

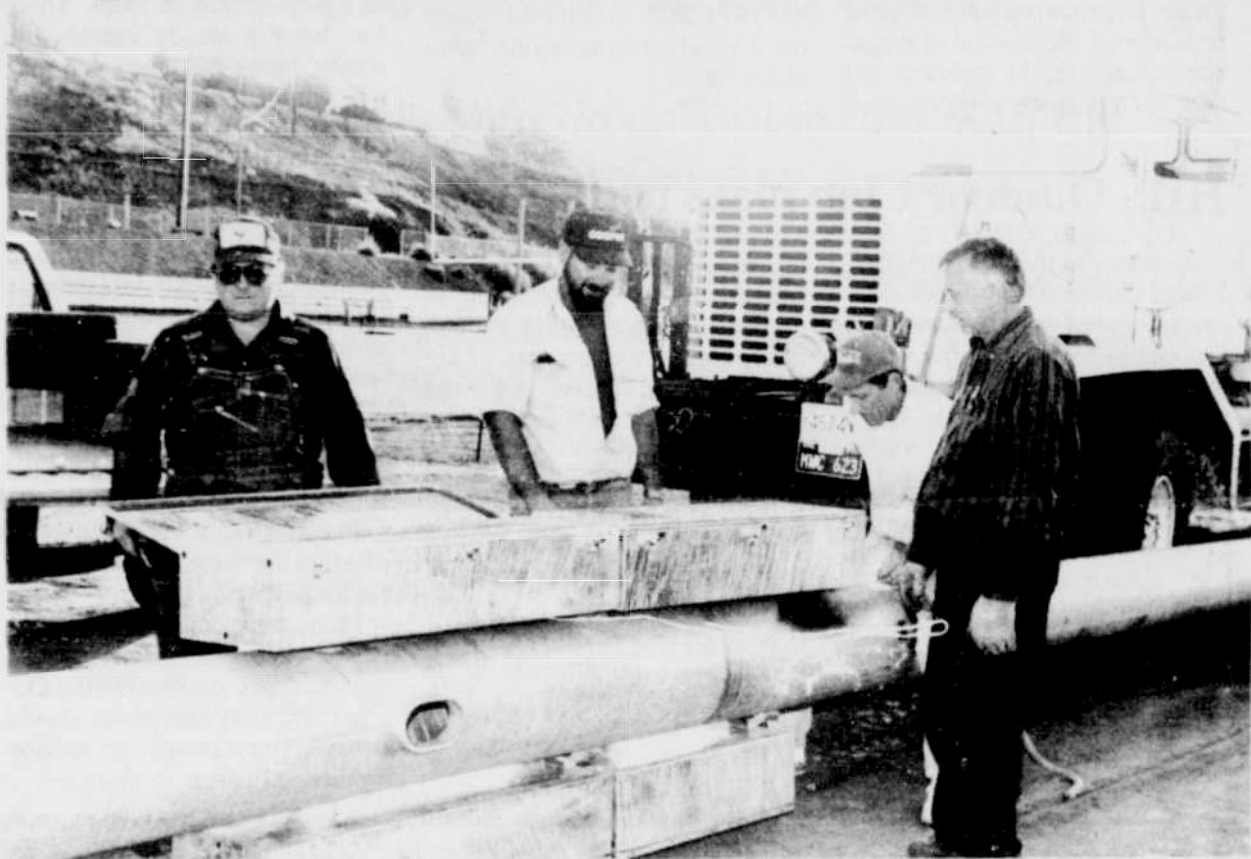
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## Lights installed at football field

