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Weather

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	High	Low	Prec.
Tues., May 22	67	40	.50
Wed., May 23	60	42	
Thurs., May 24	61	36	
Fri., May 25	61	46	
Sat., May 26	67	38	
Sun., May 27	72	40	
Mon., May 28	82	41	

Grand Opening at Central Market continues to June 5



Central Market owners Mary Jean and Ernie McCabe (left) and Gail and Forrie Burkenbine stand in newly remodeled store ready for the grand opening starting this Wednesday, May 30. The remodeling project doubled the size of the store and will allow Central Market to carry more items.

"We've expanded in every department and will be offering more items at better prices," said Forrie Burkenbine.

During the grand opening you can enter to win a 13" RCA color TV, \$50 gift certificate, \$25 gift certificate, free bag of groceries or many other great prizes.

Check the 12 page blue and gold insert, "The Family Grocer," in this week's paper for many specials on sale at Central Market.

School board increases graduation requirements; approves \$5,000 for drain field

The Morrow County School Board met Monday, May 21 at Riverside High School in Boardman. A delegation from Lea Calvert's fifth grade at Heppner Elementary school presented "50 Nifty United States," a brief summary of a five-week social studies project.

After considerable discussion, the board took action to allow a one credit increase in the total number of credits required for graduation from Morrow County schools. The board has adopted the suggested one credit increase in math and one credit increase in science, and a one credit reduction in elective courses. This changes will effect the students entering as freshmen this fall who will be graduating in 1988.

The board also heard a report on the drain field problem at the lone schools. It had been hoped to put together a plan for a drain field which would benefit the schools as well as several other residents who are also experiencing problems with inadequate drain fields. The department of Environmental Quality informed the board, however, that such a project would not be approved. Additional drain field is a non-budgeted item, so the board approved an amount of up to \$5,000 to correct the drainage problem. Currently, measurements are being taken of the flow, to see how many much drainage area will be required.

In other business, the board:

- canvassed the ballots for tax base election.
- awarded contracts on bids received for services and supplies to:

- 1) Benz-Air Co. of Portland, \$21,558 for three heat pumps to be replaced at Heppner High School;
- 2) United Pipe and Supply Co. of Portland, for the mater-

ias needed for a sprinkler system at three schools, lone, Irrigon, and Boardman;

- 3) Russell Oil Co. of Boardman to supply gasoline to the district for \$1.0125 per gallon and diesel at \$0.885 per gallon;
- 4) McCall Oil Co. of the Tri-Cities to supply heating oil at \$31.60 per barrel;
- 5) Tri-Cities Fence, of Tri-Cities, \$5,228 for fencing materials to be used at two schools in Irrigon;
- 6) Heppner Nor-Gas, 57-60 cents per gallon for propane depending on the distance the fuel is to be delivered away from the Heppner Nor-Gas plant;
- 7) Benz-Air, \$3,800 for thermostats and automatic valves which will keep the temperature regulated in the buildings;
- 8) M & R \$13.95 sq.yd. for carpeting to be used at A.C. Houghton at Irrigon and at the district office at Lexington; and
- 9) Les Schwab of Heppner, recapped tire bid; Hermiston Tire Company, of Hermiston, new tire bid.

-hired classified employees of the district from the lone, Heppner and Lexington schools who had been reviewed by the respective advisory boards. Classified employees from the schools in the north end of the district will be

Playday canceled

The Wranglers Summer Series Playday scheduled for this Friday, June 1, has been canceled because of a conflict with the commencement service at Heppner High School. A spokesperson for the Wranglers says that the next playday will be Friday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Co. Centennial begins with awards to 9 100-yr. farms

The Morrow County Historical Society is taking the leadership celebrating this county's 100 birthday which comes next year. Society members have worked this year on their first centennial project, the recognition of century farms. This project is carried out in conjunction with the Oregon

State Historical Society which recognizes century farms every five years. Nine county farms established before 1885 were honored publicly at the Morrow County Pioneer Picnic on May 27.

Jean Nelson, a director of the county society, explained that to qualify for this honor a

member of the family of the original owner must have owned and operated the farm continuously for 100 years or more. Nelson and Barton Clark, another director, contacted possible candidates and determined that nine farms met all historical society qual-

ifications for the award. The list includes:

- 1-Orian "Albert" Wright and his son Dean's upper Rhea Creek farm was established by Albert's great-grandfather, Albert Wright, in 1872.

- 2-Raymond and Norma French manage the farm east of Little Butter Creek home-

steaded by Jesse and Mathabel Hamer, Ray's great-great-grandparents, in 1873.

- 3- In 1875 the Irishman Jeremiah Brosnan began farming on Little Butter Creek. That farm is now operated by his grandson Jerry, great-grandson Eddie and Eddie's sons.

- 4- Anson Wright homesteaded the land on McKinny Creek in 1881 that is presently farmed by Tami (Anderson) and Mark Rietmann. Tami is the great-granddaughter of Anson and the granddaughter of Mildred (Mrs. Walter) Wright.

- 5- In 1882 Paul Rietmann of Swiss ancestry homesteaded land northeast of lone presently farmed by Wayne and Vera Lou Rietmann.

- 6- Bill and Kathryn Healy are farming land his Irish grandparents Michael and Mary (Doherty) Kenny homesteaded in 1883 west of little Butter Creek.

- 7- Louis and Betty (Graves) Carlson, along with their sons, operate the Anders S. Carlson farm established in 1883 by Louis' Swedish grandparents in the Gooseberry-Valby area.

- 8- In 1884 John Lindsay Kincaid homesteaded the farm now operated by his great-grandson Lindsay and wife Diana (Wright) Kincaid west of lone.

