

## Work continues on Lex convenience store

The new convenience store under construction in Lexington will definitely be a convenience for Lexington, Heppner and Ione residents and travelers passing through town. The CENEX Convenience Store, owned and operated by Morrow County Grain Growers (MCGG), is situated so that it will allow for entry for vehicles from both Hwy. 207 and Hwy. 74.

The store will offer more grocery items than generally found in convenience stores, says manager Carolyn Blodgett. In addition to the usual items, such as pop, beer, ice cream, chips, dips, snacks and gum, the store will offer gas, diesel, propane and pumping for card lock, a small line of automotive products and health and beauty aids. MCGG will also assume responsibilities at the store for postal service in Lexington. Blodgett says that plans are to landscape the area outside of the store and perhaps put picnic tables in a grassy area.

"We see our role as being an integral part of the community and having the community be a part of us," said Blodgett. "We want to operate a store that is friendly and that people enjoy coming to. We want to put a lot of emphasis on service."

Blodgett says that the store's opening date is still tentative. MCGG is targeting late August or the first part of September, depending on how construction proceeds. The store will operate seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. "We will be flexible, depending on activities in the community," adds Blodgett. "If there's a need to be there, such as after a game or other activity, we will."

Blodgett says that CENEX convenience stores, which are mostly associated with co-ops in rural areas, have been rated 26 or 27 out of 1,000 stores throughout the U.S. CENEX is based in the Midwest. Since she was hired, Blodgett has undergone training in finances and merchandising and has also traveled to several different convenience stores to take a look at their operations.

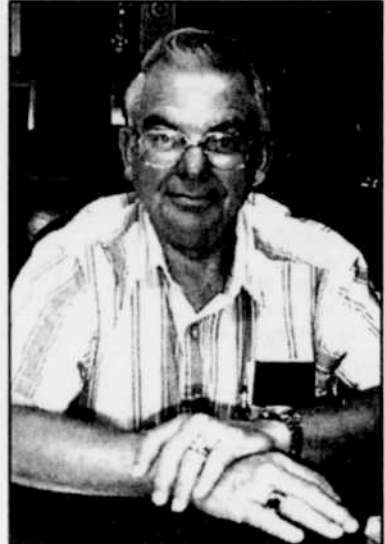
Blodgett says that MCGG plans to hire around five-six full-time employees and around four-five part-time employees to staff the store and intends to hire some area youth. Hired as manager in mid-June, Blodgett says, "I've done everything so far from talking to vendors to deciding where electrical outlets will be



Store manager shows newly-installed pumps



Carolyn Blodgett



Larry Mills

placed. Blodgett credits MCGG general manager Larry Mills for his big role in construction of the store. "He is a wonderful person who is very involved in community affairs," she says.

Blodgett, herself a "people person", also has a lot of experience in business. When she first moved to Heppner in 1984, she worked as a senior services

supervisor for ECOAC. She has owned and operated a group home for the elderly, was a case worker for senior and disabled services, was director for a group home for developmentally disabled adults, worked for Nike NBA promotions in Beaverton and also owned and operated a bulk foods grocery store in Hermiston, which she started from scratch.

Blodgett says that she liked the Heppner-Lexington area "right from the beginning". After initially living in Heppner for a short while in 1984, she moved to Hermiston and worked in Pendleton before returning in 1989, when she moved to Blake Ranch. She has a son living in Portland; a daughter in Redding, CA; one grandchild; a Dalmatian, Dexter, another dog, Stoney and a cat, Miss Kitty.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Heppner will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 18, 1997, beginning at 7:00 p.m. to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance annexing real property to the City of Heppner, Oregon with the consent of the owners of the annexed property and after public hearing on such annexation, and declaring an emergency.

Copies of the above ordinance are available at City Hall for public examination.

This is a public meeting where deliberations of the city Council will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed ordinance with the City Council.  
Gary B. Marks  
City Manager  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular Heppner City Council meeting for Monday, August 11, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. has been rescheduled to Monday, August 18, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Heppner City Hall, 188 West Willow Street.  
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## Swanson, Heideman play in all-star games

Luke Swanson and Susie Heideman, named senior athletes of the year for Ione High School, recently participated in their re-

spective state all-star basketball tournaments on June 20 and 21.

