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Big Bucks

Ted Scheer (left), and Rich Davies, both of Hood River, show off two five-point bucks they shot near Ditch Creek Guard Station, above Cutsforth Park. Davies, who said his father and grandfather hunted in the same place nearly every year, said he and Scheer got one buck opening morning and one the day after. Ernie McCabe of Central Market reports that the store has dressed around 50 deer and two elk.

Historical Society holds annual meeting

By Delpha Jones
The Morrow County Historical Society met at the Lexington Grange Hall on Sunday for their annual potluck dinner and meeting. The meeting opened with a prayer by Reverend Anderson of Lexington Baptist Church and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" with Jean Nelson as song leader and Rikka Tews as pianist. There were announcements and reports were made on a bus trip to Idaho and a planned trip to Winston Wildlife Safari in May. Minutes were read and approved as was the treasurer's report. The President thanked the ladies who were in charge of the "Chronicles", the Morrow County Historical Society's book. This group is hardworking ladies who do a tremendous job each year: Lucille Peck, chairman; Justine Weatherford, Helen Currin, Lorene Griffith, Jean Nelson, Alma Green and Rachel Harnett, resource person. The book was dedicated to Inez Erwin, who passed away this year and

was a dedicated member of this group and a worker in the society. The calendars are indeed great and the committee of Jean Bennett, Sandy Bennett and Judy Barber were thanked for their fine job. The calendars and Chronicles are for sale from one of the directors and at Murray Drugs. The Chronicles are \$3 and the calendars are \$4. As it is a limited printing they should be purchased early. Don McElligott gave a report on the Cecil Bridge which is to be moved soon. Jean Nelson asked if there were any century farms to be listed this coming year and gave a report on the updating of the cemeteries in the county. A report was heard on the book by D. Ordell Calkins, "Ione and Us," a copy of which will be given to the libraries in the county. DuPuis of the Umatilla County Historical Society, Mrs. Beddows from Pendleton, who is a student of the Lewis and Clark Trail and author of a book about Wallowa County,

and Joe Feathers and son from Spalding, Idaho, who spoke on the Delaware Indians and a book being written about them. The nominating committee reported that the following had agreed to be nominated - Jean Nelson, Sue Vinson, Delpha Jones and Dorris Graves as three year trustees elected. The group said "Count Your Blessings", after which a board member, Don Eppenbaugh of Irrigon, introduced Doc Chiniard, who gave a most interesting and educational talk on the Lewis and Clark expedition, and showed beautiful slides of the trail they took. The area around Irrigon was one of the areas mentioned in their diaries. Following the program a short business meeting was held. At this time the president appointed a by-law committee to update the by-laws. The meeting was adjourned and coffee and visiting were enjoyed.



Sheriff's deputy harvest "prime" pot crop

Morrow County Undersheriff Verlin Denton, left, and Deputy Jim Hankin display marijuana plants confiscated in a circle farm in North Morrow County last Thursday. Denton said the 34 plants, which range in height from four to eight feet, were "prime" quality hybrids which would bring from \$40 to \$50 thousand on the street. He estimated that each plant would yield two to five pounds of marijuana, which has a street value of \$125 an ounce.

"Somebody's put a lot of effort into this," said Denton, who noted that from the appearance of the roots, the plants look as if they had been raised at home and then transplanted. The plants, discovered by a combine driver, were in two different locations within a circle farm. Penalties for growing the marijuana, which is a felony, could result in up to 20 years in the state prison, said Denton. He said that the Sheriff's Department is still investigating.

Trash can project underway

By Avon Melby

City of Heppner officials and members of the chamber board will paint trash cans to go on Main Street. Mayor Cara Costa told the council Monday the job had not been done during the summer as planned, so the council members were asked to join her in working on the project at city hall Tuesday. They agreed, and the paint will be applied starting at 5:30 Tuesday evening. An offer of an old church to put in the city park made by Louis Carlson was rejected by the council. It was thought to be too much of an attractive hazard for kids to climb on. Council members said they were afraid a child might be hurt. A request was made for two signs on Main Street. Charlie Wisdom said he wanted to put a right-angle sign in front of the Charlie's Pizza and Video World business at 143 N. Main. Mayor Costa said the library board had asked permission to place a sign for the library and museum by the sidewalk in front of that building. Both were referred to the planning commission for a ruling. Formal action for presenting a request to the voters on Nov. 4 for a \$100,000 per year serial levy for three years was made by motion and passed without dissent. It is the same serial levy defeated in the September vote. The need for work on sewer

and water lines and street surfacing is great and if the voters realize just how dangerous it is to let the work go longer it is hoped they will pass the request this time, the mayor said earlier. A poll of council members taken before the issue was re-submitted to the county clerk, and they agreed. Attorney Bill Kuhn reported the justice court had expressed interest in the city having a place to house city prisoners. At present the city has no arrangements with any facility to accept prisoners. The subject came up over the recent shooting of a gun within the city limits, Kuhn said. "If we are faced with any emergency we will have to find a place," he added. Senior Citizens are still interested in having a Senior Center on the ground floor of the remodeled hotel, Kuhn said. He reported on an over-three-hour meeting Monday on the subject with the Senior building committee members. No agreement has been reached on just how it can be done, and "we will be working on it probably for the next two weeks." Bullet proof vests for two policemen have been received, Chief Douglas Rathbun reported. Council authorized purchase of one more for Officer Gary Bingham. Cost of the tailored vests is \$255 each.

