

## County will not levy taxes for Lifeguard

Property taxes will be slightly lower than expected when voters approved the tax levy.

Morrow County will not levy taxes for Lifeguard Medical Transport, County Commissioner Jerry Peck announced Friday. Not collecting the tax will save property owners approximately 4¢ per \$1,000 of assessed property value, Assessor Greg Sweek said.

Voters approved a serial levy May 21, 1985 to help fund the Pendleton-based air ambulance service. This is the last year taxes could be levied without another vote, but since the Lifeguard Medical Transport, Inc. board has decided not to try to put the program back together, they notified the County Court that they would not claim the remaining \$28,143 tax dollars.

Lifeguard has had financial problems since its helicopter ambulance crashed last year. A replacement helicopter was in service for a short time, but was repossessed when Lifeguard Medical Transport, Inc. was unable to keep up the payments.

The board is liquidating its assets and making arrangements to pay the remaining bills, Commissioner Peck who is also a member of the Lifeguard board of directors, said. The process may take several

months. A privately-owned helicopter ambulance service (that does not receive tax support) based in LaGrande is still operating. The service will respond to pick up emergency patients in Morrow County, the commissioner said, but it will take the helicopter 15 minutes longer to get here from LaGrande

than from Pendleton. Since the levy was approved specifically for Lifeguard Medical Transport, Inc., it could not be used for any other air ambulance service, Peck said. If a new helicopter ambulance service should start up, voters should decide if they want to support it, he said.

## Qualifies for state contest

Thirteen members of the Heppner FFA Chapter attended the Umatilla County fair on Wednesday August 12 participating in livestock judging and tractor driving contests.

Jeff Rauch, a junior at Heppner High School won the Blue Mountain District FFA Tractor Driving contest and qualified for the State FFA Tractor Driving contest to be held on Sunday, Aug. 30 at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. Derek Hoeft placed fifth in the contest and Jerry Brosnan also competed on the team helping Heppner FFA place second in the contest.

The Heppner FFA Freshman team won the Greenhand Livestock Judging contest, Dean Munkers was the high individual in the Greenhand Contest (fourth high overall) and Cory Rill placed second among the



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Greenhand competitors (ninth overall), Mark Brosnan, Mike Gory-Cory Rill placed second among the  
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## School offices close for Friday inservice; kids return Sept. 1

Schools and the district office will be closed Friday, August 28 because all school district staff members will be at an inservice at Heppner High School. The school board learned Monday night that Elaine Yarbrough a consultant with Yarbrough Assoc. of Boulder, Colorado, will conduct the inservice workshop. She has worked with businesses, industry, government, and civic action groups and is known for her expertise in human resource development and conflict management.

Students will start school September 1.

In other business, the board: -heard that a 12-year-old irrigation pump at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon had been replaced. -heard that the administration had approved use of the bus yard for handicapped parking after regular working hours during the fair week. -heard that the district will advertise surplus property for sale. -approved the budget calendar for the coming year. -re-appointed Jerry Healy to the budget committee.

-set a tentative date of Wednesday, Sept. 2 for a work session to develop board goals.

-accepted bids from Copy Right for four Toshiba copy machines; Headley Fire Extinguisher Co. of Walla Walla for service of the district's fire extinguishers; A's Sewing Center of The Dalles for sewing machine service; and Automated Office Systems of Kennewick for service of the district's Canon Copiers.

-accepted Stan Talbott's resignation as language arts teacher at Riverside High School.

-accepted resignations from three classified employees: Terri Sandlin as North end bus driver, Jan Coe as Heppner shuttle bus driver, and

Terry Wood as assistant cook at A.C. Houghton and Columbia Junior High in Irrigon.

