

The Heppner Gazette-Times

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



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	High		Low	Precip.
Tues.	75	39		
Wed.	78	41		
Thurs.	84	38		
Fri.	65	28		
Sat.	56	26		
Sun.	63	30		
Mon.	68	38		

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Heppner meat lockers filling up



Ernie McCabe, co-owner of Central Market in Heppner stands among some 55 deer carcasses hanging in the store's walk-in cooler. McCabe says that the carcasses are basically in good condition and of average

size. More deer were brought into Central Market on the first weekend of the general deer than last year during the first season.

Many C. of C. projects underway

By Justine Weatherford
Heppner Chamber of Commerce President Doug Smith, Vice-President Birdine Tullis, the Board of Directors along with all the members are involved with various committees working on community projects. The Heppner chamber is cooperating more and more with the lone Agri-Business organization and with the Boardman C. of C. (formerly the Boardman Commercial Club.)

Currently a "Welcome to Heppner" newcomers coupon booklet is being put together which will be given to families when they arrive. The coupons will offer introductory gifts or specially priced items from merchants and the booklet will contain helpful facts for newcomers about Heppner, Lexington, and lone civic and social organizations.

Some Chamber members are beginning work on revising the county promotional brochure because the supply of the last pictorial brochure which was printed in mid-1981 is almost depleted and the text needs updating. The Oregon State Department of Information recently requested a new supply as tourism has been up considerably this year and more and more visitors are inquiring about the Eastern part of this state.

The Chamber committee needs help with this pamphlet revision—both in the updating of significant changes in the communities and organizations in the county and with the considerable expense of publishing this give-away which will look much like the 1981 edition.

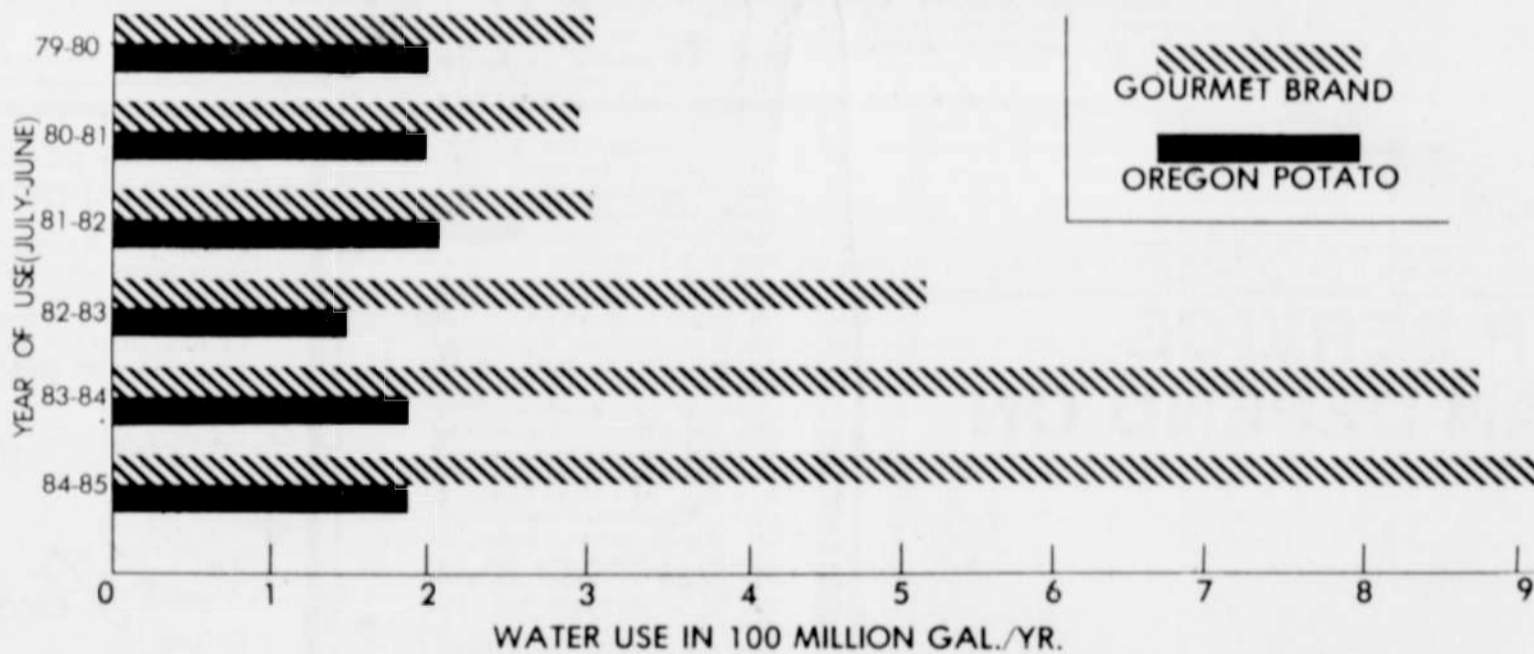
Don Cole and Ann Spicer of the Chamber are the two legislative representatives from this county to the eight-county "State of Eastern Oregon." They will soon be selling citizenship cards and "illegal" \$3 bills in several locations in Morrow County. The Chamber is backing this mythical "pretend" state whose western boundary begins where the rain forest ends and whose eastern and southern boundaries will proclaim "You are entering Eastern Oregon, the gateway to western Oregon." The leaders of this promotional state will join folks here when the community celebrates St. Patrick's Day next March.

