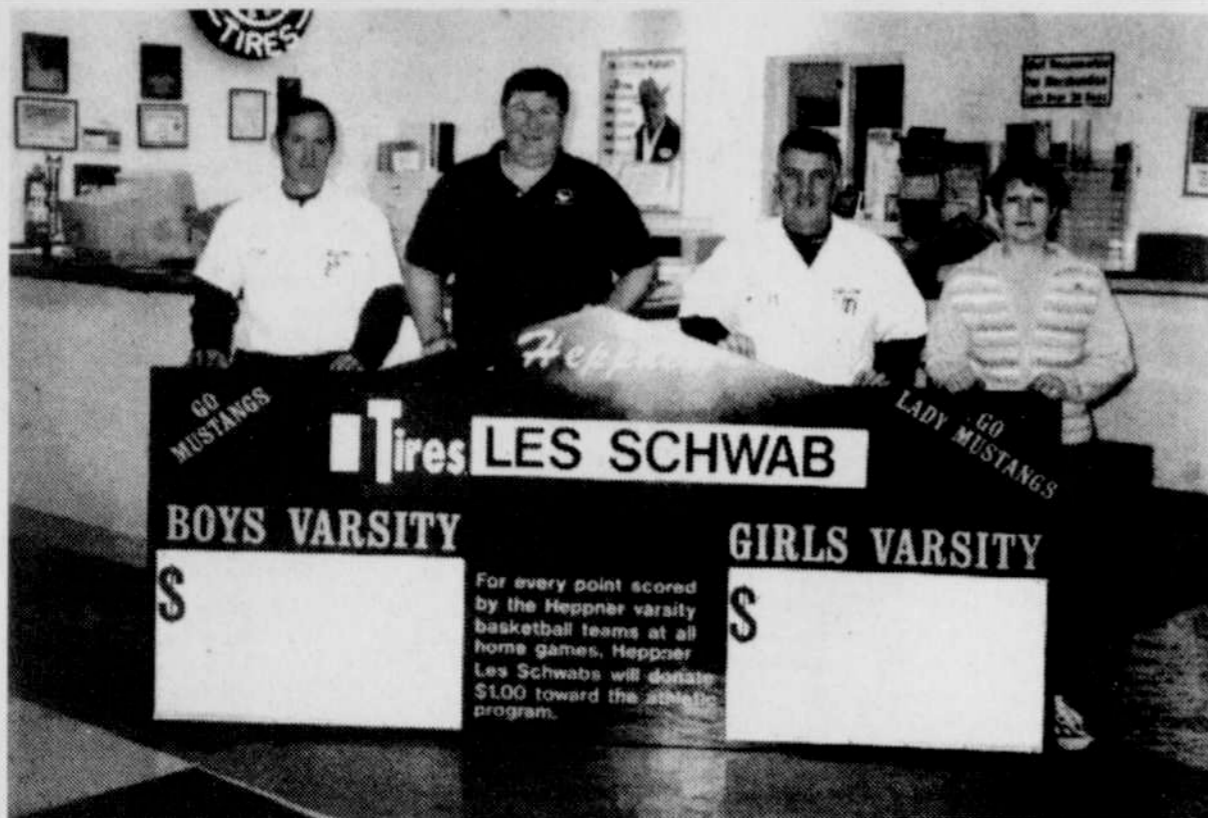


Les Schwab pledges \$1 a point for games



Pictured with new Les Schwab pledge board are: (left to right) Les Schwab assistant manager Jeff Shank, Heppner High School Principal Dick Allen, Les Schwab manager Glen Bridgmon and Kathy Carlson who organized the project.

Les Schwab of Heppner has pledged to donate \$1 for each point scored by Heppner High School varsity girls' and boys'

basketball teams during home games. The running totals will be posted on a board which will

be installed at the HHS gym. "We're excited to help the kids," said Les Schwab manager Glen Bridgmon.

JV Cards defeat Cougar JVs

The junior varsity Cardinal team followed in the varsity team's footsteps, defeating the Cougar junior varsity team in two games, 15-9, 15-12, on Tuesday, October 23.

Megan McCabe served seven consecutive points in the first game, allowing the Cardinals to lead the Cougars, 7-0.

Megan McCabe led the team with a perfect service game, nine points scored, four aces, one kill, one hit and four set assists. Emily Key scored four points, one ace, accepted two serves and delivered four set assists. Barbara Holland scored four points and received two serves. Kim Morris scored three points, accepted three serves, and delivered one kill.

Sara Peck scored three points, two aces, four passes, one kill and

blocked one hit. Tracy Griffith scored two points, accepted three serves, delivered two hits, made one save and blocked one hit. Macarena Esposito served 100 percent, scored one point, made two passes and saved one ball.