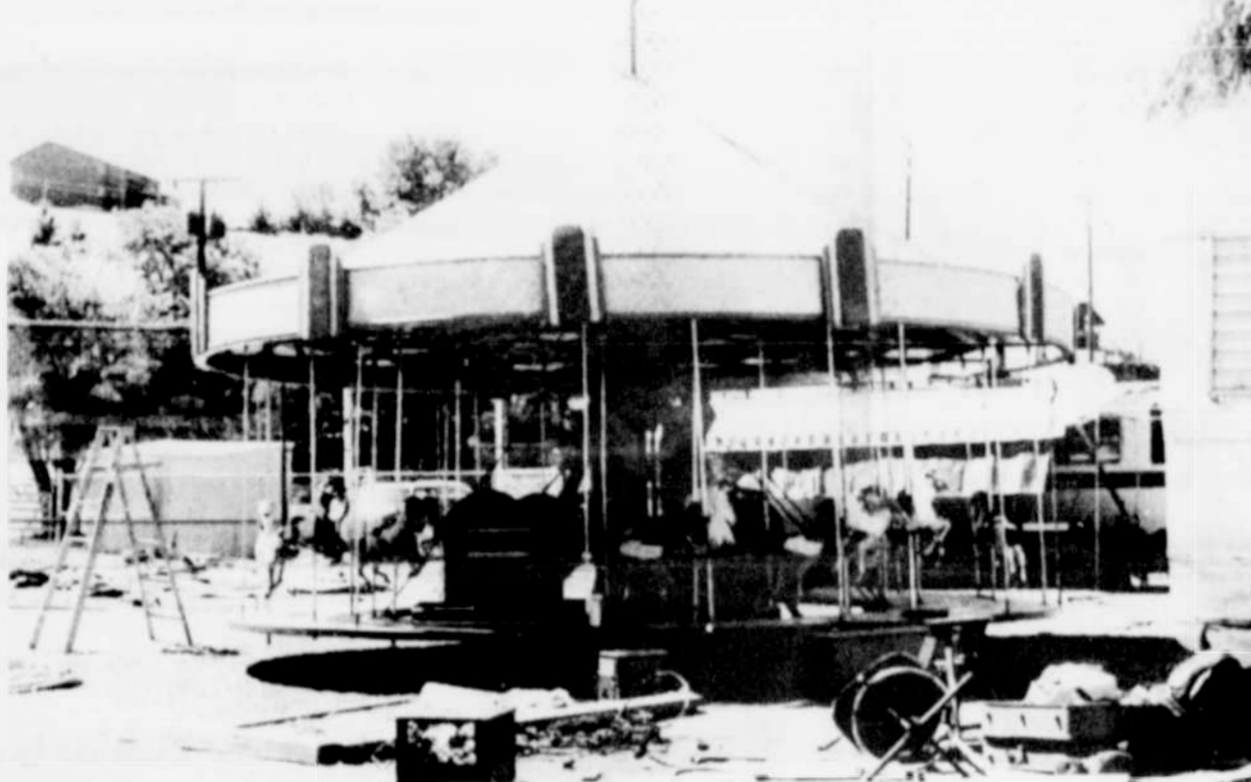
-approved Dorothy Stefani's

retirement after 16 years of driving bus at lone.

-approved a one-year unpaid leave of absence for Betty Christman, head

cook at Heppner Elementary School.

-extended contracts for certificated employees: John Adamson - music at A.C. Houghton; Steven Molthan



Setting up for Fair

Photo by Jim Clay

Workmen for Randy's Fun Land assemble a ferris wheel ride in preparation of the opening of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Aug. 19 in Heppner.

The fair and rodeo runs through Sunday, August 23 with lots of fun and entertainment for the whole family.

## Walla Walla hospital retains services to area veterans

Walla Walla Veterans Hospital has retained all inpatient and outpatient medical services, Director Thomas A. Trujillo told Morrow County Veterans Service Office

Donna Rietmann Monday. The hospital's mission is to provide medical care to all honorably discharged veterans in northeastern Oregon, in southeastern

Washington, and Idaho, he said.

The hospital had been threatened with a change of mission proposal which would have closed its inpatient services, Trujillo said. Our greatest concern has been maintaining our mission to provide inpatient care and outpatient care to eligible area veterans. The hospital has 13 physicians on staff including two general surgeons, a psychologist, internists, and cardiac specialists. The hospital also has a 31-bed alcohol treatment program.

All honorably discharged veterans used to be eligible for free medical care at the facility, he said. But for the last year a financial requirement has been added. Low income veterans still receive free medical care, but about seven percent of veterans in higher income brackets can be charged \$14 for an outpatient visit or \$520 for a 90-day inpatient stay.

Veterans can request that a family doctor refer them to a veterans facility or they can go directly to the Walla Walla facility. A copy of discharge papers and a service number is needed to determine eligibility. Veterans who have questions about their eligibility or the services offered at the Walla Walla hospital may contact Morrow County Veterans Service Officer Donna Rietmann at the Courthouse.

## Local photographer's work in traveling exhibit

A local photographer's work is on display with a traveling wheat in art exhibit.

Jean Bennett who last year won a Soil Conservation Service award for her photo, "The Last Harvest," has received honorable mention in an Oregon Wheat Growers League wheat in art contest for the same photo.

Her photo along with other winning works of art will be on display at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner through this week. The exhibit will travel to other cities in the state for the next few months.

"The Last Harvest" shows her husband Don harvesting the final crop of wheat before the steep hillside field was planted in to the Conservation Reserve Program. The photo also shows diversion ditches and grass waterways, other conservation methods.