- 9- Merlyn (Kirk) and Don Robinson are farming land which Miffin Jay Devin, Merlyn's grandfather, homesteaded in 1884 in the Sandhollow area.

Directors Nelson and Clark presented the plaques from the Morrow County Historical Society to representatives of the nine century farm families. They encouraged a representative from each family to attend the Oregon State Historical Society's recognition ceremony next year.

Nearly 600 attend Pioneer Picnic

Places were set for 500 persons; however an estimated 600 attended the 31st Annual Pioneer Memorial Picnic Sunday, May 27 at the Morrow County Fair pavilion hosted this year by the descendants of Catherine (Grant) Doherty. After the presentation of the national colors by the American Legion Post No. 87, Cliff Aldrich read the list of the county's war dead, Gene Rietmann blew taps, and Janet Rynnion led the crowd in

singing "God Bless America."

Ben Doherty presented the flag of the Republic of Ireland and Janet Rynnion sang "It's a Great Day for the Irish"; her mother Jean (Turner) Rynnion was pianist for the day. Members of the host family seated at the head table were asked to rise and receive recognition.

Pastor John Maas, of Hope and Valby Lutheran Churches, offered the invocation before emcee Joe McLaughlin

directed guests to fill their dinner plates from the potluck tables. After dinner Louis and Betty Carlson were introduced as the chairmen for the 1985 picnic which will be hosted by descendants of Swedish pioneers Anders S. Carlson and Sophia Carolina Carlson.

Jean Nelson and Barton Clark, directors of the county historical society, presented plaques to members of the nine families whose farms have qualified for century

farm recognition (see related story).

Traditional picnic prizes were awarded to the oldest person present, Marvel Jones, to the youngest person, a 3-months-old baby from Condon, and to Mr. and Mrs. Dan McLaughlin from New York State who were determined to have come farther than a visitor from Hawaii.

The eight rows of dinner tables were decorated with Irish flags made by Jerry Doherty and with an assortment of Iris blooms which were contributed by Dr. W. Wolff and arranged by members of the Heppner Garden Club. Members of the Heppner Soroptimist International were in charge of registration which began at 10:30 a.m., and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce contributed picnic prizes.

Several organizations loaned furniture and equipment and groups of Doherty family members and volunteers set up the tables before the event and returned borrowed things afterwards.

Martha J. Doherty and her aunt Helen (Doherty) Dyer as Co-chairmen headed the various family committees responsible for this year's very successful picnic.

Tarnasky elected to CBEC board

Columbia Basin Electric board of directors met Thursday, May 24 and appointed Ed

Tarnasky to fill the position vacated by Norm Rickert's death. Tarnasky will serve until the CBEC annual meeting in November when another member will be elected to fill the final two years of

CBEC says that this is a considerably low rate of bad debts since power bills rose 300-400 percent during the same time period.

A report was also given to the board on non-firm irrigation program which provided a \$20,000 savings to irrigators. Part of the savings Toombs adds may have been because the rainy spring required less irrigation. Non-firm rates are special reduced rates which BPA has begun to encourage irrigators to use power earlier in the season when streamflows are higher.

Rickert's term. Tarnasky works in the forestry department at Kinzua Corp.

The board approved a write-off of \$9,000 in bad debts for the 1983-84 business year which represents one-fourth of one percent of the total revenues for that period. Fred Toombs, general manager of

Plan to attend the IUCC Auction & Barbecue this Sat.



Tracy Osterlund tries out one of the toys which will be on sale in the toy section of the Country Store at the lone United Church of Christ Auction and Barbecue this Saturday, June 2 at the Grange Hall in lone.

The Rev. Cathy Barker says that committee people and chairmen are busy working at the Grange hall, preparing for the event.

ICABO reports many projects underway

Approximately 25 people were present at the noon meeting of the lone Community and Agri-Business Organization Wednesday, May 23, reported the organization secretary, Tanna Padberg.

A committee reported that the property and housing inventory is expected to be finished by the June 6 meeting and will be ready to be posted at the school, post office and bank. It is hoped that the inventory will let people know what is available for rent, for sale, and for development in and around the lone area.

Ruth McCabe of the Morrow County Historical Society encouraged the organization to join other county groups in preparing for the county centennial which will be celebrated now through February, 1985.

John Bristow agreed to draft a letter which would be sent to Louis Carlson, president of the Morrow County Port Commission. The letter will ask the port's help by encouraging them to negotiate with Boeing to allow traffic across land owned by that company. Bristow reports that the Morrow Co. Chamber of Commerce, and the mayors of Heppner, lone and Lexington have also been encouraged to write letters to the Port Commission.

A committee of 20-25 volunteers headed by Eric Anderson reported that plans were progressing for the cleanup days slated for June 8-9 at which time it is hoped to tear down some of the older, unused buildings on Main Street.

Dave Barnett has already begun razing two of the unusable buildings (See story in the May 24 issue of the Gazette-Times). Anderson says that the property owners of some of the other buildings have "agreed in principle" to allow the organization to tear the old buildings down, but he says that signed releases from them will be obtained before the actual work begins. Farm trucks with hoists, a bulldozer, loaders, and a dump site have been donated for the project. Another committee has volunteered to prepare a lunch for the volunteer workers.

"Dave Barnett deserves the credit for starting the idea," continues Anderson. It is hoped that many positive things will come from the project, and that it will stimulate the residents to improve their property. The object, however, is to get more residences in lone. We are "trying to promote and make people aware of the liveability of lone. We are promoting lone as a bedroom community (for those who work in the northern industrial area of the county)"