Rathbun asked the mayor of the status on the proposed changing the city police department to one operated by the county. Kuhn said he had been researching what it would involve and from what he had heard from some cities that have tried it, there are too many problems involved. Any such change would be difficult because of unions, and differences in city and county requirements, he said. The suggestion will probably be dropped. Permission to keep three horses on his property at 387 Linden Way was granted to Jimmy Clark, as long as no objections were received by the city or from neighbors. Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine asked that it be announced that permits would be required for any outside burning in the city, beginning now. City Administrator Marshall Lovgren was authorized to send a letter giving Robert Johnson 10 days to repair the sidewalk at his home on Court Street. The work will be done and Johnson will be billed for the work. The fire department is considering burning the partially burnt Dick house on Chase street and the old McNamee home that has been vacant and not kept up for several years unless something is done by owner soon, Lovgren told the council.

County Court selects representative

Morrow County Court last Wednesday selected Commissioner Jerry Peck as the court's representative to serve a one-year term on the Board of Equalization. Matt Doherty, budget committee member, was appointed to represent that committee on the board. Peck and Doherty will select a third person to complete the board. The board hears complaints and makes recommendations for equalization of property taxes. County Architect Bob Smith reported to the Court that the library roof is fairly well patched now and

not in any immediate danger of leaking. He said that he would have further information and make recommendations at the Court's October 8 meeting. In other business, the Court agreed to host a luncheon for the regional meeting of county clerks. It heard that the Dept. of Veterans Affairs has approved the county's request of \$5,721 reimbursement for a Veterans Affairs officer. It heard that County Planner Deane Seeger is still collecting data and information for the Boeing Comprehensive Plan.

Rummage sale Oct. 18.

The group of senior men who are picking up articles for the annual Senior Mealsite Sale at the fairgrounds on Saturday Oct. 18, report that the collection of saleable goods is growing. They are, however, eager to increase the variety and number of pre-used things to be offered at the sale and auction. The senior women will be serving luncheon dishes during the sale hours. The sale will begin at 9 a.m., and at 10:30 a.m. some of the special items collected will be auctioned. The committee that has been working for months getting ready for this big effort states that volunteers are urgently needed next week to help sort and price rummage. Folks should come to the fairgrounds on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16 and 17, to get everything ready for the Saturday, Oct. 18 sale. Leaders of the committee are: Paul and Blanche Jones, Bob and Babe Harris, Clayton and Sophie Ayers, Everett and Helen Keithley, Wilbur and Marie Steagall, Lewis and Dot Halvorsen and Jane Rawlins.

Judge McElligott named to committee

Donald McElligott, Morrow County Judge has been named committee member of the National Association of counties (NACo) Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee by NACo President John Horsley from Kitsap County, Washington. NACo's 12 steering committees form the policy making arm of county government. Each committee is composed of approximately 40 county officials who meet during the year to examine issues critical to local government. Their recommendations on county legislative goals are presented to the nation's county officials at NACo's annual conference. As a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee, Judge McElligott will take part in the ongoing analysis of national issues and how these issues affect the counties. The committee will be responsible for a thorough analysis of NACo's platform, proposed amendments and resolutions. The committee has traditionally met three times annually, and members attend the Annual and Legislative conferences. Travel arrangements and costs are the responsibility of each committee member. Founded in 1935, the National Association of Counties works to improve county government, to act as a national spokesman for counties, to serve as a liaison between counties and other levels of government, and to achieve a public understanding of the role of counties in the federal system. With headquarters in Washington, D.C., the Association has more than 2,000 member counties representing 42,000 elected and appointed county officials.

John Bristow named to Port



John Bristow, Ione, has been named to the Port of Morrow as a new Commissioner. Bristow, owner of Bristows Market in Ione, will replace LeRoy Gardner, Heppner, who resigned earlier.

Tourism Committee plans contest

The south Morrow County Tourism Committee met at the office of chairman Fred Lundin last Friday morning. The committee discussed on-going plans to promote tourism in the area, including printing of a brochure, and selection of a slogan for the City of Heppner. It was decided to hold a contest where the public would submit ideas. The contest ideas will be discussed further.

Charlene said the county is discussing printing up a small brochure showing hiking trails and points of interest out of the park. She showed a picture scrapbook which has been assembled showing the improvements at Cutsforth Park. The next meeting of the Tourism Committee will be Oct. 28, 8 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Market Report

Companions of the Morrow County School Teachers

Tuesday, October 7	
Soft White	
Oct.	\$2.75-\$2.79
Nov.	\$2.81-\$2.83
Dec.	\$2.85-\$2.87
Jan.	\$2.86-\$2.91

Barley

579	
Hard Red	\$2.82

PIK

Generic 116% cash certificates

Important St. Pat's meeting set

There will be a very important organizational meeting of the Heppner St. Patrick's Day committee next Monday, Oct. 13, at Charlie's Pizza in Heppner, says Merchant Committee Chairman David Sykes. Anyone who is involved with, interested in or has ideas for the 1987 St. Patrick's Day celebration is invited and urged to attend. "We will discuss plans and set up committees to make the 1987 celebration bigger and better than ever. So it is an important meeting," says Sykes.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

September 30 - October 6			
	High	Low	Precip
Tues.	56	40	0
Wed.	60	35	0
Thurs.	59	38	0
Fri.	69	41	0
Sat.	71	45	0
Sun.	75	45	0
Mon.	77	47	0