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## Ball retires from Kinzua after 42 years



Elvin Bell (L) and Paul Sumner (R) present a retirement gift to Leon Ball (center) for his 42 years of service for Kinzua.

Leon Ball of Heppner, retired this last week from Kinzua Corp. having worked there for 42 years and 5 months. He was given a watch for his years of working there.

Leon started to work at the mill for Orville Smith who owned the plant in 1946. A few years later in 1955, the mill was sold to Hitchcock and Russell and Paul Koenig was the plant manager. In 1955, Kinzua Corp. bought the plant and has operated and owned it since then.

Leon has seen a lot of changes in the time he has been at Kinzua. Basically the whole plant has been rebuilt. A plywood plant was added, which is no longer in operation.

A stud mill was built and continues to run nights. The sawmill is now computerized. The planer has been rebuilt although no major changes were made there, according to Ball.

He has worked as a certified grader for 21 years. He also worked in the sawmill for five years, ran the edger and drove hyster the last 2 1/2 years.

Leon and his wife Jean, who has worked for Gardner's for the last eight years, have three sons. Gary is married to the former Donna Bradley and has worked for the last 17 years at Kinzua where he is a foreman. Jay is married to Sharon (Hams) and lives in Hermiston and

works for Umatilla Electric as a lineman. Randy, the youngest, just started this past May working at Kinzua.

"Working at Kinzua has provided a good living, it was good steady work," according to Ball.

He has numerous plans for his "retirement" which include just relaxing for a while. Leon is very interested in woodworking and has a shop in which he will spend a lot of his time. He likes to fish and hunt and hopes to do some traveling. He and his wife also have a mountain place on Willow Creek where they will be spending some time.

## City Council officers sworn in for 1989



Mayor Cara Costa, left, swears in the new council members at a recent council meeting. Left to right: Wilbur Jackson, David Gray, Chuck Holt, Arnie Hedman, Kay Robinson and Rick Curtis.

According to a report by the engineering firm of Perry and Anderson of LaGrande, the city of Heppner's thirty-five year old sanitation plant has been confirmed in need of renovation.

According to Mayor Cara Costa, the estimated cost of this project is \$1,277,000. E.P.A. has, however, approved financing 55 percent of the cost and a community development grant would provide 22 1/2 percent of the remaining costs. It will be

necessary for the city to go out for a bond for approximately \$285,000, added Costa, saying the E.P.A. funds will no longer be available after this year.

The city council members for 1989 were sworn into office and Wilbur Jackson was re-elected council chairman.

It was reported by the City Administrator that the re-location of city water lines above Heppner on the Willow Creek project is complete. An anonymous donor has donated

two ATV vehicles to the city to be used for parade patrols, city inspections and search and rescue operations.

According to Bill Kuhn, city attorney, the Planning Commission will meet January 16 to consider re-locating the Sheriff's office from its present location at the courthouse. Handicapped access would be provided by this move to a residential area. A city zone change would be needed with a series of three public hearings.

## Vote for the 'Best Beard' at the Wine Tasting Thursday night



Doug Drake



Bill Kuhn



Fred Lundin



George Koffler



Steve Rhea



David Sykes

## Friday luncheon to feature youth panel

A highlight of his year's Town and Country Week, "Our County, Our Future, Our Kids" will be the youth panel at noon Friday at the Elks. Teens representing Riverside, Ione and Heppner High Schools will present a panel discussion on issues of concern to them. Facilitator will be Charles Adel, drug and alcohol supervisor for Morrow County and mental health specialist.

The student panel members were given their choice of a variety of topics such as: what job opportunities would encourage youth to remain in Morrow County, suggestions for out of school recreation, what changes could be made to make future more attractive and issues of personal concern. The audience will be able to participate.

This is an opportunity to hear from our young adults who are our future.

## Parents club to make carnival plans

The Parents club will hold a meeting Wednesday, January 11, 7 p.m. at the grade school cafeteria. This is an important meeting and there is lots of business to take care of in planning for the carnival to be held February 11. Anyone interested in helping in any way please be there or contact Joyce Hughes, president.

## Story Hour

Storyteller for this Thursday's Story time at the Heppner Public Library will be Debbie Royer telling about "Friends".

Story time begins at 10:30 a.m. and all children are welcome.

## Market Report

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Monday, Jan. 9	
Soft White	
Jan.	\$5.01
Feb.	\$5.01
March	\$5.02
Barley	
Jan.	\$111 T
Feb.	\$112 T
PIK	99%
New Crop	
July	\$4.20/\$4.15
August delivery	\$4.10

## Morrow County's Third Annual Town & Country Days

January 9-13, 1989

Heppner, Oregon

(All Meetings Are Open to the Public)

<b>Monday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Merchants Committee/St. Patrick's Day Committee. Kate's Pizza
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:45 p.m.	South Morrow Toastmasters Club
	12:00 p.m.	Kate's Pizza
		Heppner Area Chamber of Commerce Installation of Officers & Business Awards. Annual Luncheon. Elks Club - \$4.00
	1:30 p.m.	Willow Creek Park District Board Meeting. Elks Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Port of Morrow Booth
		Elks Club
	3:00 p.m.	Port of Morrow Board of Directors Meeting. Elks Club
<b>Thursday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Wine Tasting. Hosted by Heppner Soroptimists' Club. Beard Growing Contest Winner Announced. Heppner Jazz Band on Stage. Elks Club
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Annual Meeting. Greg Tillson, OSU Coordinator. Heppner Elks
	10:30 a.m.	Small Woodlands Annual Meeting. Elks Club
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch (\$5) with panel discussion of "Our Future in Morrow County" by teen representatives of Morrow County Schools. Elks Club
	1:30 p.m.	Livestock Growers Annual Meeting. Elks Club
	1:30 p.m.	Wheat Growers League Meeting. Elks Club
	1:30 p.m.	CattleWomen Annual Meeting. Elks Club
	6:00 p.m.	Happy Hour (Courtesy of Farm Credit Services). Elks Club
	7:00 p.m.	Prime Rib Dinner (\$11). Guest Speaker Mick Delaney. "The Future: It Ain't What It Used To Be". Presentation of Man & Woman of the Year, Coronation of the Fair & Rodeo Queen and Citizen/Educator Award. Elks Club

## Teacher negotiations reach crisis stage

Contract talks between Morrow County teachers and the Morrow County School Board have reached the crisis stage, according to Maureen McElligott, president of the Morrow County Education Association.

Contract talks broke down after the school board refused to move from their proposal of a 0% wage increase. "The teachers are frustrated and outraged," said McElligott. "The school board has said they have money in the budget to provide a fair wage, but they refuse to offer a fair wage increase." Morrow County teachers currently are earning about \$3,000 a year less than 76% of teachers in Oregon with

similar experience. "Even though inflation is currently 4.2% the school board continues to propose a 0% wage increase for the 1988-89 school year," said McElligott.

The school board has also proposed freezing the district-provided insurance at the 1987-88 level. "A 0% raise plus an increase in our out-of-pocket payment of insurance premiums equals a reduction in our take-home pay," McElligott said.

Negotiations have been going on for over 13 months. The teachers' contract expired June 30, 1988, and teachers have been working without a contract since then. No further talks have been scheduled.

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