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New business opens in Heppner

A new business, the Big Bite deli, opened in Heppner Monday, Dec. 22. Located next to the laundromat, the deli serves whole or half sandwiches, nachos, burritos, coffee, soft drinks, hot cider, and hot chocolate from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. Take-out service is available by calling 676-5516. The deli is closed Sundays.

"We have been busy since we opened," Manager Vicky Correa said, "and I'm sure some people don't know yet that we've opened."

Next summer, we will have some tables outside in a patio area, she said. "All our sandwiches are special; there's something for everybody's taste, and no matter how you slice it, it's still a big bite."

Bill Snyder, the deli's owner also owns a Big Bite in Hermiston.



Vicky Correa (left) and Donna Roy prepare sandwiches weekdays at the new deli.

New program in schools helps prevent substance abuse

Helping students be the best they can be is the goal of a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program beginning in the county's schools this year.

The Impact program uses a new concept in drug abuse, Heppner High School Counselor Liz Curtis explains, that those who are using harmful drugs can be helped before they lose everything.

Last spring district administrators and the school boards approved the program, so Curtis and two other Heppner teachers Barbara Hayes and Phyllis Payne attended a training program at the Deaconess Hospital Adolescent Care Unit in Spokane, Washington.

The first step of the program is prevention and education which needs to begin at elementary schools, she said, teaching kids ways to say

"no" to drugs.

The second step, intervention, involves breaking through heavy denial that accompanies substance abuse and forcing the user to admit and seek help for a problem. "If we suspect an abuse problem, we contact the families," she emphasized because cooperation is necessary to effect prevention. "We don't want the whole responsibility for prevention dumped on the schools."

"We don't hassle kids or families," but we do expect kids to perform when they're at school and that requires a chemical free atmosphere.

Andee Ehlerth from the Adolescent Care Unit conducted a training session in Heppner in early November. "It's easy to notice the student who excels," she told area teachers, "but we sometimes miss the obvious because we don't really pay attention." Repeated symptoms such as red eyes, vomiting, slurred speech, a hostile attitude, and sleeping in class may indicate a problem, she said.

Most kids who use drugs and alcohol are trying to escape a great deal of pain that they can't handle alone, Ehlerth said. Drugs and alcohol can create euphoria and relieve the pain momentarily. Alcohol is the most commonly abused in Morrow County.

The program's third step, community awareness and alternate activities will come later, Curtis said.

Ehlerth affirmed their importance.

Fulltime treatment of substance abuse at the Care Unit involves teaching kids how to have fun again, by swimming, bowling, riding, mountain climbing or whatever activity is available. An aware, involved community can help keep kids from needing the Care Unit in the first place, she said.

Ehlerth offered the following drug abuse prevention checklist:

-Be very specific in identifying which chemicals may be legitimately used in the community. That may involve coming out and saying "Illegal drugs are not O.K. and if found they will be flushed."

-Establish specific guidelines for use of alcohol. For example, it's O.K. to have a glass of wine with parents on Christmas Day, but it's not O.K. at a football game.

-Develop ways to communicate with one another; don't let anyone become too Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired. Stressful times are when people tend to do things to hurt themselves.

-Define specific "rites of passage" into adulthood. Getting a driver's license and graduating from high school are legitimate ones, she said.

-Find fun, creative activities to help alleviate stress. Not using needs to be as much fun as using. One activity used at the Care Unit was a swim party where the movie "Jaws" was shown on the walls.



Andee Ehlerth



Barbara Hayes (left), Ashley Conklin, Heppner High School vice president who is helping organize local

chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving; Phyllis Payne; and Liz Curtis work together to deter drug abuse among students.

Open house slated

An Open House from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5 at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner will honor newly-elected county officials as they begin their terms of office. The public is invited to attend. Judge-elect Louis Carlson, District Attorney-elect Jeff Wallace, Commissioner Irv Rauch, and Justice of the Peace Charlotte Gray will swear the oath of office early Monday morning before Judge Robert Abrams of Pendleton.

G-T office to close Jan. 1-2

The Heppner Gazette-Times office will be closed Thursday and Friday January 1 and 2. The office will, however, be open for regular office hours Monday, January 5 and the newspaper will be published on Wednesday as usual. Regular deadlines will be observed: 5 p.m. Monday for news stories and letters to the editor, 1 p.m. Tuesday for classified ads, and 7 p.m. Tuesday for display advertising.

Local businesses will close Jan. 1

Local offices and businesses including the four area markets report that they will close Thursday, January 1. They will open again Friday.

The school district office, however, will be closed Wednesday through Friday and open Monday morning when school resumes after the Christmas vacation.

1986 was a year of discontent, change, and positive effort

Morrow County was covered with a seemingly-permanent blanket of snow when it greeted 1986. More than the season has changed in the county since then.

Pat Brindle celebrated her retirement as Neighborhood Center Coordinator after 18 years and seven months of service.

Health Division for life.

April

Beth Williams, advertising manager of the Boardman Enterprise was murdered by Jerry Joe Wilson, 27, an employee of a Baker oil distributor. Wilson was later convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, Joe Lutz, stopped in Heppner in his campaign to unseat incumbent Senator Bob Packwood.

Heppner High School high jumper Wayne Wilgers and lone javelin thrower Deena Hams were selected by the International Sports Exchange to travel to Asia from July 5-12 and to compete in a track meet at Canton.

The Gazette-Times installed computerized typesetting equipment.

Pat Scott became director of the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Valley Lutheran Church celebrated its 100th anniversary with a worship service and program involving several former pastors and members and a gala Swedish potluck dinner.