Other recent Chamber projects include Main Street planters and a congratulatory sign that has been pointing out new and improved businesses.

The Chamber members honored volunteer firemen and their wives last fall and will soon be leading the campaign to select the county first citizens of 1985.

Port to take positive action to resolve water use questions

WATER USE PORT OF MORROW



Louis Carlson, Port of Morrow president, stated Tuesday that the Port had taken positive action to resolve the questions Port tenants have raised over the increase in water rates. In an interview Tuesday, Carlson reported that Commissioner Bill Sharkey had been

delegated to approach the Port tenants and set up a special workshop meeting between Port staff and key figures at tenant businesses to answer all the tenants questions about how the new rate was determined. Port Manager Steve Lindstrom had assured the Port Com-

missioners that the figures were available. The action follows statements made by Jim Heimbecker last week. Heimbecker, plant manager for Gourmet Brands, said his company would not pay the new rates until it was demonstrated to him that the rates were accurate.

Sharkey stated that the meeting or meetings could take place within the next month. The new rate schedule will represent about a \$350,000 increase in utilities cost for Gourmet Brands. The basic charge for both plants goes from \$10,000 monthly to \$32,929 monthly.

From the Sept. 26 Boardman Enterprise

Oregon Potato Company will pay \$6.9 cents per 1,000 gallons of usage and Gourmet will pay 71.1 cents per 1,000. The higher rate for Gourmet Brands represents the Port's added expenses for the removal of sand and grease from their effluent. According to Assistant Port Manager Bob Miller, it is costing the Port \$139,000 yearly for maintenance, personnel and equipment replacement to remove the sand and grease.

Another reason for the increase in rates according to Miller is the \$1,606,000 capital investment the Port has made to the Utility system since 1979. According to Miller, Gourmet Brands water use today would be equal to that of a city of about 30,000 people.

Ione Hardware sets open house

Ione Hardware, formerly Rietmann's Hardware, in Ione, will hold an open house this Saturday, Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Helen Heideman, co-owner of the store invites everyone to stop by and look over the expanded inventory, including video tape and VCR rental, and enter to win some of the free gifts to be given away.

Helen and her husband Butch Heideman bought the hardware store from Gene and Maxine Rietmann last month.

Business lunch series offered in Heppner

"The Business Lunch," a seven-part seminar series on current business topics is being offered to the business community of the South Morrow County area, by the Small Business Development Center of Blue Mountain Community College.

The seminar series begins October 3 at the Heppner Elks Lodge, at noon, with a discussion on computers and small business. This session will be presented by Don Armstrong of Computer Processing, Unlimited of Hermiston.

The series will be held on successive Thursdays through November 14. Other topics to be covered include customer relations, advertising, inventory control, cash flow management, evaluation of operations, and credit and collection strategies.

