

The Heppner Gazette-Times

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



October 1-October 7		Precip
High	Low	
Tues. 72	51	
Wed. 74	41	
Thurs. 68	35	
Fri. 70	39	
Sat. 74	48	.02
Sun. 67	34	1.51
Mon. 43	22	.01

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Elementary students gather up the trash

Doing their litter bit

Children at Heppner Elementary School began picking up litter on their way to school, at bus stops, and around the community September 21. A mountain of trash is the result of their two-week effort which ended October 4.

Incited by a proclamation of "Bag-It Days '85" from Oregon Governor Atiyeh, a committee at the grade school began distributing trash bags provided by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. DEQ also supplied buttons and stickers which encourage Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV). Efforts by students brought the City of Heppner and the Heppner Garbage Service into the project with their donations of free landfill use and free use of the garbage truck to haul the trash to the landfill.

Following is the statement issued by Governor Atiyeh in May of this year:

"Oregon has earned a national reputation as a special place to live, with an abundance of natural beauty that enhances the quality of life. Litter can detract from the beauty of our state, blight our roads, streams and shores, recreation areas, and communities. Plastic, nylon products, and other materials can foul our beaches, lakes, and streams and endanger wildlife. Garbage is a valuable source of raw materials. The demands of our environment and resources necessitate an increased awareness of environmental values and individual commitment to keeping Oregon a special place to live.

"Therefore, as Governor, I hereby proclaim September 21 through October 4, 1985, as 'Bag-It Days '85' in Oregon. I urge the people of this state to participate in programs and activities which encourage the cleanup and recycling of Oregon litter."



Students bring filled bags for disposal



Shane Palmer gets wrapped up in his work

Council supports retirement center

The idea of renovating the Heppner Hotel and turning it into a retirement facility, met with approval of the Heppner City Council Monday night.

Meg Murray, sponsor of the plan to fix up the old hotel, presented her idea to the council, asking for their "moral support." Murray said she had originally planned to rejuvenate the three story building, which was constructed in 1920, with private funds, but after careful study said this was not possible. She has since decided to try for public funds.

Monday request to the city council was not for funds, just for a resolution from the council saying it was in favor of the project. The resolution will be used along with similar ones from Lexington and Lone councils in an attempt to obtain federal funding.

Under Murray's proposed plan the hotel would be completely fixed up with rooms for 24 retired persons. She says so far she has heard nothing but favorable comments.

"It will be not only for people who live here now, but for ones who want to move back to Heppner," Murray pointed out that it would be good for the economic health of Heppner, since it would draw people in from a wide area.

She said so far State Representative Ray French, Congressman Bob Smith and Senator Mark Hatfield have all expressed interest in the project. (Murray recently returned from Washington D.C., where she went to garner support for the facility.)

Murray said she would also approach the County Court about endorsing the project, and thanked the city saying, "absolutely no one wants to get behind this unless we, the local people, are strongly behind it."

In another request for support the council heard from Bob Kahl of the Heppner Economic Development Corp. (HEDC), who requested that the city pass a resolution in favor of forming a park district for south Morrow County.

Kahl told the city that the HEDC has determined, after much study, that this is the best way to have the Willow Creek Lake developed. He said that the Corps of Engineers has gone "about as far as it will go," and that a park district is needed.

Kahl said that in addition to Heppner, the city of Lone and the town of Lexington, will be approached for approval of the park district. These resolutions will be presented to the county court, which has the power to form a park district, Kahl said.

If the court forms the district a five-member board would be appointed and then funding would have to be obtained, most likely through a tax levy. A park board would then be elected with one member from each of the cities in the south end of the county, and two members from at-large, Kahl told the council.

He said to develop the Willow Creek park with a baseball field swimming area, and campground, would cost in the neighborhood of two to three hundred thousand dollars, with payment spread over a 25-year period.

Kahl said since the park district would cover the whole county, except the four most northern districts, which already have a park district, it would be possible for Lexington and Lone to develop parks in addition to the Willow Creek Lake area.

In urging the council to give its approval to the park district, Kahl pointed out that the lake area may be closed by the Corps of Engineers. "There's a possibility the Corps will just close it up, and put a fence around it," he said.

In other business, the council agreed to establish a \$50,000 line of credit with First Interstate Bank in Heppner. The money may be needed to cover a cash shortfall until tax revenues start coming in later, City Recorder Marshall Lovgren told the council. Dave Hampton of First Interstate was at the meeting, to say that the city need only to pay a \$50 fee to set up the credit, and the money would be available until the first of the year at 6.5 percent interest.

MCGG has new plant mgr.



Phil Greif

Phil Greif, 26, is the new manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers Chemical plant in Lone.

Greif, who came from Orofino, Idaho, replaces John Ripple, who has been promoted to grain dept. manager with the co-op.

Most recently Greif worked for the Lewiston Grain Growers in Orofino, where he was field man and fertilizer manager.

Greif's wife's name is Vicki, and they have two children, Sarah five years, and Lindsay, three years old. "I'd like everyone to stop by, say hello, and get acquainted," he said.

Columbus Day observed

The post office, the forest service office and other federal offices will close Monday, Oct. 14 in observance of Columbus Day. City and county offices will remain open as will schools, banks, and local businesses.

Boardman ABE instructor named

Margaret Wood, Boardman, has been named the new Adult Basic Education instructor for Blue Mountain Community College in that area.

ABE classes in Boardman will meet in classroom A at Riverside High School Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m.

Adult Basic Ed. classes include instruction in preparing to take the GED, high school completion, improving reading skills, English as a Second Language, and citizenship.

In addition to her new duties for BMCC, Wood is a teacher in Language Arts at Riverside High School. She may be reached by calling 481-3006 for further information about her classes.

Former city employee files lawsuit

A suit was filed September 3 in Circuit Court against the city of Heppner by former city employee Earl Papineau. The complaint alleges Wrongful termination, violation of civil rights and interference with a business relationship.

Papineau is asking \$100,000 general damages and \$9,250 special damages from the city, and \$100,000 punitive damages against city Administrator Marshall Lovgren. Reasons listed for the filing are \$9,250 wages lost, anxiety, emotional distress, impairment to reputation and loss of future earnings.

Papineau was fired from his job as city crew foreman in April, 1985.

Shopper stops publication

Hutch's Helper, a local want ad shopper printed in Heppner the last seven years, has ceased publication, the shopper's owners have announced.

Charles Hutchinson, owner of Hutch's Printing Company in Heppner, said Monday that last week's issue would be the final one for the free distribution shopper.

Hutchinson and his wife Linda started the want ad paper seven years ago in conjunction with their printing business.

The couple recently moved to Prineville, where they are now operating a printing business.

Moonlight sale plans underway

T.O.P.S. Club, the Christian Church Youth and the Nazarene Church have signed up to sell concessions during the Friday, Sept. 25 Moonlight Sale. Other groups which would like booth space should call Marlene Peterson, 676-9200 or 676-9466.

Heppner High School Honor Society will clean the Main Street sidewalks beginning at 3:30 p.m. Friday to prepare the area for the 7-9 p.m. sale when Heppner merchants will have specially marked sale items in their stores.



Bob Harrison, (front) and Lee Anstegun barbecue the lamb for Saturday's Fair appreciation dinner held at the fairgrounds in Heppner. The annual dinner is held to show thanks to all those who volunteer their time and effort to put on a fair each year.