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Weather  
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	High	Low	Precip.
Tues.	50	29	0
Wed.	56	33	.03
Thurs.	57	38	0
Fri.	62	50	0
Sat.	64	45	0
Sun.	67	44	0
Mon.	67	32	.19

## More work needed to improve grain exports, says broker



Jan Mauritz

We need a closer relationship between the government and farmers if we are to improve the export situation," a veteran grain exporter told a gathering of Morrow County Grain Growers shareholders Monday night in Heppner.

Jan Mauritz, from the French grain trading firm of Louis Dreyfus, says the government needs to expand its grain subsidy program overseas, expand credit programs and oppose cargo preference laws, if it hopes to make the U.S. more competitive in grain sales overseas.

He also says that farmers need to lower their dockage in the wheat shipped, and "lick the smut problem," if they hope to sell more wheat abroad.

Mauritz, a 25-year veteran of the grain export business, was the main speaker at the Morrow County Grain Growers Annual Meeting held Monday night at the fairgrounds in Heppner.

To dramatize the plight of grain exports, Mauritz pointed out that four out of 10 export elevators in the United States are now shut down for lack of business.

He cites the strong dollar, declining demand and competition from other countries as the major reason, saying that most of the troubles have come with in the past several years.

"In the '70s the export business was great, but now we have two to three times the capacity (storage) to meet demand," Mauritz said. "And

it's not getting any better."

"This year we had a carryover of five and a quarter million tons of wheat, which gave us a total of 11 million tons." Four million tons will be exported which leaves us with six million tons of wheat in storage by July 1986, Mauritz said.

"It's a buyers market out there. Buyers want premium wheat, without paying premium prices, and they're getting it," he says.

To combat the problem and increase sales to the Asian countries, which should be our major targets, Mauritz urged farmers to "do whatever you can do to try and minimize dockage. I know that it's impossible to eliminate dockage, but try to knock it down as much as possible and get the foreign buyers off my back."

He also urged farmers to get in touch with their Congressional representatives, and urge them to try and improve the export climate, mainly by expanding the GSM credit program, increasing grain subsidies to certain countries, and opposing cargo preference laws which require a certain percentage of U.S. products be shipped on the more expensive American merchant ships, driving up the cost of our exports.

"We should also all be opposed to protectionism; it will hurt grain sales," he said.

In other business at the annual meeting, Ned Clark, Tom Currin, Joe McElligott and Stan Kemp were elected to the co-op board of directors.

Lyle Peck was elected president of the co-op with John Ledbetter elected vice president, and Charlie Anderson secretary. Larry Mills was elected treasurer.

At a special ceremony, retiring board members Gene Majeske, Ron Haguewood, Larry Lindsay and Gary Grieb were presented with plaques for appreciation of their time spent in service on the board.

## Counterfeit bill passed locally

Wright's Country Store at Ruggs has reported receiving a counterfeit \$20 bill. A spokesperson for the store said that a stanger passed the bill sometime Monday and that area merchants should watch for irregular bills.

## Co-op tells members of profit posted in 1985

The Morrow County Grain Growers co-op posted a \$457,029 profit for fiscal 1985, up \$206,536 from the previous year, shareholders were told Monday night.

The increased profits were partially the result of a payoff on the Heppner grain elevator destroyed by fire, and also the result of improved profitability in each department of the co-op.

The grain department showed a \$137,627 gain in profitability to \$371,712, and the fertilizer improved its bottom line by \$11,926 to \$92,981. The farm supply department lost money in fiscal 1985, however its losses were cut from \$64,647 last year to only \$7,664 this year.

These figures were good news to shareholders, who gathered at the annual meeting of the co-op Monday night for roast beef dinner, speeches and elections of officers for the coming year (see related story).

Co-op accountant Steve Green told members that "there seems to be a lot of darkness over agriculture these days, but I am here to tell you about a bright spot, and that's the Morrow County Grain Growers."

