

Heppner Moonlight Sale this Friday

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Weather

	April 1-7		
	High	Low	Precip.
Thurs.	48	32	11
Wed.	55	31	00
Thurs.	58	38	00
Fri.	58	31	00
Sat.	59	33	00
Sun.	67	37	00
Mon.	67	40	00

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Lutz would create legislation to destroy legislation

Speaking to the "grass roots" with the cadence of a Baptist minister, Joe Lutz, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and guests Tuesday that incumbent Bob Packwood can be beat and we can beat him. Packwood is vulnerable in the primaries and he knows he's vulnerable; that's why he's spending extra time in Oregon while the Senate is on a break, Lutz said.



Joe Lutz

Generating enthusiasm as he spoke, Lutz pointed out that Republican Packwood has \$6.8 million in his campaign chest, most of that donated by sources outside Oregon. Outside support, said Lutz, means that Packwood is answerable to people outside of Oregon, rather than to Oregonians.

"We're getting into every precinct in Oregon and talking to the people," Lutz claimed that his campaign includes more than 5,000 volunteers making him responsible to the people of Oregon.

Although he is adept at handling a crowd, Lutz is businesslike in presenting his position on various issues. He addressed these issues to the Gazette-Times Tuesday:

No immediate radical changes to federal farm programs because we "can't digest radical changes." He proposes a moratorium on a limited amount of farm loans for six months to a year to allow the farming industry to get back on its feet. Once back on its feet, then the farms are strong and can withstand cutting

away program by program, little by little. Farmers know what they want cut and what they do not want cut, they know if they want Extension production programs, 4-H, or home economics programs emphasized or deleted. The government needs to get a feel from the people even if it means taking a poll to find out what they want cut first.

It would take 20 minutes to explain how to solve current economic problems, he said. Capsuling his position, he said he would create

legislation which would destroy legislation of "get the government out of your life enough to let you do what you want to do."

Storing nuclear waste from across the nation at Hanford is okay says Lutz, and that "Hanford is probably the best place to store it." "If it means we have to build a corridor to the site (Hanford) from where ever it is now, we should do it." He also raised the possibility of sending it into space. "If we had a way of shipping it out into space that might be the best place," he said.

We would have been better off to have cut the military budget in conjunction with cutting social spending and thereby earn the public's trust. It is possible to cut military spending in three ways without cutting programs, Lutz emphasizes. First, waste—not just \$250 hammers and toilet seats, but tanks that don't work. Second, fraud—contractors who fraudulently rip off the government by charging the government five, ten, or 100 times the actual cost. If we can catch these contractors we should impose stiff penalties, including incarceration, both in the private and military sector. Third, privatization—\$790 million could be saved every year by letting out the military commissaries and exchange program to the private sector, without cutting services to military personnel.

Social Security, has to be left the way it is for now; we need to start a simultaneous program which is ves-

ted, as an Individual Retirement Account, then make the transition fully to the new system within the next generation's lifetime. It's a common sense approach, he said. The social security program is already bankrupt, but we cannot ignore people who need those benefits. We need a vested system that accrues interest.

Aid to the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters is essential because we cannot allow a Marxist foothold in this hemisphere. Not sending money to support the Marxist regimes in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Angola, would cut federal spending.

Imports are hurting the American economy. The reason they're hurting the economy, he says, is not the improper trade practices of other countries. The two greatest causes are in Salem and Washington D.C. For someone starting a new business in Japan, the capital investment tax is seven percent, he says; in the United States, the capital investment tax for plants and equipment is 37 percent. "We need trading partners around the world, but we need to change our own

policies before pointing our fingers only, and I emphasize the only, at them.

A constitutionalist, Lutz claims not to have new ideas, but those of the Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and other Founding Fathers who expressed some common sense principles we need to return to. Common sense principles have been tested and proved right. We have moved away from them and have paid the price. "Let's go back to them." He concedes that society is different now than what the Founding Fathers faced, but contends that the same principles still hold true. The methodology for implementing them is different, some of the goals are different, but the ideas the same.

We have enough wilderness and those who lobbied for wilderness areas would probably be surprised to learn that parties of more than three people are banned from those areas because that's considered an abuse of the area, he said. Timber sales mean jobs for Oregonians. Additional wilderness areas, and federal control of the Columbia Gorge would take jobs out of Oregon.

