

The Heppner Gazette-Times

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



Weather
 by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Wed., Oct. 31	53	28	
Thurs., Nov. 1	39	21	
Fri., Nov. 2	54	25	.20
Sat., Nov. 3	57	41	.07
Sun., Nov. 4	53	37	.02
Mon., Nov. 5	57	29	
Tues., Nov. 6	49	30	.01

Total precipitation for October was 89 inches. Normal is 1.11 inches.

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Trade expert addresses grain growers



Takenobu Sato

A Japanese trading expert based in Portland says the U.S. is the largest supplier of grain to Japan, shipping nearly 3.4 million tons, or 125 million bushels a year to the Asian country.

Takenobu Sato, manager of Nichimen America Inc. Portland, a large Japanese trading house, spoke at the annual meeting of the Morrow County Grain Growers Monday night.

He talked about the role of the trading house in the Japanese economy, and gave insight into how trading houses operate.

Sato pointed out that because Japan, which is roughly the size of California with a population of 140 million, has few natural resources, it must import nearly all its raw materials.

Sato said nine trading houses are operating in Japan and across the world, buying and selling everything from food to textiles to coal. His area of expertise is wheat, which is why he is working out of Portland, near the wheat markets.

He said language is often a barrier to effective trade, and making sure buyer and seller understand each other is important to maintaining a good trading relation with foreign countries.

He said Japan is constantly looking for stable markets from which to buy raw materials, insuring a constant flow of goods hopefully uninterrupted by weather conditions, government embargos and other complications.

He also spoke of the personal life of Japanese people working overseas, saying that Japanese schools are more competitive than American, causing some Japanese to leave their families at home when transferred overseas, rather than risk their children's falling behind when they return.

Citizens have 'bone to pick' with Heppner City Council

A delegation of 10 or so Heppner residents attended Monday night's city council meeting to ask the city to "start doing something about the dogs" which are running in packs throughout the city, said Doug Rathbun, spokesperson for the delegation which included senior citizens and representatives from the schools. The dogs running in packs all over town are mostly big dogs and have knocked children down at the school grounds. Their barking keeps people awake and there is the underlying fear one of the dogs might bite someone.

"There is a dog problem. That's obvious," replied Heppner City Mayor, Cliff Green. "The solution, however, is not so obvious." By statute, dog licensing and control is under the authority of the county and not the city, therefore, the city has authorized a delegation to ask the County Court to exercise their authority in controlling the dog problem. "If that doesn't work, we will look into other possibilities," he said.

There is one particular pack of dogs which is causing the problem in Heppner, Green continued. The

dogs in this pack do not seem to have owners who claim them. The only permanent solution to solve this problem would be a licensing program or a pound which would cost a "lot of money."

Until a more effective means of dealing with the problem can be found, Green said that the city will try to more vigorously enforce the existing law: if a dog is causing a problem anyone can file a complaint in municipal court and the dog's owner is fined progressively for each offense. City police will file the complaint themselves, if necessary. This method of dog control only works if a "responsible owner" claims or cares about his dog, explains Green. The usual case with dogs which become nuisances is that no one claims them.

The dog packs are not just a city problem. Green says that neighboring farmers also report having trouble with them. If dogs bother livestock, he continues, the farmer has the right to shoot the dog and to receive restitution from the county for his expenses.

Green cautions city residents against vigilante action in town. Even if livestock is bothered, it is still against statutes to discharge any firearm within the city limits.

City Attorney Bill Kuhn said the "to do something now, the city must involve the county." Because dog control is under the county's authority, the city would have to act as an agent of the county. With Morrow County's backing, the city of Heppner could start picking up stray dogs as soon as the city could arrange to "borrow" a dogcatcher and pound facilities. Kuhn said that the city has said that they would be willing to share costs with the county, for picking up and boarding dogs at a pound.

A permanent solution to the dog problem would require enforcing the 1931 statute which requires that dogs in Morrow County be licensed. The County Clerk's Office has the authority to issue dog licenses, but once these licenses are issued, the city could act as the county's agent in enforcing dog control.