Bennett, a lifetime resident of the area, snapped the color photo with a 35 mm Pentax M.E. A former school board member, she says her kids tell her she likes to take "people" pictures, but she also likes to photograph scenery. Taking pictures is just a hobby, she related she was surprised at the award.

Other works traveling with the exhibit are "Joy of Farming," an oil painting by Linda Smith of North Powder; "Persevere," an ink and watercolor by Chrissy Froese of Athena; "Time in Motion," an acrylic and glass by Lucinda Wagenblast of Portland; "Harvest Gold," an oil by Jerrine Beishe of Moro; "Harvest Cross," a wheat

weaving by Alene Rucker of Arlington; and "Rush before the Storm," a photo by Patty Matheny of Lexington.



Jean Bennett with Wheat League exhibit.

Photo by Joyce Hughes

## Morrow County Fair & Rodeo

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 19

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. .... Craft Village  
3:30 - 4 p.m. .... Guitar Music, Kane Taylor  
4 p.m. .... Cronelia Tellefson Demonstrates  
12 Noon - 4 p.m. .... Spinning and Weaving Demonstration  
5 p.m. .... Goat Tying Contest, 6 & under; 7-12; 13 & over.  
Terri Gentry  
7 p.m. .... Amateur Talent Contest, stage area - pavilion

Thursday, August 20

9 a.m. - all day .... 4-H Foods Contests  
9 a.m. - all day .... Livestock Conformation Judging  
All Day .... Senior Citizen's Day, \$1 Off Admission  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. .... Craft Village  
11 a.m. .... Stick Horse Race, 6 & under, Martha Munkers  
11 a.m. - all day .... Horse Shoe Pitching Contest, Al Fetsch  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. .... "The New Fall Look in Hair & Make-up" demonstration, Country Shears, stage area - pavilion  
3:15 p.m. .... Mini-Concert, Songs by Dawn Parm  
4 p.m. .... Flower Arrangement Contest, stage area - pavilion  
5 p.m. .... Shoe Kicking Contest, all ages  
7 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. .... Ed & Angie Dailey Concert (Paul Scott)  
"On the Road for God" stage show  
7:45 p.m. .... 4-H Public Fashion Revue

Friday, August 21

9 a.m. - all day .... Large Animal Showmanship (FFA advisors & Extension agents to determine order)  
9 a.m. - all day .... 4-H Foods Contest  
9 a.m. - all day .... 4-H Presentations  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. .... Craft Village  
1 p.m. .... FFA Tractor Driving Contest  
1:30 p.m. .... "Using the Food Processor" show by Birdine Tullis  
2 p.m. .... Golf Putting Contest, Sofi Struthers  
2 p.m. .... Musical Chairs, 6 & under, Cherry Weber  
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. .... "Making Bread" demonstration by Sandy Richardson, middle kitchen area  
3 p.m. .... "Songs of Yesterday" Small Band, picnic area  
4 p.m. .... Quick & Easy Ground Beef Main Dish Contest sponsored by the Morrow Co. CattleWomen, annex kitchen area  
4 p.m. .... Nail Driving Contest, all ages  
4 p.m. .... Morrow County Rodeo Slack Begins  
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. .... Ron's Sew & Vac, "Sewing with the Serger Machine" show, stage area, pavilion  
4:30 p.m. .... 4-H & FFA Round Robin Contest, show ring  
5:30 p.m. .... 4-H & FFA Master Showman, show ring  
6 p.m. .... 4-H Awards Presentation  
7 p.m. .... Morrow County Rodeo

Saturday, August 22

10 a.m. .... Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Parade, downtown Heppner  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. .... Craft Village  
11 a.m. - all day .... Fair Open to Public Viewing  
1:30 p.m. .... Open Rodeo, Rodeo Arena  
5:45 p.m. .... 4-H Pig Scramble, show ring  
6:00 p.m. .... 4-H & FFA Market Sale, show ring  
9:30 p.m. .... Rodeo Street Dance, Leonnig Family Band

Sunday, August 23

7 a.m. - 10 a.m. .... Wranglers Cowboy Breakfast, picnic area  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. .... Mid Columbia Christian Cowboys Church Service  
10 a.m. - 12 noon .... Log Bucking Contest, Little League Field  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. .... Fair Open for Public Viewing  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. .... Craft Village  
1:30 p.m. .... Open Rodeo, Rodeo Arena  
2 p.m. .... All Animal & Exhibits Released  
2 p.m. .... All Commercial Entries & Booths Released

## Weather Report

by City of Heppner

August 11 - August 17  
High Low Prec.

Tues.	81	51	0
Wed.	82	52	.03
Thurs.	74	51	.17
Fri.	72	48	T
Sat.	73	46	.0
Sun.	74	42	0
Mon.	77	47	.0