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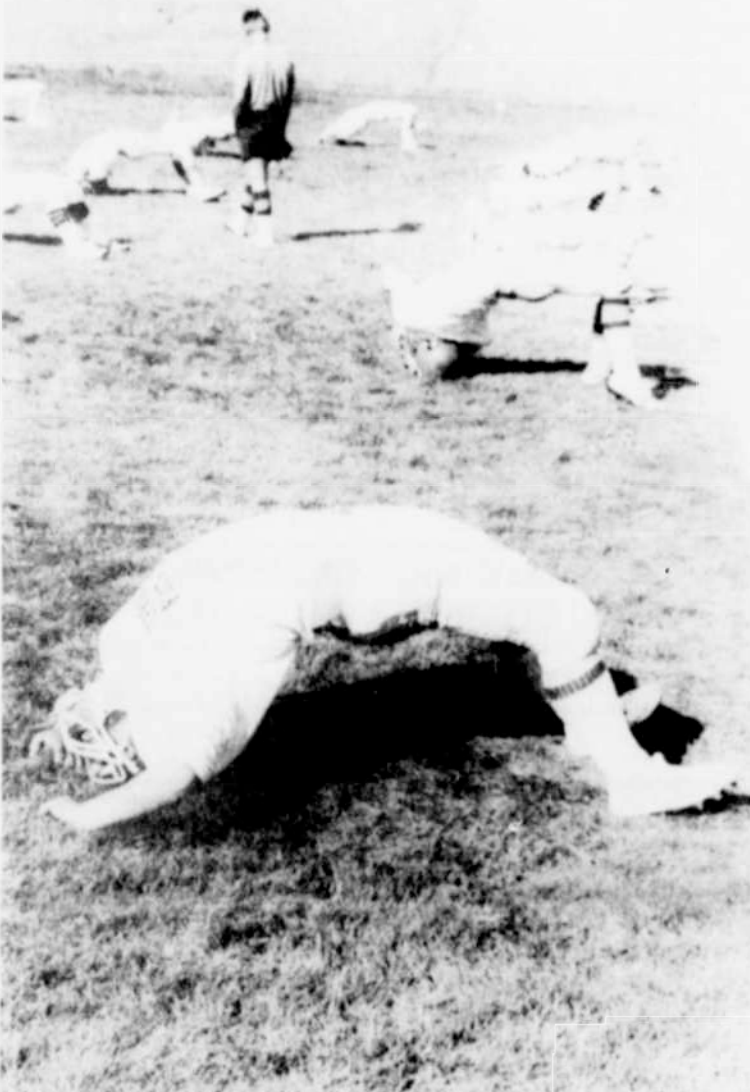
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Weather
by the City of Heppner

	HIGH	LOW	PREC
Tues., Sept. 4	87	51	
Wed., Sept. 5	88	42	.17
Thurs., Sept. 6	64	48	.45
Fri., Sept. 7	69	52	.12
Sat., Sept. 8	76	48	
Sun., Sept. 9	72	41	
Mon., Sept. 10	71	47	

Football seasons starts for area schools



Heppner football player warms up before practice last week. Area high schools started the 1984 football season with games last Friday. More sports on pages 4&5

Courthouse has new phone number

A new telephone system has been connected at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner. All offices at the courthouse, the office of the Department of Public Works in Lexington, and the offices at the

North Morrow Annex Bldg. now have the same number, 676-9061 which will be answered during normal business hours by someone at the County Clerk's office. Before 8

a.m. and after 5 p.m., the number will automatically ring through to the county sheriff's office where it will be answered and forwarded should there be someone at the office called.

The old numbers for the various offices are supposed to trip the new number according to County Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth. "Although there was considerable difficulty with the system last Friday, hopefully now the bugs are worked out and it will be a more efficient system for the employees and the public."

The new 676-9061 number is not long distance from Heppner to calling the county planner or building inspector at the Irrigon annex. It is hoped also that the new number will eliminate not getting an answer when people call an office, such as justice court which is held part of the week in Heppner and part of the week at the Irrigon annex.

Co. School Board to meet Sept. 17

The Morrow County School Board has announced that it will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, September 17, 1984 at 8 p.m. in the Heppner High School library.

As the agenda stands now, the following are items of board business: (1) Financial report with an update on medical-dental insurance premium costs; (2) Unfinished business includes a discussion on contracting for negotiations, board-superintendent goals and evaluation; appointment of a budget committee member; and the lone septic system; and (3) New business includes an achievement testing report; recommended budget calendar; Ballot Measure No. 2; and kindergarten enrollment and staffing.

For further information call Doyle McCaslin at the school district office 989-8202.

Marketing seminar set Sept. 25

Tuesday, Sept. 18 is the registration deadline for a marketing seminar designed for the small business and service organization which will be offered at the Heppner Elks Lodge Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Registration forms for "Target Your Marketing" have already been mailed to most businesses in the south Morrow County area, but additional forms are available at the Heppner Gazette-Times or from Nancy Brownfield at Swanson Insurance in Lone.

The one-day seminar is sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce and the Blue Mountain

Community College Small Business Development Center.

