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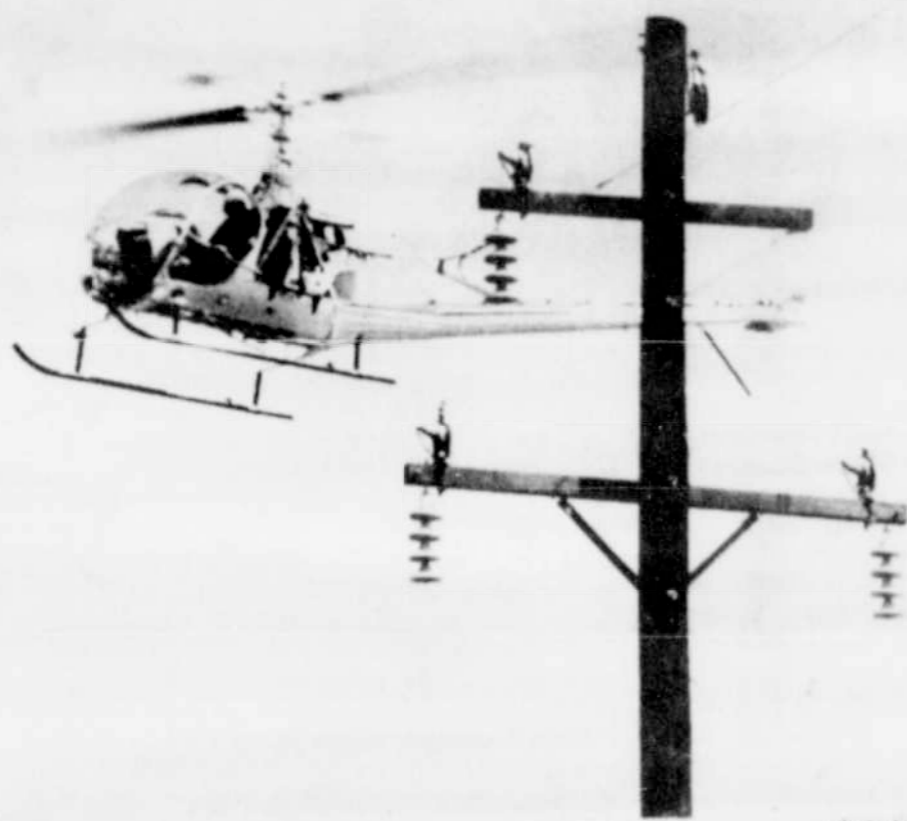


photo by Joyce Hughes

Main power line construction underway

Reconstruction of the main power line from Baseline Road into Heppner has begun. Approximate cost of the reconstruction is \$1.5 million. Replacement of the old power line was necessary because it has deteriorated to a point where frequent outages occur as a result of the line's condition, Columbia Basin Manager Fred Toombs said.

The new line will follow a route that is generally closer to the highway than the old line did. The contractor plans to set poles and string a majority of the wire with a helicopter, he said.

Progress on the line is subject to weather conditions, so dates and times of planned power outages are not known at this time. Customers

will be notified of planned outages by mail, as far in advance as possible, he said.

County parks may be added to state tourist map

By Avon Melby

Two parks and a lake in Morrow County will be added to the new tourist map of Oregon to be put out soon, City of Heppner Planning Commission hopes. Names and location of Cutsforth Park on Willow Creek, Anson Wright Park, and the Willow Creek Dam and Lake at Heppner will be sent in to the state for inclusion in the new map. The city's historic courthouse and hotel will also be mentioned as things to see, with the county museum at Heppner noted as a place to visit.

The map is listing locations that might draw tourists to areas throughout the state.

Work is progressing in the hospital area with an enlarged landing pad for the helicopter planned. A letter from the county notified the Commissioners adjacent land to the present pad is owned by John Shaw and the county is negotiating to fill that land to the same height as the present pad and will include it in one about twice as big as the present one. A representative of the helicopter service has looked at the area and reportedly said it would be satisfactory for landing.