Green reported that in the previous year \$1,262,000 had been invested in property, plant and equipment, including \$993,000 for improvement to the lone elevator, and replacement of the Heppner elevator.

Green also pointed out that \$47,000 had been paid out in patronage credits, and \$176,000 had been placed in the co-op's operating capital to improve profitability.

Co-op general manager Larry Mills also addressed the crowd, and reported that the co-op had opened a new parts outlet in Wasco that "gives the people of that area a needed service, and has also allowed us to move some equipment in a new market area."

It was also reported that patronage allocations will be made to members on the basis of their individual patronage of the Association as follows: Grain Department 32 percent of handling and storage collected, fertilizer department seven percent of sales. The allocations will be in the form of non-qualified notices.

## Sticker deadline extended

The Department of Fish and Wildlife held an emergency meeting Monday and extended the cow tag sticker deadline to Friday, Nov. 8. Those persons who received a successful cow permit notice must purchase a tag sticker and attach it to their Roosevelt or Rocky Mt. rifle elk tag, said ODFW spokesperson,

Bob Krein. A sticker is the only way to validate a cow elk tag.

Tag stickers will be available from ODFW personnel Thursday and Friday, Nov. 7 and 8 or from local license vendors. For further information, contact Krein, 676-9966 or Glen Ward, 676-5230.

## Fair outlook for second season

Number of hunters was down 20 percent to 2,500 but number of elk harvested during the first elk season was up over previous years, said Glen Ward of the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. He attributes this to good calf production which allowed hunters to harvest spikes this year.

A few hunters were able to take four or five point two and a half year old bulls, said Bob Krein also of the ODFW. A lot of bulls were taken in the lower elevations.

For the most part, Ward continues, hunters were well behaved. Three cows, two calves and one buck

were taken illegally, but all, except one cow, were salvagable and 800 lbs. of meat were donated to the senior citizens mealsite and the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

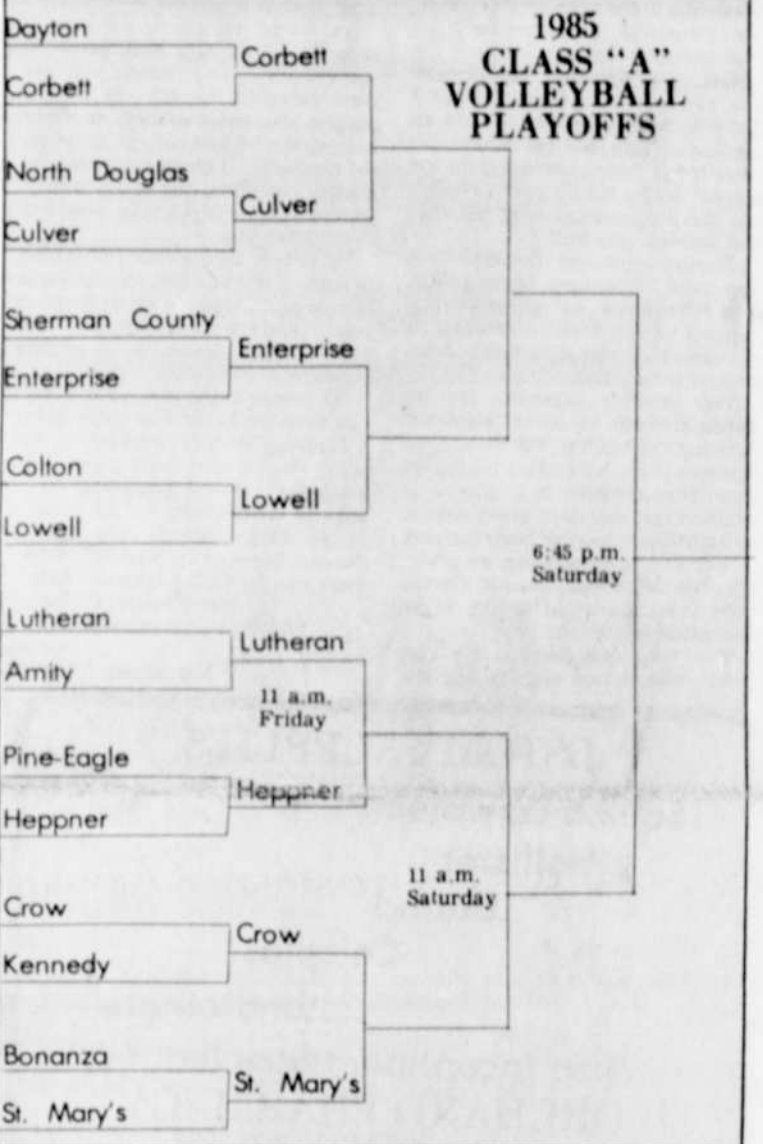
Ward and Krein agree that the outlook for the second season is fair to good with a good number of bulls available. Most of the bulls will be found in roadless, thick timber areas. "It may be difficult to kick them out of the brush," said Krein. Snow will help hunters a great deal.

