

The Heppner Gazette-Times

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



September 3-9			
	High	Low	Precip
Tues.	83	47	0
Wed.	80	58	0
Thurs.	76	51	11
Fri.	68	39	04
Sat.	69	44	01
Sun.	57	42	10
Mon.	63	36	20

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Area test plot to determine method of weed control



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Jim VanWinkle checks progress of weed kill at knapweed test plot

The Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation Service, the Morrow County Weed Control District, and the Soil Conservation Service have joined efforts to find the least expensive way to effectively eradicate knapweed on an infested rangeland.

Last March a four-acre knapweed infested plot belonging to Dick Wilkinson was sprayed with Tordon 22k at a rate of one pint per acre says Weed Supervisor Jim Van Winkle. The plot two miles from Heppner on Upper Willow Creek Road was an example of badly infested rangeland. It has been surrounded with a New Zealand electric fence to exclude all cattle from the area and has been marked as a test plot with a sign constructed by Roger Records and his F.F.A. classes.

In late August, the field was burned to prepare a seed bed, Van Winkle continues. Although the sod with a straight tillage has been kept at a minimum, last week it was necessary to break up the sod with a straight toothed harrow. Van Winkle expects to seed seven different varieties of grasses in the plot in November.

A non-selective herbicide such as Round-Up may be used before the seeding if it is deemed necessary. Van Winkle speculates, however, that a second tillage may be necessary but hopes not in order to keep costs and moisture loss at a minimum.

The grass seed will be seeded by hand broadcasting and will hopefully not germinate until spring. "With in two years we hope to have some conclusions," about which varieties of grass provide the best knapweed control in this area.

Van Winkle urges ranchers with questions about knapweed control to call his office 676-5452 so that they may survey the problem together.

School Night for Scouting set

Wednesday, Sept. 18, boys interested in scouting can register at the Heppner Elementary School multipurpose room beginning at 7:30 p.m. School Night for Scouting is a general rally night throughout the Blue Mt. Council and all boys who have never been scouts but would like to join the program or to learn more about scouting are encouraged to bring a parent or guardian and attend the informational meeting.

Potential Tiger Scouts (7 year olds), Cub Scouts (8-10 year olds), and Boy Scouts (11-18 year olds) will learn what Scouting has to offer.

Adults who may be interested in helping with the scouting program as a den leader or assistant are also encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about scouting. "Cub leaders are desperately needed," said Scout Committee Chairman Linda Shaw.

For more information about School Night for Scouting or the scouting program in general, contact either Shaw, 676-5283 or Cubmaster Martha Munkers, 989-8532.

Calf roping champion says

Roping is just a hobby



Donnie Papineau and Gunner

Although it has required at least two hours practice daily for the last nine summers, this year's Morrow County Calf Roping Champion considers roping a hobby. "Some people like boating," says Donnie Papineau, "I like roping."

A sawyer with Kinzua Corp. for 13 years, the soft-spoken cowboy has placed second in resident rodeo-calf roping competition four times. One third-place and one year of watching competition while his leg was broken increased the challenge to gain the first place saddle. Team roping, although just like calf roping, says Papineau, depends more on the co-operation of the ropers and doesn't require as much reliance on yourself and your horse.

At 31, Papineau says that at 22, he was a late starter in calf roping, but had been team roping and handling a rope since he was 12. Calf roping is more fun and more of a challenge, he has found because "you worry about only yourself."

A member of the Northwest Rodeo Assoc., he has been practicing for competition in NRR rodeos and says the Morrow County saddle was an extra incentive along the way.

Winning the Morrow County rodeo's calf roping competition was a definite goal, but Papineau has already set his next goals: to do well at other rodeos and maybe even someday become the NRA champion calf roper.

Gunner, his roping horse has been his partner for three years. A 12-year-old quarter horse, Gunner was purchased from trainer Bob Johnson. Without the well trained horse, Papineau admits he couldn't have performed so well in competition. "The speed of a roping horse is important", and unlike other rodeo events, a calf roping horse must be able to work "without a signal from its rider" who is off tying the calf's legs together.

In addition to a good horse, hard work and a lot of desire, the roping champion says a coach or good roping school is a necessary part of training. Although he practices daily, he says he was not able to perfect the necessary skills until his brother-in-law, Dick Hoffman who has attended several rodeo schools began working with him.

Should the roper need encouragement, 11-year-old son Brad is anxious to join dad in team roping. Another son Brian, 7, is also learning to rope. Wife Gail, and daughters Michelle, 14, and Cherie, 10, also compete in rodeo events.

New owners take over hardware store in Ione



Left to right: David Stevens, Butch and Helen Heideman and Gene Rietmann

Agent accepts field crop position

Extension agent Bob Costa has accepted a position with the Oregon State University Extension Service in Yamhill and Polk Counties. The transfer will be effective on October 1.

Costa will serve as an Extension agent with responsibilities for field

crops in the two-county area. Costa will be headquartered at the Yamhill County Extension Office in McMinnville.

Costa has served as Extension Staff Chairman and worked with dryland crops in Morrow County since May, 1981.

Helen and Robert "Butch" Heideman have purchased Rietmann's Hardware in Ione from Gene and Maxine Rietmann. They have changed the name to Ione Hardware.

The Heidemans plan on making changes at the store, including adding some sporting goods, appliance repair, video tape and machine rental, increase the pipe and steel supplies, add more farm supplies and a small toy department.

Assisting the Heidemans in operation of the store will be their son-in-law David Stevens.

The Heidemans, who have lived the past nine years on a farm near Cecil, will also be assisted at times by sons Loren and Dana and daughters Loa Stevens and Debbie Morgan.

"The whole family will be involved with it one way or another," says Helen.

A grand opening is planned later in the month.

The hardware store was founded in 1895 by Paul G. Balsigar, and sold to Omar Rietmann, Gene's father, in 1937. Omar operated the store until 1974 when it was taken over and has been operated since by Gene and Maxine Rietmann.

Gene and Maxine recently moved to Newberg.

Senior passes available

Senior citizen passes for those 65 years and older are now available for the Heppner High School football, volleyball and basketball games.

Senior citizen passes may be obtained at the games or at the Heppner High School office. Those who now have senior citizen passes need not get a new one.

Chamber of Commerce tours generating plant



Heppner Chamber of Commerce members Gerald Pierson (Left) and Don McElligott examine control room gauges at Kinzua co-generation plant during a tour of facilities Monday.

Doug Dubuque of Kinzua led the Chamber on a tour of the plant, and said that contrary to local opinion, the plant uses only waste wood products.

He said only waste products such as bark, limbs from the forest and wood shavings from the planer are burned in the wood-fired plant.

The plant burns the equivalent of two-thirds of a truck load of material per hour, and produces 10 meg-watts of electricity, enough power to supply a city the size of Hermiston.

The plant, which has been operating on a regular basis since February, is scheduled to be shut down later so General Electric, the prime contractor, can make modifications which will increase the plants efficiency. Dubuque said.



Once in a Lifetime

Jeff Maben holds the trophy head of the Bighorn Sheep he shot Sunday in the Murders Creek Wildlife Management Unit. Maben who has applied for a Bighorn Sheep tag each year since he has been old enough said that he was lucky enough to have his name drawn to receive one of two tags for the region which is open for the first time.

He spotted the ram about 10 a.m. lying on a hillside and watched him for awhile after he got up. Since a tag for Bighorn Sheep can only be had once in a lifetime, Maben said the decision is whether to take the ram or look for a better one. He describes his kill as a "good ram, bigger than some." He says he shot him from 300 yards, the first shot broke his back and "would have got him, but he started to get up" so he shot him a second time.