"These topics were selected by the business community, during a re-

cent survey we did in South Morrow County, as the most important issues facing business owners," said Tom Hampson, director of BMCC's Small Business Development Center.

Fees for the series are \$9.50 per seminar, or \$60 for all seven sessions. The fee includes lunch and the opportunity to listen and share ideas with experts in the field. The Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will underwrite the cost of the luncheon (\$45) for all its members who attend.

Contact the business center at 276-6233 for more information. Sign-up forms are available at the Heppner Gazette-Times office or at Swanson's Insurance Agency in Ione. Co-sponsor of the series is the Small Business Administration.

"We want to help people explore these areas in their lives that make them feel out of control and therefore always out of time," according to Tom Hampson, director of the Small Business Development Center.

The process of time management presented is designed for use in the home, farm, or in business. "It's really for anyone who feels they could better utilize their time," said Macduff a Walla Walla Community College instructor and consultant in interpersonal relations and management.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Small Business Administration.

PMH granted adult day care license

Pioneer Memorial Hospital has just been granted an Adult Day Care license, reports Hospital Administrator John Hemple. The license will allow the facility to care for three adults from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for short or extended periods of time. Reservations will be required for the service which, Hemple says, could begin as early as mid-October. The facility will provide meals and beds for naps and is aimed at people who need a day away from caring for a family member in order to see a doctor, do Christmas shopping, or just enjoy some free time.

The hospital board is still working to collect information needed for immigration before Dr. Curtis Thiessen of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, can be granted a visa to come to Heppner. In essence, Hemple says, the board must prove that the job he is coming to is not being taken away from an interested U.S. physician.

Hemple considers the contract with St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton "to our benefit because they have been co-operative, helping when we ask but not taking over here." The contract provides for an administrator and support services to the hospital in Heppner.

Hemple says that with many administrators spending a short time at Pioneer, the hospital had no sense of direction, administrators were in an uncomfortable position of sitting and waiting for something to go wrong and then fixing it. He says that since he has been hired the administration is no longer in that position. He expects to spend two-thirds of his time planning and carrying out new things at the hospital and one-third fixing things. He would also like to stress that Pioneer is not just Heppner's hospital, but can serve the whole county and asks to answer praise and condemnation of the hospital personally.

Gourmet won't pay increased utility charges

From the Sept. 19 Boardman Enterprise

The manager of Gourmet Brands potato processing plant in Boardman, said Wednesday his company will refuse to pay increased water fees from the Port of Morrow totaling over \$350,000 per year, until the port can document why the increases are necessary.

Jim Heimbecker, plant manager and vice president of production with Gourmet, said the company is willing to pay its fair share, but that its landlord, the Port of Morrow, has been unable to show why the fee hikes are necessary.

"They have been unable to give us that proof due to the problem with their bookkeeping system," he said. "Prove to us that this is the cost and we will pay the rate, but for now, we

will continue to pay what we have been," he said.