Many access roads are muddy and because of their poor condition will require four wheel drive vehicles.

## Fillies head for state

The Heppner Fillies Volleyball team will head for the state Class "A" Volleyball tournament at the Child's Center on the University of Portland Campus Friday, Nov. 8. Their first game will be at 11 a.m. Friday against Lutheran. Should they win the match, they will advance to the semi-finals at 11 a.m. Saturday morning against the winner of the Crow-St. Mary's match.

A consolation round for the losing teams in the Lutheran-Heppner and Crow-St. Mary's matches will be played at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. The winning match will begin at 6:45 p.m. Saturday. Ticket prices are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students per session or \$15 for adults and \$10 for students for all-tournament games.



## Veterans Day closures told

Morrow County schools, federal, state, county and city offices; banks; and several local businesses have reported that they will be closed Monday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.

Feed, Pettyjohn's Building Supply, Murray's Drug, Heppner Auto Parts, the Shoe Box, Gardner's Men's Wear, Peterson's Jewelers and Heppner Cylinder Head.

Businesses which have announced that they will be closed are Green

Grocery stores and several other local businesses will open for regular business hours.

## Post 95 to hold veterans observance

Ione American Legion Post 95 will begin Veterans Day observances at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11 at Ione Memorial Field.

Following presentation of the colors and a memorial speech, coffee and doughnuts will be served at the Legion Hall by the auxiliary.

## Program to honor veterans

By Justine Weatherford

Everyone is encouraged to come to a program arranged to honor the veterans of the Armed Forces on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. in the Heppner Church of the Nazarene.

Pastor Floyd Wilks asked Anna Mae Steagall to help him in arranging this special service. The veterans of this county and their families will be honored guests and members of the American Legion will participate. Rev. LeRoy Wornell will assist with the music.

The first World War ended in 1918 with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on Nov. 11. That date became known as Armistice Day in 1919 when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that Americans

should always honor their veterans and be reminded of the tragedies of war on that eleventh day of the eleventh month. In 1938 a federal law made the day a federal holiday, and in 1954, long after the close of World War II and after subsequent conflicts, Congress changed the name of the day to Veterans Day.

The names of Morrow County men and women who served in the wars after 1918 are not all known, but Anna Mae Steagall says five living Veterans of the first world war, who now have Heppner addresses, are: Earl Blake, D.E. "Shorty" Hudson, Alvin Jones, Bill Lowe and Columbus Phillips. Four of these men were with the American forces - Bill Lowe served with the Canadian Forces.

## Local business reports theft

Coast to Coast Store in Heppner reported a theft of money from the desk at the store Tuesday morning. Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun

says that the theft is under investigation, but that police have no suspects at this time.