Caitlin Orem served a flawless game, generated one point, two passes, three hits, three kills and delivered four set assists. Jamie VandenBrink served 100 percent, scored one point, produced one hit and one pass. Missy Baker delivered eight passes and made two saves.

Coach Cathy McCabe commended Amanda Emery for her hustle and strong play during the match. "Amanda did a nice job of covering her hitters and delivered two hits for her team."

Weather Report

By the City of Heppner

For the month of October

	High	Low	Precip.
10/1	78	43	.00
10/2	85	46	.00
10/3	78	44	.00
10/4	74	39	.00
10/5	68	35	.00
10/6	69	39	.00
10/7	60	59	.01
10/8	60	39	.07
10/9	61	36	.00
10/10	62	34	.00
10/11	66	41	.45
10/12	56	39	.00
10/13	58	42	.00
10/14	69	46	.00
10/15	67	37	.00
10/16	69	42	.00
10/17	71	38	.00
10/18	59	31	.00
10/19	68	39	.00
10/20	72	38	.00
10/21	65	36	.00
10/22	61	40	.21
10/23	61	40	.12
10/24	55	33	.00
10/25	57	33	.02
10/26	65	32	.00
10/27	61	36	.00
10/28	59	36	.04
10/29	52	36	.02
10/30	47	40	.17
10/31	58	40	.20

Questions answered on library-city hall project

(Editor's note: the following information concerning the proposed Heppner city hall/library building has been supplied by a panel of six citizens formed to oversee questions and answers regarding the proposed city hall / library project. The panel consists of Judy Buschke, Patti Prock, Gwen Healy, Marsha Sweek, Bill Kuhn and Cyde Estes. Their objective is to identify the proper person to answer each question and to see that the answers are presented in an unbiased manner. Questions may be sent, anonymously, to Heppner City Hall, P.O. Box 756, Heppner or e-mail them directly to Cyde Estes at cyde@centurytel.net. Names will be kept confidential, if desired, or can be printed with the question. The questions will not be edited.)

1. Is it true that Hayden Family Dentistry group expressed an interest in purchasing the property and was discouraged by city officials from purchasing? If true please explain why city officials would deny an opportunity to increase needed tax revenue?

Answer: Hayden Family Dentistry did inquire into purchasing the lot. The city did not discourage them but rather informed them that the city had intended to use the site for a new city hall. They were asked to make an offer for consideration of city council, and no offer was submitted. -Heppner City Manager

2) The same article suggested that the new city hall would provide space for conferences, weddings, meetings, etc. Isn't there sufficient capacity for these same type events available right across the street at the Elks Lodge?

Answer: Having more space for conferences, weddings and meetings is not the reason to build the building. It is an additional amenity that would result from the project. -Heppner City Manager

Patti Prock researched the availability of conference and meeting space and presented these results. Some of the facilities are offered to the community at no charge. The Bank of Eastern Oregon has a conference room, Columbia Basin has a conference room, the Elks Club has two large rooms with kitchen facilities, the Morrow County Fair Annex has the hall and kitchen facilities, St. Patrick's Senior Center has a hall and kitchen facilities. All of the churches in Heppner (seven) offer a meeting area with kitchen facilities.

3. Is the city revenue down with all the houses that are for sale in the city and at least 200 less people since the mill went down?

Answer: Revenue is projected to be up slightly in the general fund this year due to increased property values. Water and sewer revenue show a slight decline due, we believe, to increased vacancies.

Although there has been a definite loss of population since the mill closure, much of the loss as shown on the 2000 census, is due to counting methods. From 1990 to 2000, Portland State University estimated population for cities in Oregon. These estimates were based on estimates of housing starts and other methods. Their estimates for Heppner showed a steady slow increase in population from 1990 to 2000. The estimate from Portland State in 2000 showed a population of 1,510. The 2000 Census showed a population of 1,395. The 2000 Census is an actual count of persons, while the Portland State figure is an estimate. -Heppner City Manager

4. At the city council meeting

the manager said there were no new projects on the horizon. What about the 5.9 million water project?

Answer: Bill Kuhn, when addressing the city council on September 10, stated "The city apparently has no other projects to increase bonded indebtedness. This is not to say that they will not look at any, but right now there is nothing on the books." While this statement is true, it may be somewhat misleading. The city has for some time been working on the master plan for the water system. This is an ongoing planning activity and has not been completed. The anticipated cost for improvements to the water system to repair and rehabilitate the system, and to build new facilities to accommodate growth to a population of 2000, is \$5.9 million. The master plan document was presented to council in a work session held October 18. The document has not been formally accepted or adopted by council at this time. -Heppner City Manager

5) I have been told that there is a good possibility that two new industries may move into the port's industrial park at the Kinzua site. Can you address why the city is not waiting on this project for better economic times?

