

## Community notices posted at market



Ernie McCabe (left), and Forrie Burkenbine, owners of central Market watch as Doug Smith and Justine Weatherford of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce put notices on the new events sign outside Central Market on Main St.

The events sign will be used to post meeting notices as well as current and coming events in town.

The sign is a joint project between the Chamber and Central Market.

Anyone wishing to have an event included on the sign should call 676-5504 or 989-8418.

## Diesel users get tax hike and credit

A new tax rate of 15 cents per gallon of diesel fuel became effective August 1 under the Tax Reform Act of 1984, according to T. Blair Evans, Director of the Internal Revenue Service in Oregon.

The new rate, Evans said, is a six cent increase from current rates on retail sales of diesel fuel for use in diesel-powered highway vehicles. The tax is also charged when purchasing diesel fuel in bulk for use in diesel-powered highway vehicles.

However, Evans added, vehicle owners can claim one-time credits for diesel-powered highway vehicles that are model year 1979 or later weighing 10,000 pounds or less. The credit ranges up to \$102 for a car and up to \$198 for a truck or van. The credit is to offset the higher fuel tax over the vehicle's life. Owners holding qualified vehicles on January 1, 1985 may claim the credit by attaching a completed form 4136, "Computation of Credit for Federal Tax on Gasoline..." to their 1984 income tax returns.

Evans advised taxpayers to begin reporting and paying tax at the new rate on Form 720, Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return, for the quarter ending September 30, 1984.

## Irrigon man appointed to VFW Convention Committee



Warren McCoy

Warren H. McCoy of Irrigon, VFW Post 4750, has been appointed as a member of the 1984 Convention Committee on Americanism and Community Activities by Clifford Olson, Jr. of Pembroke Mass., the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

The committee will meet during the 85th Annual National Convention of the VFW, August 17-24, 1984, in Chicago, Ill.

McCoy has been active in veterans affairs for many years and has held

a variety of offices in positions of leadership within the nation's oldest major veterans association.

"People who have helped preserve their country through military service in time of war best understand the importance of maintaining the freedom and liberty we all enjoy and sometimes take for granted," Olson commented.

The committee will study all resolutions concerning Americanism, community activities, loyalty, safety and youth activities which are associated with VFW National Programs and will present recommendations to the convention delegates for consideration.

In addition to outlining the VFW objectives and resolute positions on subjects of concern to the organization for the coming year, McCoy and his colleagues will have the opportunity to hear the views of numerous national leaders who will be participating in the convention in Chicago concluded Olson.

## Candidate Ray French favors reform of unitary tax formula Others decide to help

The Oregon legislature sent a direct message to the world that Oregon is opening its borders for business by voting to reform the unitary tax formula said a spokesperson for House of Representative candidate, District 59, Ray French. "This is a positive approach that government officials are taking to establish new business in Oregon," says French who attended the recent one day session of the legislature in Salem to observe the action of the House and Senate.

He personally contacted all Eastern Oregon legislators to urge their support for the repeal of the tax.

French, in his legislative campaign, has repeatedly stated economic development is necessary to bring about Oregon's recovery from the recession.

### Elementary school office open daily for registration

New and returning students to Heppner Elementary School who will need to register or to pay fees for the coming school year may do so during the next few weeks said Don Cole, elementary principal.

Those who wish to stop by next week while they are in town to attend the Morrow County Fair will avoid the "first day rush" for registration, he advised. The school office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

### Fire contained

A fire which started late Monday afternoon was contained before it reached nearby wheat fields although machinery had been moved as a precaution. The fire allegedly began in connection with equipment which had been hired by Bob Schiller to drill a well in a field owned by Tony Vey said a spokesperson for the West's Flying and Seitz-Currin Aviation, which sent airplanes to dump water on the blaze. Other neighbors also responded and the fire was contained to the field of bunch grass in which it had started concluded the spokesperson.

The unitary tax formula, which allows Oregon to tax the worldwide profits of multi-national businesses has received severe criticism for its negative effect on international investments in Oregon. Latest figures indicate that revenue loss from reforming the unitary tax formula will amount to \$15 million as opposed to higher figures cited earlier. Revenue losses will not be experienced until the 1986 tax year when the bill takes effect.

Japanese industrialists, on a trip to the United States earlier this year, indicated that maintaining a mutually rewarding business partnership with the U.S.—including Oregon—is a top priority. The Japanese also indicated, however, they have an agreement among themselves not to build in states where the unitary process is used.

French stated Oregon's competitors for international markets are going to have work that much harder to come out ahead of Oregon now that the unitary approach is no longer a barrier.

"In essence this should be a real encouragement for national and international companies to invest and locate in Oregon, which means new jobs and certainly much faster economic growth for our state," French concluded.

Morrow County Judge Don McElligott stopped in at the Gazette-Times office Monday to announce that after Commissioners Warren McCoy and Irv Rauch and County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth had read an item in last week's paper which stated that he had volunteered to donate the paint for the old school building annex to the Morrow County Museum that they had decided to chip in to help him pay for the paint.

### To our valued customers



Out of today's circular the following items did not arrive:

- Page 3 Charmkins sunglasses ..... 1.99
- Page 5 Nonspill coffee mug ..... 1.99
- Page 8 Country Time lemonade 2.29 pack
- Crystal Lite ..... 2.29 pack

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## Coal plant to resume operation

Following a dramatic reduction in the amount of electricity available for purchase from Northwest utilities and agencies and a corresponding increase in price, Portland General Electric Co. is bringing its Boardman Coal Plant back into operation.

Boardman Plant General Manager Tom Kingston says the unit should be on line by Monday, August 6. An abundance of lower cost surplus power had allowed PGE to keep the 530,000 kilowatt Boardman plant in an economy shutdown since January 1984.

PGE Manager of Power Supply Dick Dyer says the Bonneville Power Administration has unexpectedly changed its position from one of having a full surplus to one of

limiting its sales to existing firm contracts.

As a result, the price for purchased power increased from 1.1 cent to 3.5 cents a kilowatt-hour. "I expect to see these prices come down, but not below the 1.85 cent a kilowatt-hour level," Dyer says. "Because of these higher prices, it becomes economic for PGE to operate Boardman," Dyer says.

The 1.1 million kilowatt Trojan Nuclear Plant remains off line for annual maintenance and refueling. It is not expected to return to service until late August. "Even with the addition of Trojan, PGE's customers will need some of the power generated at Boardman," says Dyer.

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