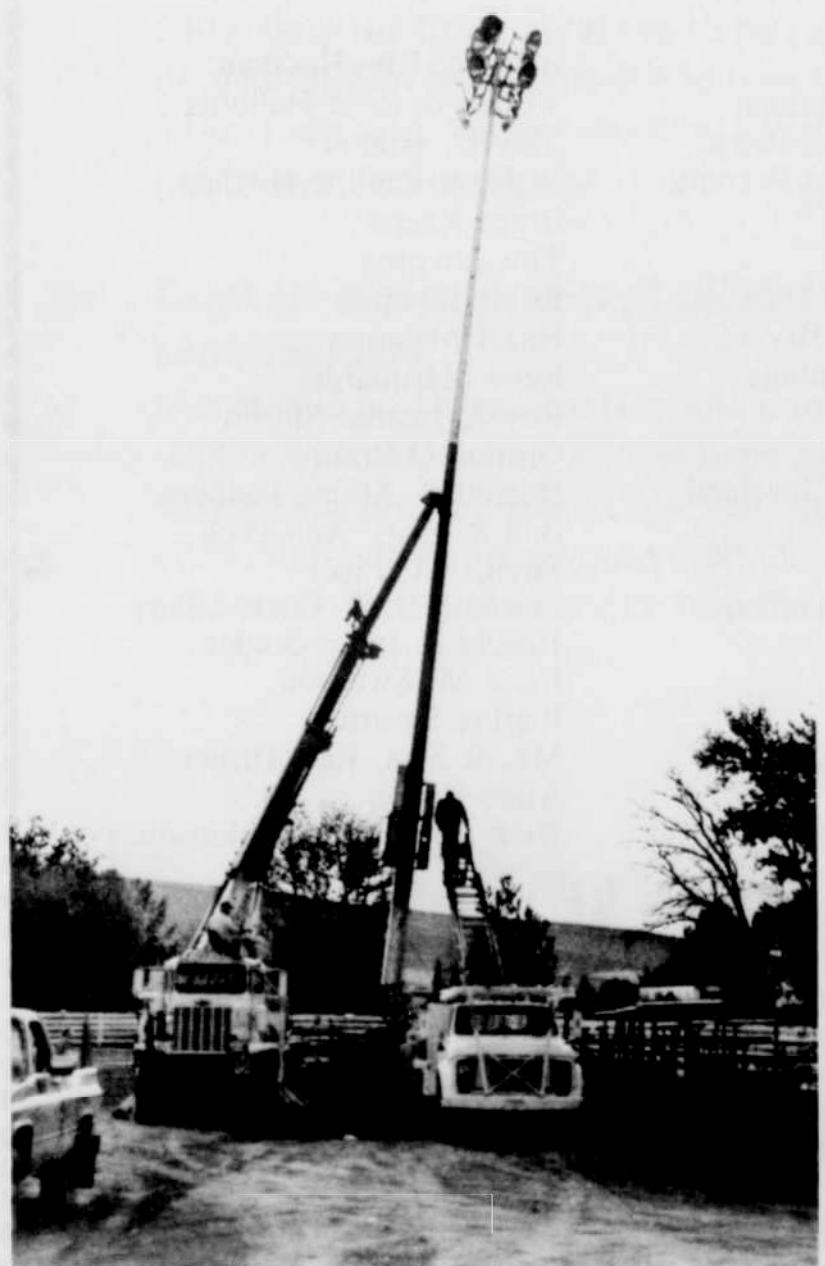


Photos by Joyce Hughes

Gary Munkers (L), Bill McDowell, Dale Conklin and Archie Ball get wiring ready on new light pole at Fairgrounds.

The last bank of lights to be installed at the Morrow County Fairgrounds football field were erected Tuesday, Oct. 6 according to Larry Mills, chairman of the fairgrounds improvement committee.

Some wiring and installation of the new scoreboard will be completed in time for the Heppner High School homecoming game against Wahtonka on Oct. 23, said Mills. A ceremony dedicating the new lighting system will be held during the game.



Columbia Basin's crane helps install new lights at football field.

Mills said that the project garnered "super cooperation," especially from the crew at Columbia Basin Electric, including Archie Ball, Les Ruybal and Bill McDowell, who turned out many evenings to help.

## Cheer clinic planned for girls

Grade school and junior high girls will get a chance to perform with the high school cheerleaders during a cheer clinic scheduled for Monday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 23. The girls will lead a cheer during first quarter of the Heppner High School homecoming game Oct. 23 and will also perform during half time of the game. In addition the girls will get a special T-shirt.

The clinic, for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade, will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School multipurpose room. Registration forms are available at the Gazette-Times or the grade school office. Forms must be returned to HHS cheerleader advisor Joyce Hughes or dropped off at the Gazette by Thursday, Oct. 15. Cost is \$17.50 per student.

## Candidates forum set in Boardman

A candidates' forum has been scheduled in Boardman on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Riverside High School auditorium.

The forum, sponsored by the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, will feature Scott Duff and Gordon Smith, candidates for the state senate district 29; Louis Carlson and Annetta Spicer, candidates for Morrow County Judge; Morrow County Commissioner candidates Ed Glenn and Don McElligott; candidates for Umatilla/Morrow District Court Judge, Peter Fels and Jeff

## Longtime 4-H leaders dedicated to kids

4-H is volunteers working for kids. During 4-H week, the organization honors some of the volunteers who enrich kids' lives by serving as 4-H leaders. Two of these Morrow County leaders have a combined total of 50 years in 4-H—Lois Richards of Irrigon and Maryan McElligott of Ione.

Lois Richards began working as a 4-H leader of a livestock group in 1964 when her oldest son, David, then nine years old, began 4-H. In the beginning she also had a cooking group. Lois says that she and her husband were talked into taking a group by Gladys Hobbs, another longtime 4-H volunteer in Irrigon.

All of Lois' children were involved in 4-H: David, who now lives in Boardman and is an electrician for Lamb Weston; Karen, who is continuing the tradition of 4-H leadership in North Powder; Robert, who lives in Irrigon and works for Lamb Weston; and Donald who also lives in Irrigon and works for Eastern Oregon Farms.

Lois now has grandchildren in her club, which numbered 15 members last year and is expected to soar to 20 members this year. "I will probably have some co-leaders this year," she says. Her husband Pete also is a longtime 4-H supporter, putting in 15 years as a leader himself.

Lois says that one rewarding instance, in particular, stands out in her memories of the 27 years spent as a 4-H leader—one boy whom she didn't feel really had it in him to become a showman, rose to the occasion and ended up winning beef showman in his class.

Maintaining continuity is one of the main reasons Lois continues in 4-H. "We have no leaders to take over," she said. This year she will have hogs, sheep and maybe beef groups.