A contract for landscaping and planting the weedy areas in the vicinity is expected to be signed soon the letter stated.

Arnold Goldfish has received much attention by the television news media recently—and all because Heppner resident Molly Rill took the time to write a letter to the Governor.

Portland news stations reportedly lightened their broadcasts last week with a story about Arnold Goldfish in a letter Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt read during a news conference.

Confused? Rill's letter to the governor will clear things up.

The text of the letter follows:

"Since I have been having so much fun at your expense, I thought I should let you in on the fun (at least I hope you will think it is funny).

"Last fall when you were nice enough to come to Heppner to help us celebrate our Centennial, you evidently stopped by the elementary school for a short visit. I was made

New administrator arrives at hospital

Ernie Wick, 38, most recently of Richland, Washington, arrived in Heppner last week and has assumed the duties of Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator. He replaces Marvin Darr who has been interim administrator at the hospital since John Hempel's unexplained March 25 resignation.

First among Wick's priorities at Pioneer is getting a full-time physician for Heppner. "We are talking to physicians to arrange for doctor coverage at the hospital after July 1 and until a permanent full-time physician can be found," he said.

With the new county-wide medical board starting July 1, a new hospital administrator, and a new physician coming in, he said he sees the situation as a positive challenge and chance to work in the community.

Wick and his wife Catherine have three children, Ann, 7, Brian, 4, and Richard, 15 months. They intend to become involved with the community, he said. He considers Bend his hometown, and his wife grew up in Cascade Locks, so they are comfortable with the size of Heppner, he said. They came to visit the town even before his interview with the

hospital board and found the town friendly and open which, he said, left them with a warm feeling. "I have a good feeling about coming to Heppner; I've come here to work with the people of the county," he said, "and with that in mind, am here to stay."

Wick was Radiology manager at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Richland just prior to coming to Heppner. Before that, he was Supervisor of the CAT Scan Department at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton for 2½ years. For five years he was with the Metropolitan Hospital System in Portland as a supervisor, public relations officer, and was responsible for starting new services.

During all of this time, he said, he was an independent consultant for hospitals advising them on starting new services, formulating marketing plans, evaluating hospital equipment needs and selection, setting up budgets for new departments and new services, and training staff when necessary. He has a bachelor of arts



Ernie Wick

degree in health technology with minors in administration and business from Oregon Institute of Technology. He also has an associate degree from OIT in radiology science and has taught radiology in the Portland area.

Home health administrator to become senior services supervisor

The Area Agency on Aging has announced the selection of Sandra Rill to serve as the Morrow County Senior Services Supervisor replacing Phyllis Hunter who has been the Morrow County Senior Services Supervisor for three years. Hunter has received a promotion and will

transfer to the Pendleton office to assume the duties of Case Manager/Legal Services.

Rill will take over her new position on June 15. She will act as liaison between available government programs and citizens over sixty and the handicapped over 18. She will also be responsible for the senior meal site and homemaker programs. Rill has attended Oregon State University and has taken various classes at Blue Mt. Community College.

She is bringing with her 9½ years of experience in the Home Health field where she was responsible for organizing and directing the ongoing functions of the agency. She has developed cooperative relationships with health and other related organizations in the exchanging of information and services, said a spokesperson from the Pendleton office. She's had experience in budget and financial planning as well.

Rill is a longtime resident of the area. Her husband William is a sheep rancher. They have two grown children, Dean, who is employed by Simplot and Noella, a sophomore at Oregon State University, and three children at home, Jennifer, Cory and Madara.



Sandra Rill

Trivia Contest

Beginning this week Charlie's Pizza and Video World in Heppner, in conjunction with the Heppner Gazette-Times and Morrow County Trader, will sponsor a Trivia Contest.

A trivia question will be published each week in the paper and if yours is the first correct entry drawn, you will win a large pizza and pitcher of pop free from Charlie's.

Look for your entry blank in this week's paper or at Charlie's. Enter at Charlie's or the Gazette-Times.