The Columbia Basin Electric Co-op Board of Directors approved a long range plan for the reconstruction of the transmission line from Bonneville Power Administration point of delivery into Heppner at an estimated cost of \$1.7 million. Construction is expected to begin in March and be completed by November, 1987.

An early morning April 29 fire destroyed a small outbuilding used as a bedroom on Baltimore St. in Heppner.

May

Boeing revealed plans to the Morrow County Planning Commission for development of a \$10 million antenna test range near Boardman.

Heppner Garden Club and Chamber of Commerce cooperated in placing eight planters of evergreens along Heppner's Main Street.

Controversy concerning proposed siting of a senior citizen center came to the surface at a Monday, May 12 Fair Board meeting. Discussion concerned two sites, one across Hinton Creek from the fairgrounds which would have required a bridge and paving around the site before construction could begin, and the other on the fairgrounds where a little league field is located.

Heppner freshman Bryan Padberg became the first-ever Heppner thinlinead to win two state championships: the 1500 and 300 meter runs. To qualify for state Padberg broke a record set by his father Lee, in the 1500 meters. Bryan's time was 4:08.2.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital closed obstetric facilities. Dr. Clare Koznek cited expensive equipment and insurance costs as the reason he would no longer deliver babies at the facility.

June

Morrow County conducted its first-ever vote by mail election June 24. Voters approved a \$2,469,040 Morrow County Operating levy by a vote of 1173 yes to 1145 no.

The Ford Circus came to Heppner complete with an elephant race along Willow St. east of Main.

Ted Sampson, 39, Irrigon livestock producer and marketer, announced that he was beginning a signature drive to gain a spot on the November ballot as an independent candidate for Morrow County Judge.

July

Neil Goldschmidt spent the afternoon and evening campaigning in Heppner.

Kinzua employees accepted an across-the-board \$1.75/hour wage cut.

Morrow County Court rezoned 4,000 acres near Boardman so that Boeing could build a radar antenna test range on the property.

Kinzua Corp. proposed building a stud mill which would employ about 12 people and use White Fir trees.

The G-T changed the look of its front page. Remember how it used to look?

August

The Sheriff's Office seized 12 marijuana plants in a circle of corn growing near I-84. The plants ranged in size from three to five feet in height. A full-grown plant has an approximate value of \$1,000.

A gala weekend was planned in Boardman and Irrigon for the first major canoe race in Oregon.

Queen Dawn, 19-year-old daughter of Bryan and Sharon Timms of Irrigon, reigned over the Fair and Rodeo along with Princesses Sandi Wright and Missy Schoonover.

The Morrow County Courthouse exterior was repaired and restored to its original historic look.

A Main Street beautification project and parking lot was completed

with the cooperation of many Heppner organizations, individuals, and businesses.

Tony Curran and his horse TJ won the Morrow County Calf-roping saddle.

A four-acre addition to Cutsforth Park was dedicated. The addition will allow 10 more camp spaces at the county-owned facility.

September

Lexington celebrated its first annual harvest festival.

Representative Bob Smith (R-2nd Dist.) spent a day campaigning in the Heppner area.

The Ione Community and Agri-Business Organization announced plans for 80 acres of land near Ione donated by Delbert "Slim" Emert for residential development.

The Rev. Vaughn Gossman and his family came to serve the Heppner Nazarene Church.

The Rev. Cathy Barker left the lone congregation after seven years here.

The Sheriff's Dept began a livestock patrol in cooperation with the Oregon State Police in an effort to check an increasing problem with cattle theft.

The Heppner Police Dept. conducted a bicycle rodeo for grade school children at Heppner Elementary School.

A 15-year-old juvenile was taken into custody pending charges of three counts of Burglary II at which occurred at the Morrow County Courthouse.

The Port of Morrow announced that it has leased property in its industrial park to Heppner Transfer and Potato Nuggets.

An investigation involving the drowning of Portland auditor Philip D. Pestes, was closed. Pestes, a PGE employee, was found floating in the 1450-acre pond at the Portland General Electric coal fire plant near Boardman on August 25.

The South Morrow County Park District Board approved a plan for development of a proposed park at the Willow Creek Dam site.

October

The Heppner Lions Club work party built a new foot bridge across Willow Creek behind the bowling alley.

The County Court accepted a petition from Dr. Steve Zielinski and Irrigon City Manager Don Eppenbach asking the court to form two health districts in Morrow County.

Judy Buschke, executive director of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service was promoted to Operations Reviewer, a new position created by ASCS.

Morrow County received an \$8,325 state grant for improvements at Anson Wright Park.

A 7.3 mile section of the Western Route from North Fork to just beyond Cutsforth Park was completed following two years of construction.

Democratic candidate for Congress Larry Tuttle stopped by the G-T office on a campaign swing through eastern Oregon. Tuttle attempted to unseat incumbent Bob Smith for a position in the U.S. House of Representatives.

New driver licensing requirements went into effect requiring many farmers and ranchers to upgrade their driver licenses.

November

District Attorney Rick McNeerney announced that he would open a private practice in Heppner at the close of his term.

James William Pickle, 19, Heppner, was charged with Attempted Murder and Assault of a Public Safety Officer.

Senior citizens proposed moving a planned Senior Citizen Center to

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Weather Report

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December 24 - 30

High Low Rain Snow

Tues.	48	34	0
Wed.	48	30	0
Thurs.	45	31	0.2
Fri.	51	24	0
Sat.	45	21	0
Sun.	46	25	0
Mon.	54	29	0

Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Soft White

Jan \$2.95/\$2.97

Feb \$2.98

Barley \$71

Jan \$73

Feb \$73

Hard Red Winter \$2.86

Jan

PIK

Generic certificates 103 1/2 cash