The increase in consumers' rates is a result of a wholesale power increase of 22 percent from the Bonneville Power Administration. That increase also goes into effect November 1. However, none of

Columbia Basin's consumers' new rates will be that high.

Residential and commercial consumers with under 30 K.W. of demand, which is measured total demand during any 30 minute period, explained co-op manager Fred Toombs, will see no change in customer charges. They will, however, see an increase in energy charges from .0445 cents per K.W. hour to .0495 cents per K.W. hour. Consumers using 500 K.W. hours per month will

see an increase of \$2.50 in their billing. Those using 1,000 K.W. hours will pay an extra \$5.00, and residential co-op members using 2,000 K.W. hours will be charged \$10 more.

Consumers who fall into the general service demand category with a demand of over 30 K.W., which is a small commercial demand metered rate, Toombs said, will also see no increase in customer charges. They, too, will also see an increase in energy

charges though, from .0180 cents per K.W. hour to .0215 cents per K.W. hour.

Irrigators' monthly service charges will remain the same, but energy charges will increase from .0185 cents per K.W. hour to .0225 cents per K.W. hour. The rate increase for this class is 10.14 percent, but varies according to usage, Toombs said.

The co-op's one industrial customer will pay an increased demand charge; from

\$4 per K.W. hour, to \$4.80 per K.W. hour. That customer will also pay an increased energy charge; from .0139 cents per K.W. hour, to .0165 cents per K.W. hour.

Monthly street and security lighting costs will not increase because the old mercury vapor lights were replaced with new high pressure sodium lights, which use only one-half the energy as the old ones, Toombs explained.

Four injured in Tues. crash

Four people were injured in a Tuesday morning accident October 18 at the junction of Bombing Range Road and Highway 207, reported a spokesperson for the Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

One of the drivers, Albert Jones, 74, along with his wife, Maude, 79, of Froest Grove, were transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Mr. Jones suffered facial injuries and his wife received general contusions, the sheriff's department spokesperson said.

Driver of the other vehicle, Donald Body, 49, of Heppner, was transported to Pioneer

Memorial Hospital with facial injuries. A passenger in his vehicle, Kelly Barnett of Heppner, about 40 years old, was transported by Lifeguard III to St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

The three patients taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital were treated and released. According to a St. Anthony Hospital spokesperson, Barnett, who suffered a fractured leg, lacerations and internal injuries, was taken into surgery and as of Tuesday evening, her condition serious.

Mr. Jones was issued a citation for alleged Failure to Yield Right of Way.

School board to hold public meeting on proposed sales tax

The Morrow County School Board will hold a public hearing Mon., November 21 for comment on a proposed four percent sales tax in Oregon.

A recent special session of the Oregon Legislature formulated the sales tax plan, but before the tax goes to voters, it must be approved by 51 percent of the public bodies in the state.

The Legislature stipulated that a public hearing must be

held before the governing bodies vote on whether to put the tax on the ballot.

In addition to the school board, other local bodies which will decide on the issue are the county court, and local city councils.

Some school board members were not pleased with the legislature's methods.

"I think they are passing the buck to make us look bad," said Board Chairman Jerry McElligott. "If we vote yes, it

looks like we are in favor of it, and we might not be."

"I don't think you have much to be concerned with," district lawyer Bob Abrams told the board. "The sales tax was only defeated by something like 80 percent the last time it was voted on."

The hearing to take public comment will be held at 7 p.m., previous to the board's regular meeting, at Ione High School November 21.

Grass Control Seminar to be held Tuesday in Heppner

By BOB COSTA
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A seminar for wheat growers on the control of problem grassy weeds will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Heppner. The program is presented by the Morrow County office of the OSU Extension Service. Everyone is welcome.

The program will feature a research update on cheatgrass and goatgrass by Don Rydrych of the Columbia Basin Ag Research Center. Tom Whitson, OSU Extension Weed Control specialist, will give a representation on weed identification and will discuss which herbicides are effective on each weed. Dennis Wilson will talk about the use of Lexone (Sencor) for cheatgrass control and other new products. Russ Canon will discuss the use of Round-up in rope wicks for rye control and the use of Fargo for wild oats. Matt Ehlhardt will talk about Hoelon for wild oats and for pre-plant control of cheat-

grass. A representative of ORTHO will discuss the use of Paraquat for treating a rye

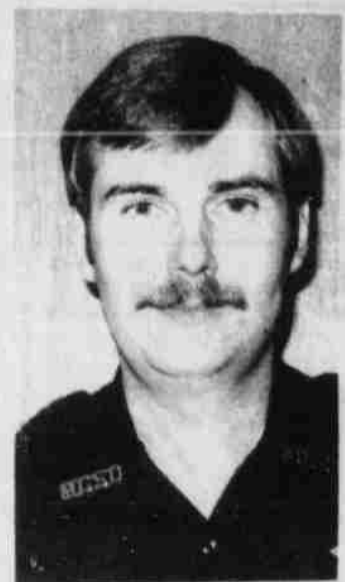
infested wheat field and Bill Miller will discuss the use of Treflan for pre-plant cheatgrass control.

Grassy weeds cost Oregon wheat growers millions of dol-

lars each year. Grasses are generally difficult to control in cereal crops because they are closely related and often have similar life cycles and growth habits to wheat and barley.

Contact the Morrow County office of the OSU Extension Service in Heppner for more information.

New deputy joins Co. Sheriff's Department



Mark Calbick

Mark Calbick has joined the Morrow County Sheriff's Department as a new deputy. Calbick, 30, replaced Greg Tulus who left to join the Oregon State Police in Newport. Calbick started his duties with the Sheriff's Department October 1.