The Richards worked hogs on Buttercreek before moving to Irrigon in 1960. They have had a ranch for 25 years and have beef, sheep and hogs. In addition to their four children they have nine grandchildren.

Maryan McElligott also began her 4-H career working as a leader with her children. After attending a 4-H meeting in Sacramento, CA, she started a cooking and sewing group for her daughters, Terry, then nine, Grace, eight and Janet, seven. The girls and their brother Mike, then 10, were also all in a rabbit group.

## Voter registration deadline Oct. 13

October 13 is the registration deadline to be able to vote in the November 3 election. Absentee ballots may be applied for by mail until Oct. 29, and in person from the Morrow County Clerk's office up to the day of the election.

Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth says that although both the Democratic and Republican parties are planning statewide absentee ballot campaigns, she is urging voters to send requests for absentee ballots directly to their local election office. Sending requests to the local office will ensure that the requests are received and processed in time for the election.

Completed absentee ballots must be received by the county clerk no later than 8 p.m. the day of the election.

In Morrow County active voters may request an absentee ballot by writing to Morrow County Clerk, P.O. Box 338, Heppner, 97836. Voters should include their signature in the letter.

Bloodworth also reminds voters who have changed their name or address to re-register or contact the clerk's office if they have any questions concerning their eligibility to vote.

According to Secretary of State Phil Keisling the 1992 General Election Voters' Pamphlet should arrive in Oregon homes before Oct. 13, the 20-day voter registration deadline.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Maryan McElligott (L) and daughter Bridget look over 4-H records.

After four years in 4-H in Sacramento, Maryan's husband L.J. (Jerry), retired after 20 years in the Air Force and they moved to Ione. That was the first of August. By fair time in mid August she was helping nieces with their fair outfits. "We were involved from the day we got here," said Maryan. Nineteen years later, she is still involved in 4-H, now with her youngest daughter Bridget, who is 15 years old and a teen leader this year. Bridget, an Ione High School sophomore, who was a junior leader last year, is involved in cooking, sewing, fiber arts and livestock. Maryan's husband also got into the 4-H act over the years, leading a livestock group.

Maryan commented that two of her daughters have really taken to sewing and "make everything." Another, who "used to pin hems going into style revue," has other talents that she has used to advance 4-H. Daughter Janet, who is employed as a writer for Farm Credit in Washington, D.C., is involved in a 4-H fund raising project involving Fleischman's Yeast. While she was home visiting with the family she sold 100 calendars, co-sponsored by 4-H and Fleischman's Yeast, raising \$100 for her sister, Bridget's local 4-H group. A son, Vincent, who lives in Virginia, works for the National 4-H Council. Part of his job includes traveling around the country to get corporate sponsorships for 4-H. A

recently scheduled trip to Burger King headquarters in south Miami, however, proved impossible because of the destruction by Hurricane Andrew.

Other McElligott children include Terri, a teacher who has taken a leave to further a singing career in Nashville; Mike, who is in the Air Force in Omaha; Grace, who is a doctor in Memphis; Matthew, who lives in Nampa and works as the north eastern Oregon-Idaho representative for Purina; and Patty, who is an occupational therapist in Miami.

Maryan says that with so many of her children involved in 4-H at the same time, fair time could become very hectic. One year, she had five children in 4-H and all five were showing animals. In addition to livestock showmanship three of the girls had two contests apiece.

McElligott and Richards are not alone in their service to kids and 4-H. Other long time Morrow County 4-H leaders include: 10-year veterans Chloe Pearson and Sue Proudfoot; 12-year veterans Nancy Miller, Jean Jepsen and Cheryl Hobbs; 13-year veterans Jan Evans and Gladys Hobbs; 14 years Al Brazell; and 19 years Judy Wright.

## Auction to raise pool funds

An auction with items donated by local merchants is set for Sunday, Oct. 11 at the Heppner Elks club at 12 noon. The event is sponsored by People for the Pool.

A pool calcutta will follow the auction and sign up for the calcutta will begin at noon.

A spaghetti dinner will start at 5 p.m. Prices are \$5 per plate or \$15 for a family. Free babysitting will be available all afternoon with donations accepted. Disney movies will be shown. Help is needed for cooking and cleaning. People for the Pool are also asking for salads and dessert contributions. These can be brought to the Elks club prior to 5 p.m.

Tickets for a Montana Silversmith jewelry set donated by Green Feed and Seed will be on sale for \$1 each.

All proceeds will be donated toward fund raising for a swimming pool in Heppner.

For more information call 676-9795, 676-5024 or 676-9252.

## Health planning meetings slated

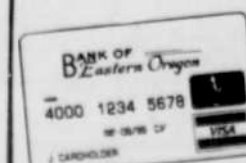
Two meetings have been scheduled concerning strategic health care planning for Morrow County.

The Heppner meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Basin conference room. A meeting in Boardman will be held on Thurs-

day, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall.

Anyone who would like to have constructive input in planning for the future health care needs of the citizens of Morrow County is invited to attend, according to Pioneer Memorial Hospital Administrator Kevin Erich.

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