## Hazardous Waste Permit application available for public inspection

The Umatilla Depot Activity is applying for a new hazardous waste storage permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The permit applies to storage of ignitable and reactive wastes, spent solvent, small munitions, M-55 chemical rockets, and wastes with high metals content. Additionally, the permit application requests an

exemption for a munitions incinerator.

The Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environmental Quality anticipate a lengthy review process, currently scheduled to last through 1986. The agencies are soliciting public review and comment on the permit application during the review process.

Copies of the permit application



## 'A Veteran Is'

America's war veterans come in a wide variety of sizes, shapes and ages. Their collective experience spans two world wars and several foreign conflicts. They have followed war mules through Flanders Field, dropped from landing barges onto the beaches of Normandy, faced the icy cold of Porkchop Hill and trudged the rice paddies of the Mekong Delta.

But, regardless of differences in make-up and experience, all veterans share a common bond - a brotherhood of memory and hard-won wisdom that helps define their character.

A veteran is the first man up as the flag passes by on the 4th of July, and the last one down, for he has been a witness to the blood and tears that makes this and all other parades possible.

A veteran is a man of peace, soft spoken, slow to anger, quick to realize that those who talk most about glory of war are those who know least about its horror. He never jokes about war; he's been there, and still sees on memory's vivid screen the wounded and the dying, the widows and orphans; he knows first-hand that no war is good and that the only thing worse than war is slavery.

He is friend to all races of man, begrudging none; he carries with him the knowledge that it is not the man who is the enemy but enslavement and false ideologies. Those whom he once faced across the hostile battle lines, he now esteems as his brothers.

A veteran is at once proud and humble: proud of the fact that in 200 years no foreign enemy has set foot on American soil, and humble in the realization that many of his comrades who helped him make this lofty aim a reality, never returned.

More than anything else, a veteran loves freedom. He can spend a whole afternoon doing nothing - just because it suits him, and just because he has paid the price to do what he wants with his time. He also takes a personal pride in the freedom of others - in men and women attending the church of their choice; in friends voting how they choose; and in children sleeping quietly, without fear to interrupt their slumber.

A veteran is every man grown up a little taller - a person who understands the awesome price of life's intangibles of freedom, justice and democracy. His motto is to live and let live. But, if he had to, if he had to choose between servitude and conflict, the veteran would once again answer a call of duty. Because, above all - above all - a veteran is an American.

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## Prize pumpkins judged

Phillip Tellechea, right, poses with his prize-winning pumpkin in the Bank of Eastern Oregon Halloween Jack-o-Lantern contest. Area merchants judged the pumpkins and awarded the following places:

First and second grade: first place-Phillip Tellechea, second place-Brent Gunderson; third and fourth grade: first place-Jerrad Wicklund, second place-Alecia Tarnasky; fifth and sixth grade: first place-Giselle Schoonover, second place-A.J. Tarnasky.



## Factfinding session moved to Boardman

Morrow County Superintendent of Schools, Doyle McCaslin, reports that the district has received notice Tom Levak will be unable to serve as factfinder in contract negotiations between the district board of education and the teachers.

Because the previously announced time was not convenient for all

parties, a new time, 4:30 was scheduled. Another factfinder, Gary Axon, was selected from the list of factfinders provided by the Employee Relations Board.

The factfinding session is now scheduled for 4:30 p.m., December 2, at Riverside High School.

## Portland man to staff DMV

Ron Ostrander, 38, Portland, is the new examiner at the Heppner Dept. of Motor Vehicles office. A graduate of Southwestern Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education, Ostrander has lived most of his life in the Portland area.

He has worked at the Portland and Gresham offices of the Dept. of Motor Vehicles and says that the Heppner office schedule will remain

the same. Wednesday, November 20, and the third Wednesday of each month, the Heppner office will be closed while he goes to the Fossil office and he is on call to relieve personnel at the Hermiston office.

Ostrander says that he liked Heppner the first day he was here, not because it's small, but because the town has class. "People have made me feel welcome here."