Entry deadline is Monday.

This week's question: Who was the 1979 Round-Up princess from Heppner. If you know the answer you could be a winner.

Fire left Heppner powerless

Monday morning's power outage was caused when moisture got in the cracks of an old insulator on the main power line between Lexington and Heppner.

Because moisture conducts electricity, the top of the pole caught fire. Columbia Basin Electric crews

had power restored to the Heppner area within an hour.

Monday's outage was not one of the planned outages connected with construction of the new main line. Times and dates for these outages will be announced later by Columbia Basin Electric officials.

When did Arnold Goldfish come to Heppner?



Lonnie Rill

aware of this through my seven year old son, Lonnie Rill, a second grader at Heppner Elementary. A few days after your visit we were riding in the car and he excitedly said "Mom, I got to see Arnold Goldfish." I said

"Who?" and he again said "Arnold Goldfish." After three or four times of repeating, I finally said "Who is Arnold Goldfish?" Lonnie looked at me so disgustedly and said "You know who he is...he's the state President."

"Don't take this to heart, though, as it seems Lonnie has inherited my inability to remember names. When his brother was born he called him "Whose his name" for about a month.

"Thanks for letting me share this with you."

Rill reports receiving a letter from the governor, "You made my month," he said about her letter.

Heppner athlete chosen for all-star series

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner basketball star Wayne Wilgers will play in the East West Oregon Class "A" and "B" all-star series this weekend. The all-star series is for high school seniors only.

Wilgers, who led the Mustangs to the district tournament this past season as a senior, was picked by coaches throughout the state to represent the 12-member East squad.

The two games Wilgers will play in this weekend are at Woodburn High School at 6:30 p.m. on Friday with a class "AA" East West game to follow at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday the all-star series will shift to Lane Community College with the games to start at the same times. Ticket prices for the games are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. Children six and under will be admitted free.



Wayne Wilgers

Wilgers was a first team Columbia Basin Conference all-star last season as a junior when the Mustangs made the class "A" state tournament and was a first-team

Heppner cowboy second after first quarter of chute out season

Tony Currin, a steer wrestler from Heppner is in second place with 52.0 points after one quarter of the 1987 Coors Chute Out season, according to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA).

Last year Currin not only won the Morrow County Calf Roping Sad-

dle, but also won the All-Around title at Morrow County, Spray, and Fossil rodeos. He competed at the national collegiate rodeo finals for four years. The son of Ron and Judy Currin, he has lived at the family ranch between Heppner and Echo most of his life.



Last day of School

Super sport was on the playground at Heppner Elementary School the last day of school as pupils participated in field day games. Second graders played "Pass the Dinosaur Egg" (basketball).

Academic fitness awards given

At a June 5 awards assembly at Heppner Elementary and Junior High School, eight students were honored for superior academic achievement. Receiving Presidential Academic Fitness Awards for their records for grades four-six were Sherry Bingham, Mark Conklin, Rhonda McDonald, Peter Pearson, Alecia Tarnasky and Laurel Webber-Gray. Junior high winners for seventh and eighth grade records were Bob Krein and Jeanie Patterson.

To qualify a student must receive a composite score in the top 20% of his peers on an achievement test (average of reading, language arts, and math) and must have a B+ (3.30) grade point average. The awards are given to sixth, eighth and twelfth graders.

CBC all-star as a senior. He was also an honorable mention all-state all-star as a senior.

As a senior Wilgers averaged 20.7 points and 9.7 rebounds per game to lead Heppner in both categories.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

June 2 - 8
High Low Prec.

Tues.	73	43	0
Wed.	85	56	0
Thurs.	86	54	40
Fri.	72	44	0
Sat.	80	50	0
Sun.	82	60	04
Mon.	74	48	03

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, June 9

Soft White	
New crop bid	\$2.83
Please call for new crop quotes	
Barley	
June	\$85
July	\$87
Aug	\$88.50
Hard Red Winter	
Ordinaries	\$2.95
PIK	
Generic Certificates	105% cash