Irrigon man named Acting Port Manager

Bob Miller of Irrigon was named acting Port of Morrow manager at a Port Commission meeting Tuesday,

Oct. 23. Miller has been operations manager for the port since May 1983. He came to Boardman in 1982 with

the engineering firm of Seaton, Johnson, and Odell. He was manager of the office here while the overpass on Ullman Road was being built.

Miller and his wife Judy have two daughters at home, Holly and Jody and two grown daughters, Laurie and Tammy.

Wayne Schwandt, current port manager has accepted a position in Bellingham, Washington, as director for Fourth Corner Development. He will coordinate activities with public and private entities in a Port Facility.

G-T closes for Veterans' Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times office will be closed Monday, Nov. 12 in observance of Veterans' Day. The newspaper will, however, be mailed on Wednesday as usual with a Thursday publication date.

Because of the Monday closure, we ask contributor co-operation in submitting news and classified ads before 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9.

Property taxes due Nov. 15

Property taxes are due Thursday, Nov. 15. To avoid fines and late payment charges, the Morrow County

Tax Collector's office urges property owners to mail or bring their payment to the tax office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner. Residents of north Morrow County may make their payments at the Inland Empire Bank in Boardman.

A spokesperson from the tax collector's office emphasizes that this year's tax forms are different from last year's. Tax payers are to return the top stub with their payment and keep the bottom portion of the statement for their own records.

Property taxes may be paid for the full year for a three percent discount of the total amount of the tax. If property owners prefer, they make a two-thirds payment for a two percent discount with the additional one-third payment due May 15, or pay one-third of the amount November 15 with additional one-third payments due February 15 and May 15.

Businesses close for Vets' Day

Many area businesses will be closed Monday, Nov. 12 in observance of Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11.

Among the businesses to close their doors for the holiday are the post office; banks; the Courthouse and county offices, federal, state and city government offices; Schools, Peterson's Jewelers; Sears Catalog Store; Gonty's; and the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Some of the businesses which will remain open for the day are Coast to Coast, Murray's Drug Store, and the local grocery stores: Central Market and Court Street Market in Heppner, Del's Market in Lexington, and Bristow's Market in Ione.

Morrow County General Election Results For Nov. 6, 1984	Irrigon	Boardman	Lexington	Ione	Hardman	Heppner	TOTAL
Heppner City Mayor							
Cara L. Costa						370	370
Warren Plocharsky						262	262
Justine P. Weatherford						75	75
County Commissioner							
Warren H. McCoy	503		140	155	17	444	
G.W. (Jerry) Peck	330		131	156	15	537	
County Surveyor							
David H. Krumbein	310		151	164	19	502	
Earl D. Ming	474		92	100	11	353	
State Representative, District 59 <small>Morrow County Results Only (Not Final)</small>		Results not available at press time					
Ray French	460		204	250	30	774	
Jesse Himmelsbach	368		70	66	3	229	
State Senator, District 30 <small>Morrow County Results Only (Not Final)</small>							
Eugene D. Timms	330		129	158	17	383	
Mark Stringer	498		134	151	15	564	
Representative in Congress, District 2 <small>Morrow County Results Only (Not Final)</small>							
Robert F. (Bob) Smith	405		166	204	18	596	
Larryann C. Willis	419		109	113	15	378	
U.S. Senator <small>Morrow County Results Only (Not Final)</small>							
Mark O. Hatfield	531		193	231	19	693	
Margie Hendrickson	313		81	87	14	319	
President and Vice President of the United States <small>Morrow County Results Only (Not Final)</small>							
Ronald Reagan	489		190	199	21	618	
George Bush							
Walter F. Mondale	348		86	114	9	384	
Geraldine A. Ferraro							
Judge of the Circuit Court, District 6, Position 1 Non-Partisan <small>Morrow County Results Only (Not Final)</small>							
Robert B. Abrams	463		232	261	23	855	
David D. Gallaher	289		42	48	8	138	
Measure 2 <small>Morrow County Results Only (Not Final)</small> Property Tax Limitation							
YES	356		112	77	12	313	
NO	485		157	237	21	686	
Measure 10 Increase Tax Base for Operating Morrow County Programs							
YES	337		109	155	6	416	
NO	486		159	153	27	559	



Election Day

Election board member Edith Matthews registers early morning voter John Jepsen at the Ione precinct polls, in the Tuesday, Nov. 6 general election.