Heideman was selected to play on the east state 1A and 2A all-star basketball team at Western Oregon University in Monmouth on Friday, June 20 and then again on Saturday, June 21 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

In Friday's game, she had 15 points and 10 rebounds in a 71-64 loss to the west team, but on Saturday, Heideman contributed 22 points and 12 rebounds to lead the east team to a 65-62 victory over the west team.

Heideman plans on attending Mt. Hood Community College, majoring in chemical engineering, and will continue to play basketball.

Swanson was selected to play on the east state 1A all-star basketball team at Mt. Hood Community College. The boys' team split with the west squad, winning the Friday game, 101-85, but losing Saturday's contest, 92-90.

On Friday, he led the east team with 22 points, shooting 8-9 from the field, and 4-5 at the three-point distance. He also had four steals and four rebounds.

Swanson plans to attend Eastern Oregon University, majoring in engineering, and playing basketball for the Mountaineers.



Susie Heideman



Luke Swanson

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### MORROW COUNTY LAND USE HEARING

THE MORROW COUNTY COURT will hold the following hearing of public interest on Wednesday, August 6, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner:

Third and final public hearing on an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to include a site to the Goal 5 aggregate inventory. The site to be included is described as tax lot 3402 of Assessor's Map 2S 26 23, located one mile east of the intersection of State Highway 74 and Dee Cox Road, approximately two miles northeast of the City of Heppner. The property is owned by Etta Turner, ETAL, and the applicant is Miller & Sons Excavating. Criteria for approval include Zoning Ordinance Section 6.050(9), ARTICLE 8 and 215.298(2).

Opportunity to voice support of opposition to the above proposals or to ask questions will be provided. Failure to raise specific issues at this hearing precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on those issues.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance and all relevant documents will be available after July 31, 1997. For more information, please contact the Morrow County Planning Department at 922-4624 or 676-5650.

DATED THIS 30th day of July, 1997.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Morrow County Health District will hold its Regular Board Meeting on August 4, 1997, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ione City Hall, Ione, OR. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- I. Call to order at Ione City Hall.
- II. Approval of July 7, 1997 minutes
- III. Public Comments
- IV. CEO Report
- V. Financial Report - June
- VI. Irrigation Clinic
- VII. Home Health Report - Molly Rhea
- VIII. Executive Session ORS 192.660.(1)
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjournment

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of  
HOWARD DOYLE KEY,  
Deceased.

Probate No. 97 PR 015  
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice as stated below, to the personal representative c/o John H. Kottcamp, Kottcamp & O'Rourke, LLP, 331 S. E. 2nd, P. O. Box 490, Pendleton, Oregon 97801, or they may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorneys for the personal representative.  
Dated this 16th day of July, 1997.

Lois Hunt  
Personal Representative  
P. O. Box 391  
Lexington, Oregon 97839  
John H. Kottcamp  
Kottcamp & O'Rourke, LLP  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
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P. O. Box 490  
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## U of I lists spring honor roll

The names of students honored for academic achievement during the University of Idaho (UI) spring 1997 semester have been announced by UI officials. Students must achieve a set grade point while carrying a specified number of credit hours to be in-

cluded on the dean's list. Local students include: Truitt Greenup, Lexington, college of business and economics and college of letters and science.

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### CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks for the cards, prayers, and phone calls, following my recent stay in the hospital.  
Tom Huddleston  
7-28-1p

Thanks to the Heppner, Lexington and Ione fire depts. for their quick response and all the help. Thanks to the Lindsays and all the neighbors who came. Special thanks to Bob and Sheree Smith and kids for all their help, the coffee and cookies and all the other friends and neighbors who responded in our hour of need. We appreciate it and ask God to bless you all for making a bad experience into a better one.  
The Owens and Marquardt  
7-28-1c