Calbick worked with the Montana Highway Patrol for four years and then with the Wasco County Sheriff's Department as a deputy for two years prior to coming to Morrow County.

He and his wife, Addie, are living in Ione.

Court asked to reconsider increase in landfill fees

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Over a dozen people representing city governments in southern Morrow County met with Morrow County Court last Wednesday to request that the court reconsider an increase in the cities' landfill fees.

The county landfill primarily serves Heppner, Lexington and Ione. Operating costs of \$25,000 per year includes machinery rentals and the salaries of two employees. The county currently charges individuals \$2.50 per pickup load to dump their garbage at the landfill outside Heppner.

Fee increases for Ione have been estimated to jump from \$500 to \$2,000. The city of Heppner is currently paying \$4 per can with a \$2 charge for each additional can. A 50 percent increase is expected if the county raises rates as planned.

According to Judge Don McElligott, the county would like to recoup \$19,000 out of the operating cost.

"I doubt we'll ever see that much, but that's what we'd like to get," said McElligott.

"I don't think we should allow the collector to dump for free when everyone else is charged for a pickup load," Commissioner Warren McCoy told the group.

The Heppner City Council recently agreed to pay Heppner garbage collector Cliff Green's landfill fees for him.

"Cliff Green isn't going to pay the fee. The people are just going to be charged more," added McCoy.

"I feel I'm paying for the

trouble of not having to go up there and dump it," said Warren Plocharsky of Heppner. "Cliff has a key (to the landfill), so there's no trouble for him, but I have to be sure that there's someone up there with a key."

There are currently two county employees working at the landfill who are on duty Saturdays and Sundays. During the remainder of the week, the landfill is kept locked.

A concern was voiced that if the cost of having garbage collected gets too high, people would begin dumping on private land or along county roads.

Judge McElligott proposed that a garbage fee be included with individual's water bills.

According to McCoy, Boardman is already charging one dollar extra with the water bills for residents' garbage collection.

Representatives from Ione told the court that in response to the proposed county landfill fee increase, the city of Ione is looking at various garbage collection alternatives.

According to Linda LaRue, mayor of Ione, the community has been approached by a Hermiston collection agency as well as a local couple, who

are interested in taking over Ione's garbage truck and starting their own business.

"The best thing I've heard is the idea of charging for garbage along with water bill," said Butch Laughlin of Heppner.

The meeting was closed by Judge McElligott, suggesting that two members from each city council meet again with exact facts and figures on their city's garbage collection. The group agreed to meet again Monday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m., at the county road office in Lexington.

County Court continued with the following business.

discussed a request by Stokes Landing Senior Center of Irrigon, Inc. for revenue sharing funds to help fund an Irrigon Senior Citizen Center.

A revenue sharing meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. in Irrigon.

approved the reclassification of a clerk position in the treasurer's office to the title of deputy treasurer and eliminated a half-time position in the same office.

deferred a public hearing on upgrading eight streets before turning them over to the city of Irrigon until Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Les Schwab for a nominal charge. Show time will be 7:15 p.m.

Anyone interested in setting up a booth at the sale may contact Bertha Sager at Le-bush, 676-5561 for more information.

Costume contest to be held at Moonlight Madness Sale Oct. 27

Heppner merchants are busy getting ready for a Moonlight Madness Sale which will be held next Thursday, Oct. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. Most merchants will be dressed in a variety of costumes that day, and everyone is welcome to join in. Prizes will be awarded to the man, woman, boy and girl wearing the best costumes during the sale that evening. Prizes will be gift certificates.

Those who want to enter the costume contest should register at the Lebus Shoppe or Peterson's Jewelry by 5 p.m. the day of the sale. Entrants will be given information on where the judging will be held when they register.

The Heppner Sorooptimist Club will be selling caramel apples and popcorn and will be giving away free soda pop samples in front of Peterson's

Jewelry during the sale. Tickets will also be sold there for an afghan. The winning ticket will be drawn that evening. Proceeds will benefit the E.V. Blevins Fund.

Local Scouts will hold a cake walk at Les Schwab Tire

Center and will also announce the names of three winners of a firewood drawing. Scouts have been selling tickets door to door for the three cords of wood.

The Heppner Lions Club will show a movie for the kids at

Ione City Council tables garbage collection issue

The Ione City Council met October 4 and moved to table an issue concerning the city's garbage collection service, according to Dianna Starr, city recorder. The issue will be considered after a proposal submitted by Ione residents Jean and John Jepsen is re-

viewed, Starr said.

At last month's council meeting, council members considered having garbage collection services contracted with a Hermiston disposal company since the city's service is not cost effective and must be subsidized, she explained.

In other business, Jim Swanson of Swanson Insurance, Ione, presented information to the council concerning insurance for the city. Starr said the council decided to purchase insurance coverage from his company.

Make it with Wool contest to be held here Saturday

The District 11 Make It Yourself With Wool contest will be held in Heppner this Saturday, Oct. 22, at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall. A public fashion show will begin at 1:30 p.m. Models will be judged prior to the fashion show, with the results to be announced during the show.

Models from Morrow, Gil-

liam, Wheeler and Umatilla counties are to compete for awards as well as the opportunity to go on to the state competition. Home sewers and knitters from 10 years of age are invited to participate in the national contest and model their creations, said a contest spokesperson. A special division in district 11 is for adult sewers ages 21 and over.

While the adults do not go on to state or national contests, they do receive awards locally, she explained.

For complete guidelines, an application form, or help for sewing woolen fabrics, call Ruth McCabe, 422-7194, or stop by the Morrow County extension office in Heppner.