Answer: Many people and agencies are working very hard to locate industry in the South Morrow Industrial Park. Locating industry in the former mill site will not be an easy task. I believe that we need to continue to invest in our community in order to help attract new industry, business, and residents. By moving ahead with this project we will be telling the rest of the world that we are here to stay and we will be able to meet the needs of community now and in the future. -Heppner City Manager

Gwen Healy also researched the answer to the question. She spoke with Jerry Healy, a port commissioner, who stated that as of this time there were no immediate prospects. The port did have two companies actively looking at the site, but has not heard from them since September 11.

6) I have heard the comments that we need this project to promote economic development. That without it businesses wanting to locate here will not view us as progressive. I am not sure that vacating two buildings to occupy one is good for economic development either. Can you address what use the old library and city hall would have, if any?

Answer: The ultimate use of the existing city hall building should the proposed project move forward has not been determined. The Heppner Fire Department has expressed interest in occupying the building should it become available. I would expect that the Fire Department would be given first consideration for the use of the

structure. -Heppner City Manager

Judy Buschke also researched the answer to this question for the current library space. She interviewed Larry Mills, who is a Museum Board member. Mills responded that the Museum Board has told the county court that they would be interested in occupying the library portion of the building if it should become vacant. Mills also said that there are other factors to consider, one of which is the lack of handicapped entrance and that they would have to have an additional volunteer due to the layout of the building. The bottom line is that they could certainly make use of the vacated space.

Judy also interviewed Andrea Denton, personnel director for Morrow County. Denton said that the museum board has not submitted any proposal to the county court at this time. The deeds seem to imply the museum would be the only one able to occupy this space if the library moves out.

7) Can you briefly explain how the city justified the purchase of the Shear Property for this project, when they don't have the funds secured for the project?

Answer: During the planning stage, the architect identified the Shear property as a potential site for parking for the new building. The Shears were willing sellers and had agreed to sell the property to the city. The Shears had received other offers on the property and the city needed to act promptly or lose the window of opportunity to purchase the property. -Heppner City Manager

Valby road to be under reconstruction

The Morrow County Road Department will reconstruct approximately 3.1 miles of Valby Road, from the Valby Lutheran Church north to the junction of Valby Road and Barlow Canyon Road. Construction will begin approximately Nov. 5 and will continue until approximately Jan. 18, 2002.

The Morrow County Road Department will start preliminary work the week of Nov. 5-8 between 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Road work will begin Tuesday, Nov. 13, and will continue Monday through Thursday, from 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. until Wednesday, Nov. 21. Beginning Monday, Nov. 26, road work will continue Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. until approximately Jan. 18, depending on weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

For information regarding the Valby Road work, contact Morrow County Public Works at 989-9500.

Heppner Day Care will be CLOSED Monday, Nov. 12 in observance of Veteran's Day

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				1 WV Service End of School Nine Weeks 4th Grade Rocket Launch CBEC Ann. Dinn	2 Sr. Cen. Pinochle FB @ Umatilla WC Symphony Practice	3 Meth. Bazaar SAT Test JHBB @ Columbia VB Tour. here
4 Symphony	5 HES PTA HES Site Co. City Planning Fair Board First Aid Class MCGG Ann. Meet	6 Chamber Bookworms Sr. Cen. Bingo CPR Class	7 Co. Court HES PTA Retakes Veterans Honored - JHHS Sch. Advisory Elks Bingo	8 WV Serv. WCVAL HES Conferences BPOE Ladies Nite	9 HES Conferences JHBB here Sr. Cen. Pinochle Symphony Practice	10 Matheny Benefit Soup Supper FB State Playoffs here JHBB here
11 VETERANS DAY Singspiration	12 NO SCHOOL Garden Club Rodeo Comm. City Council	13 HCC School Board Child/Fam Comm. Sr. Cen. Bingo	14 WCVEDG Port of Mar. County Court Oddfellows HHS Site Co. Elks Bingo	15 WV Service Arts Guild 7-12 Fall Sports Dessert BPOE	16 SCHOOL Sr. Cen. Pinochle JHBB here PTA HARVEST CARNIVAL Sunset	17 ARTIFACTORY FB State Playoffs JHBB @ Athena
18 Comedy: "The Curious Savage" (HHS)	19 Am. Red Cross School Advisory	20 Chamber St. Pat. Comm. Sr. Cen. Bingo	21 School Early Dismissal County Court Elks Bingo	22 THANKSGIVING Sr. Cen. Pinochle	23 Sr. Cen. Pinochle FB State Playoffs	24 FB State Playoffs
25	26 Amer. Legion Medical Dist. Housing Auth.	27 HCC Chamber Sr. Cen. Bingo	28 County Court Chamber Brd. Elks Bingo	29 STROLL HEPPNER- CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE	30 Sr. Cen. Pinochle BB @ Condon JHBB @ PR Symphony Practice	