A big thank you to Dr. Atkins and all the nurses at Pioneer Memorial and to Sandy-your knowledge and caring were what saved Lyle's life. We are so thankful to have you in our community and for being there for us when we needed you.  
Thank you again,  
Lyle and Virginia Peck and Families  
7-30-1c

We would like to extend a special thanks to all of the friends and family who helped so much with Crystal and Eric's wedding and reception.  
We want to especially thank Cathy Halvorsen for all of her help with the reception, and to the many people who brought food and helped serve and clean up. Thank you Bill, Merilee and Danielle McDowell for your help with the rehearsal dinner; Jean Jepsen for your expert advice and assistance; and Mark Tullis, our favorite photographer. For the beautiful flowers, thanks Gail Hughes, Merry Brannon and Birdine Tullis-they were perfect! Thank you Bob and Aloha DeSpain for helping with everything we asked, and always with a smile and a hug! Father Al Miller, the special, thoughtful service made this wedding exactly what we wanted it to be.

There were many others who helped-it is a wonderful thing in this community how people step forward to offer assistance-and we thank you all!  
Eric and Crystal Eilers  
Rick and Pam Minster  
BB and Sharon Eilers  
7-30-1c

Bob Lougren wishes to thank everyone for the care and concern, who helped his hospital stay to be a success-ambulance driver, police, neighbors, nurses, doctors. It's nice to live in a small town where people are caring. Also, thank you all for the pretty cards and flowers.

### HELP WANTED

WANTED: boys and girls ages 13 and older for litter patrol during fair. Contact Fair Office, 676-9474.  
7-23-2c

Pioneer Memorial Hospital seeking part-time RNs for unique nursing opportunity. Charge nurse, 7-7 night shift, rural hospital/nursing home/ER. Oregon RN license required. Competitive salary commensurate with experience. Benefits. For more information, contact Peggy Johnson, DNS at (541) 676-9133.

The Morrow County Health District is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to providing equal employment opportunities to all statuses protected by law.  
7-30-tfc

Morrow County is now accepting applications for a part-time janitor. Wages are \$7.59 per hour, some benefits. Position would work approximately 10-30 hours per week, plus fill-in during absence of full-time janitor. Janitorial/cleaning experience preferred.

Applications may be obtained from Andrea Denton, Morrow County Courthouse, P.O. Box 788, Heppner OR 97836, phone (541) 676-5620. Applications due same address by August 11, 1997, 5:00 p.m.

Morrow County is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of service.  
7-30-1c

## Gene Ferguson to celebrate 99th

Gene Ferguson will celebrate his 99th birthday on August 8. The family is holding a celebration on August 9 in Damascus.

Ferguson moved to Heppner in April 1917 and farmed for several years. He and Fay Heiny met in the fall of 1922 and were married June 17, 1923.

In October of 1924 Gene bought the first gasoline station in Heppner and moved it from around the train depot to diagonally across the street from the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company, at Main and Baltimore streets.

On July 2, 1926, Gene and his father, O.T. Ferguson, opened what became Ferguson Brothers Motor Company at Main and May streets. Gene's brother,

Raymond B. Ferguson, came into the business in 1927, making it "Brothers." They sold Chevrolet cars and trucks and Shell gasoline at this location until they sold the business in 1944.

Gene farmed in Sand Hollow for many of the years that he was also working the garage. He is a life member of the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Gene and Fay left Heppner in May of 1972, moving to Hermiston. They have lived there for most of the time since, except for about two years in the Portland area while Fay was in a home, suffering from Alzheimer's. Fay died February 3, 1996. They had been married nearly 73 years.

Gene moved back to Hermiston in June, living with his grandson.

Gene would appreciate hearing from any of his friends who would be interested in writing to him. The address is: Eugene O. Ferguson, Rt. 5 Box 5908, Hermiston, OR 97838

Since Gene was born August 8, 1898, he has now lived in two centuries. His goal in life, at this time, says his family, is to live in three centuries, which means he has to reach at least January 1, 2001.

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## TRAIL BIKE RAFFLE 1980 Honda XR80

TICKETS \$1.00 6 for \$5.00

Drawing to be held August 17th (need not be present to win)



Tickets available at the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OF SOUTH MORROW COUNTY