Lutz, 35, and his wife Freda, have three children. He lists his 17 years in the ministry as unique preparation for leadership. His opposition to abortion and to government controlling the lives of individuals are already firmly associated with this relative newcomer to Eastern Oregon politics. He leaves the impression of a "well packaged" candidate who knows what he's doing in a "put together" campaign.

Civil suit vs Heppner settled

Attorneys for the city of Heppner and Earl Papineau say a settlement has been reached in the civil suit Papineau filed against the city and its administrator September 3, 1985 in Circuit Court.

A spokesperson from Gene Hallman's Pendleton office, said they would not release details of the settlement until after the paperwork is completed Friday. Hallman is Papineau's attorney.

James Carter, a Portland attorney, representing the city of Heppner said that part of his agreement with the city was that he not publicize the case, but he did say that a settlement had been reached and he would not be in Heppner next week.

A trial date of April 15 had been set for Heppner Circuit Court.

The suit filed in September alleged Wrongful Termination, Violation of Civil Rights and Interference with a Business Relationship. Papineau was 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.

Council members set fair water rates

By Avon Melby

Council members set what they said was a fair rate for those using city water outside the Heppner city limits at a meeting Monday evening.

An additional \$7.50 will be added to the base charge for each of the 27 hookups. This base charge provides the first 1,000 gallons of water per month. Under the new rate residential users will pay \$18.25 per month and commercial users will pay \$19.45 as base pay, effective July 1.

The matter was brought to the attention of the council last month when a group of users from outside the city attended the council meeting. They said they wanted to find out about the rumor they weren't paying their fair share, most stating they thought they already were.

To arrive at the charge set, the council used this year's bond retirement payment of \$66,241 as determined by City Administrator Marshall Lovgren, divided by the total users both inside and outside the city.

Those inside the city pay their portion of the bond retirement along with their tax bill. It is based on total value of their home and next year the rate will be approximately \$2.71 per \$1,000 of appraised value according to Lovgren. The city's total water bond indebtedness is currently \$651,704.

In response to another problem about water brought up at last month's council meeting by John Skow, owner of the RV park on Main Street, it was reported his situation is not unique. Several hookups in the business district have more than one business served off the same hookup. In those cases the second user is also allowed the first 1,000 gallons free of charge. The council was told his bill is not out of line and should need no adjustment.

All users of city water may pay more in the future. Mayor Cara Costa said the City of La Grande adds \$2.50 per month to the water bill with the money to be used for street repair. With 693 users in Heppner this would bring in about \$20,000 per year, she said.

Requesting approval of a three-year serial levy for major street repair at the November election was brought up by the mayor. She said the city will look over the streets, decide which should be done first, and get an estimate on cost to determine the amount of the levy. A special allotment program from the state might be used for this major rebuilding, along with the serial levy. Replacement of needed water and sewer lines will be included in the work if it is approved.

The city may try for an increased tax base at the November election. Costa said, "I think that is something we should look at."

Appointment of Merle Cowett to the City Planning Commission was made by the mayor. Spraying to kill water hemlock, a poison weed, along Willow Creek from "city limits to city limits" was authorized. Jim Van Winkle of the county weed control district said he would donate his time if the city would pay for the chemical. There will be no danger to wildlife or

humans. Dates will be advertised so children can be kept out of the way while the work is done.

Police Chief Douglas Rathbun reported \$5,200 left in his budget for pay of the fourth police officer on the force. Since the position has been eliminated, he wanted to place \$1,700 in overtime account, and spend \$300 for a second beeper for the force. Budgeted funds for overtime, which is required by law, has run out and one officer has \$450 due. He was authorized to use the \$1,700. Councilwoman Terri Denton, a dispatcher at the sheriff's office, said she might be able to locate better equipment than the beeper. The remaining \$3,200 will be kept in emergency and the balance used as a tax offset at the end of fiscal year on July 1.

Mayor Costa said a special meeting will be held April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall to work out personnel policies. Councilman Marvin Lane said overtime for city employees should be addressed at the meeting. He said most businesses were

having to cut out overtime and the city should look into scheduling to eliminate it.

Wooden sidewalks can still be allowed, as long as they are in good repair, the council decided. Clyde Allstott, one of three property owners who received letters from the city saying the walks must be replaced, asked if it had to be with cement as stated in the letter. He was told fixing it so it was safe, and adding a railing, would be sufficient. Thirty days was allowed for completion. Permission to leave the wooden walks, if properly repaired, will be mailed the other owners.