The workshop's morning session will be an introduction to the concept of marketing including defining a business's product or service, understanding the marketplace, and development of promotional strategies.

The afternoon session will be divided into two workshops one to explore the basic skills necessary to develop an effective marketing plan for a specific business, the other to work on organizing events to promote the community or business district.

Falconers open 1984 season with Heppner hunt

Over the Labor Day weekend the Oregon Falconers Association held its opening hunt of the 1984 season in the Heppner area. A small group of falconers camped-out at the Morrow County Fairgrounds and spent the days hunting their falcons and hawks at the plentiful chucker, pheasants and partridge found in the area said Byron Gardner, president of the OFA in a news release from the organization.

Some twelve licensed falconers, about one quarter of the total number of licensed falconers in Oregon attended with their birds. Todd Sherer of Lone, a local falconer and member of the OFA acted as guide and host for the Meet. Todd's parents, Margo and Dick Sherer served hamburgers for the hunters Saturday evening after a long day of chasing the birds.

When hunting up-land game with a falcon it is necessary to locate the birds either by sight or with a pointing dog. When the falcon is in position high over the dog, the game is flushed and if all goes right the falcon "stoops" or dives, hitting the bird and knocking it down where it

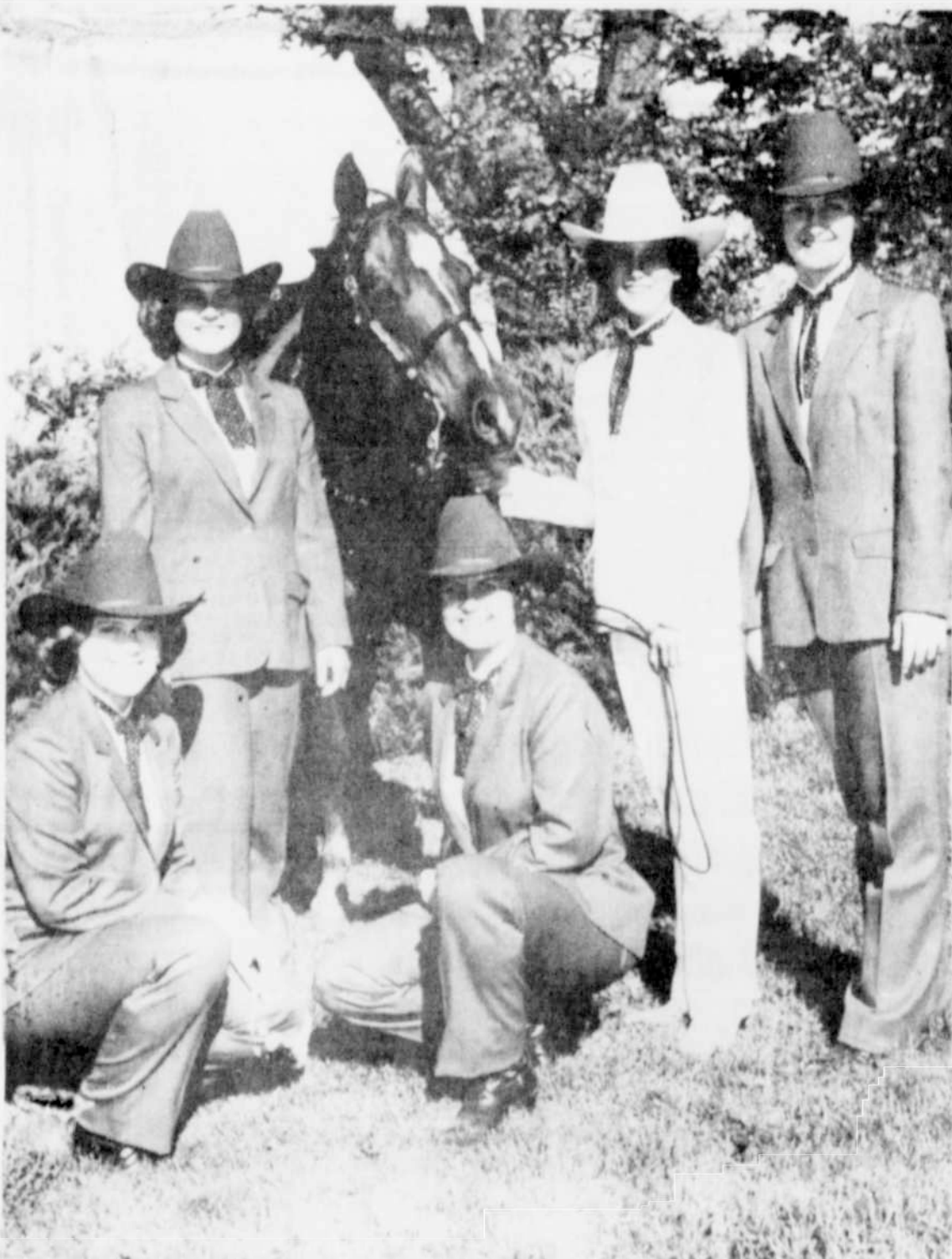
then lands to feed on its kill. The falconer must get to the falcon and pick her up before she eats her fill, reward her, then take her up. Taking game with a falcon is a very difficult sport so numbers of head taken are always small. Recognizing this fact, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission allows falconers to hunt for an extended season but with a reduced bag from that of

gun hunters. This year September 1, was the start of the falconry season for upland game with waterfowl beginning on September 29. Both run through January 13, 1985. Unlike a shot gun, a falcon must be conditioned by regular flying before she is capable of hunting anything. Regular flying and weeks of training are required to bring any bird to the point where it can catch game.