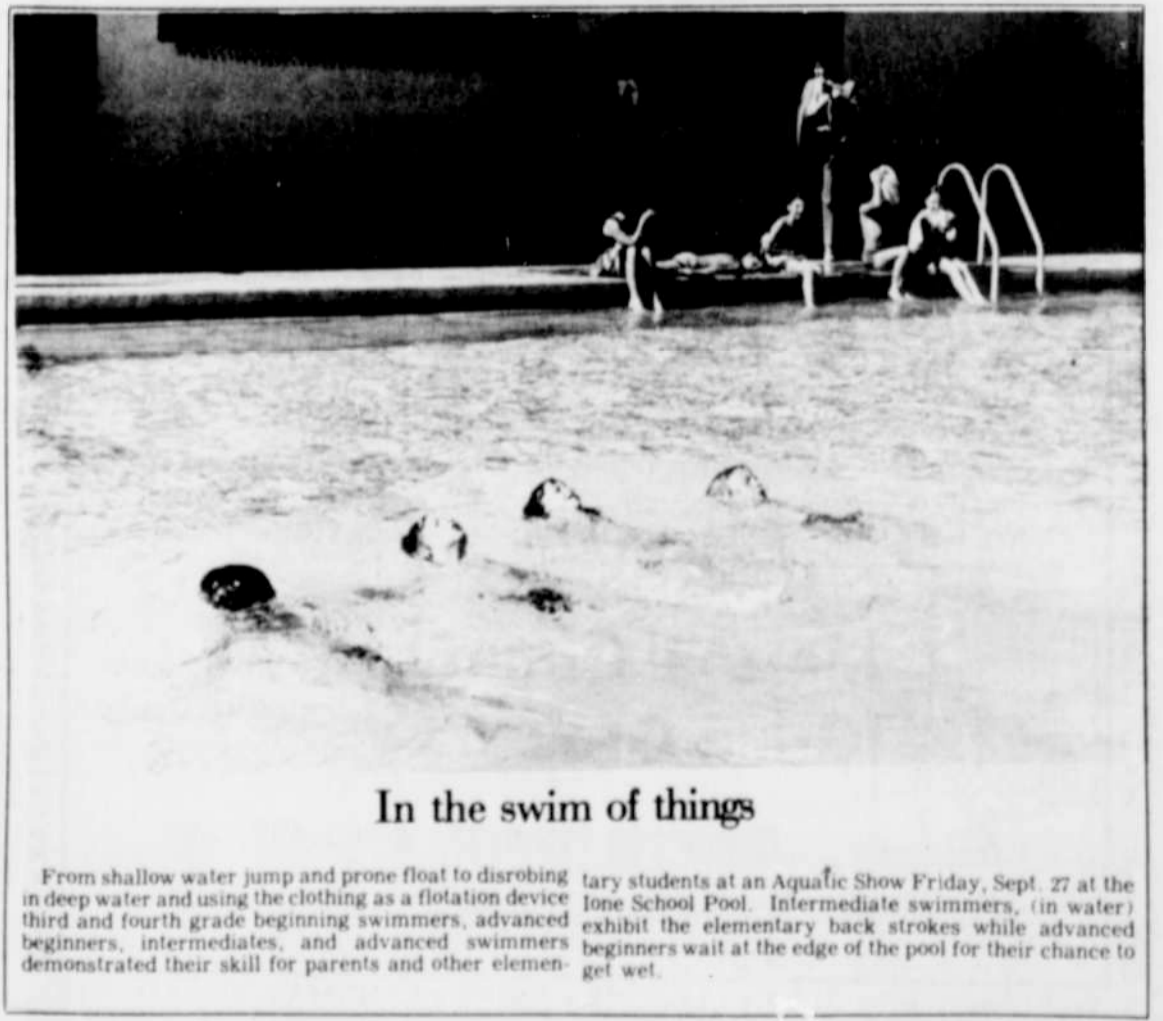
The Port, last year, collected about \$700,000 in utility fees. This year their income for utility fees will be over one million dollars, according to Asst. Port Manager Bob Miller.

Miller said that the Port Commission has always taken the position that the system should pay for itself and not require subsidy from other port incomes. In analyzing the situation, the port found itself seriously behind, said Miller.

Under the old rate charge system, the tenants paid \$10,000 a month for basic service and 60 cents per 1,000 gallons of water usage. The new rates are \$32,929 basic charge for

both plants, 56.9 cents per 1,000 gallons for Oregon Potato Company and 71.7 per 1,000 gallons for Gourmet Brands. The higher rate for Gourmet Brands is due to the increased cost in processing their effluent because of the sand and grease it contains when leaving the plant, said Miller.

"We are serious about the action we are taking," said Heimbecker. "I cannot, in good conscience, agree to pay what will be about a \$350,000 yearly increase without some substantiation. I am surprised the commissioners were willing to vote on something that they knew were assumptions. The people of Morrow County deserve better."



In the swim of things

From shallow water jump and prone float to disrobing in deep water and using the clothing as a flotation device third and fourth grade beginning swimmers, advanced beginners, intermediates, and advanced swimmers demonstrated their skill for parents and other elemen-

tary students at an Aquatic Show Friday, Sept. 27 at the lone School Pool. Intermediate swimmers, (in water) exhibit the elementary back strokes while advanced beginners wait at the edge of the pool for their chance to get wet.