The condemned building owned by Jerry Davidson will be torn down and the foundation covered with dirt, Rathbun reported. He said he still had no response from Kevin Dick on his partially burned building on Chase Street. Rathbun said he would give Dick 30 days to burn or tear down the building or the city would do so and bill him for the cost.

Cheese giveaway set April 15

By Neola Mackey

The next government surplus cheese giveaway will be Tuesday, April 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

New federal guidelines which go into effect April 1 are:

Number in Household	Monthly Wage	Yearly Wage
1	\$581.00	\$6,968
2	\$784	9,412
3	\$988	11,856
4	\$1,192	14,300

Check at the Center, 676-5873, for guidelines for additional members in the household.

Other programs at the Heppner Neighborhood Center include: The R.S.V.P. Potluck Luncheon will be this Thursday, April 10, at the Center starting at noon. All South Morrow Co. Volunteers are invited to attend.

Adult and Family Services counselor Janet Phillips will be at the Center Wednesday, April 16, from 9:30 to noon. Applications for A.F.S. aid are at the Center and can be picked up during regular office hours.

Tax deductible donations for the Emergency Food Cupboard are welcome and still are needed at the Center.

County to delay tax base request and reduce special operating levy

A \$3,472,425 tax base proposal has been withdrawn from the May 20 primary election, Morrow County Budget Officer LoRayne Bowman reports.

The failure of last month's operating levy request prompted the court to delay the tax base request until the November general election. A tax base is the amount of tax which the county may levy without an election; if the county has submitted an operating levy above the tax base, it is required to go out for a new tax base in even numbered years, but may do so at either the primary or general election, she says.

Heppner teen named to all-stars

Heppner's Todd Lindsay has been chosen to the East team of the Oregon Class A and B All Star East-West Basketball series to be played June 13 and 14.

The games, matching the best players in the state from the East and West against each other, will be part of the doubleheader which also features a game composed of the top Class AA players in the state. The game June 13 will be at Lane Community College, while the June 14 game site is yet to be determined.

Coaches for the East team will be Ray Struve of Lost River and Buell Gonzaies of Long Creek.

Instead of the tax base, the county will ask for a special operating levy reduced from the amount voters turned down in March. Although the levy proposal must be certified to the county clerk by April 10, the official amount and areas of reduction were not to be decided by the

G-T correspondent wins sports writing award

Heppner High School junior Ashley Conklin recently tied for third place in the sportswriting division of the Oregon High School Writing and Photography Contest, sponsored by Oregon Press Women.

Conklin, who is editor of the school's paper, The Hehisch, and correspondent for the Heppner Gazette-Times was competing against students from schools of all sizes in Oregon. He finished behind students

from Corvallis and Hood River High Schools, tying with Sarah James from Sherwood for third place.

Conklin's story, "Fillies Shoot for State Crown," gave him the distinction of being the only student from a Class "A" school to place in the contest. This year's contest, which included 80 entries from 16 schools throughout the state, was judged by members of the news media in the Northwest.

Still time to enter Rolling Hills Run

Walkers and runners may register up until a half hour before the beginning of the Rolling Hills Run Sunday, April 13. Registration packets, T-shirts and late registrations will be available at Heppner Elementary School.

Pre-run instructions will be given at the starting line at 12:55 p.m. and the race will begin promptly at 1 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the oldest male-female finisher overall. In the 10K run, trophies will be awarded for first place male and female. Ribbons will be awarded to the first three finishers in all age divisions in both the 5K and 10K races. Awards and door prizes will be given at 3:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary Multi-Purpose Room. Runners must be present to win.



Spring blooms

"April is the cruellest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory with desire." T.S. Eliot wrote in "The Wasteland." We know these are tulips, but even the bard would make artistic allowances, wouldn't he?

Weed control district proposed

The directors of the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District are proposing to organize a S.W.C.D. and Weed Control taxing district to include all of Morrow county.

One of the reasons for this venture is to stabilize the weed control program. At present, the weed control budget comes out of county funds; if the county budget should fail, it would be a problem for the

district. Another important reason is because the federal government is doing its best to get out of the conservation business.

To organize this district, funds for advertising and election costs are needed. Contributions may be mailed to Jean Bennett, Treasurer, Citizens in support of Morrow SWCD-Weed Control tax base, Route 2, Box 2357, Heppner, OR 97836.