Efforts at Heppner brought two pheasants, one partridge and one rabbit. Not a big success in numbers of game but in falconry the quality of a flight is often more important than just having killed something.

"All who attended found the area beautiful, the people friendly and the hunting terrific. We hope to return to Heppner another year," concluded Gardner.

Round-Up activities continue



Members of the 1984 court are Princess Cindy Insko, Pilot Rock; Princess Candi Turner, Joseph; Princess

Nancy Miller, Heppner; Queen Lisa Martin, Adams and Princess Katy Sorey, Walla Walla, WA. This year's show is September 12-15, 1984.

Council accepts sewer agreement

The Heppner City Council met Tuesday, Sept. 4 and accepted an agreement with the county regarding a sewer line at the fairgrounds. The sewer line is constructed as far as the fairgrounds buildings. The extension will cross the fairgrounds to service the school district's bus shed and the city's lift station. Construction is scheduled to begin next week with the school district chipping in \$2,000 and the city and

county splitting the remaining costs. The city will lay the pipe and do the back filling and the county will dig the necessary ditches said a spokesperson for the city.

Some area Scouts were present at the meeting who were working on their Communications Badges.

The Council conducted the following business:

-approved a resolution to accept \$2,000 from Leta Humphreys' estate

for the purchase of books for the Heppner Public Library.

-approved a request from Heppner City Chief Police Doug Rathbun for the city to pick up the tab for lunch for the interview board for the opening for one city policeman.

-agreed to have some paving done on Willow View Drive in the Rasmussen-Lot addition and on Chase Street from Cannon Street toward Center.

Corp. 'scrutinizing' new park site

Jim Hayes, president of the Heppner Economic Development Corp. has reported that they are still "scrutinizing" the Army Corps of Engineers August 14 suggestion from their Portland office of a new site for a proposed recreation area on the lake formed by Willow Creek Dam.

The original site which the H.E.D.C. was considering for a recreation area was at the northeast side of the lake and would have included space for an overnight campground, a day use and picnic area, and a "triangular-shaped recreation area." Cost for construction of the park area tentatively was to have been divided between the county and the Corps of Engineers.

However, because this area had previously been promised to the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife by the Walla Walla office of the Corps, the Portland office has suggested an alternate recreation area adjacent to the dam on the hillside below the fenced area and Corps office.

Another consideration of the Corps Portland district office is the projected pond size if the occasion should arise when the dam could reach flood stage and water spilled over the top. This situation, which is unlikely to occur, would place the originally proposed recreation site under the water level.

Although, Hayes says the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife would probably trade the promised parcel of land for another parcel the originally proposed site would not, at times, be adjacent to the water level of the lake because of the fluctuation in pool height.

A priority of H.E.D.C. and an advantage to the site adjacent to the dam is a proper designated swimming area concluded Hayes.

Enrollment up

Enrollment in Morrow County schools is 1776 students, up four percent over the 1983 enrollment of 1707 at the close of the first week of school said a spokesperson for the school district.

Enrollment at Heppner Elementary has increased by five to 375; Heppner High School enrollment has decreased to 177 down from 179 last fall.

Lone High School and Lone grade school each lost one pupil, the high school enrollment is 30, down from 31; grade school enrollment is 107, down from 108.

Riverside High School has picked up 30 students, up to 272 from 242 last September. Sam Boardman Elementary added 42 students for a 1984 enrollment of 346, up from 304.

A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon shows a seven pupil decrease, 293, down from 300 in 1983. Columbia Junior High increased three students to 176 from 173.

Moonlight Sale coming Oct. 13

Heppner merchants will hold a Moonlight Sale Saturday, Oct. 13, 7-9 p.m., the same day as the Heppner celebration of the Morrow County Centennial.

A delegation headed by LaRae Kindie, chairman of the committee planning the centennial was at the Merchants meeting last Friday, Sept. 7, asked the merchants for support of the event. Merchants decided that their display windows could be used for old items and that "centennial" dress would be a nice addition for the businesses that day.

Chamber of Commerce president Harley Sager asked the merchants if they could submit a budget of their expected expenditures to the Chamber. The reason for the Chamber's request, Sager said, is that they

have donated \$1,600 to the Merchants to help fund their projects and, until they receive the bill, they have no indication of how the money is being spent. After discussion about the difficulty of predicting some of the merchants expenditures, merchants concluded that perhaps a tentative budget could be prepared. "We want to do everything we can to work together with the Chamber of Commerce because they are offering us \$1,600 that we didn't have before," said one merchant.

"Welcome Hunter" signs will be available for merchants to display again this year during the coming hunting seasons, concluded merchants president Charles Hutchinson.