

MCGG switches to Shell

Morrow County Grain Growers has given its Lexington convenience store a new look, a new brand and a new name. As of June 5, 2002, the station offers Shell branded gasoline and the store has been re-named, Morrow County Grain Growers Food Mart.

"We were looking for a nationally recognized brand, hoping to make us more competitive in the market," said John Ripple, general manager. "We feel this is a good, positive step for the company and for the community."

Ripple cites several incentives for switching to Shell, including a credit card program that offers discounted gasoline to card holders. "We welcome everyone to come in and see our new Food Mart," said Ripple. "We are excited to bring Shell branded gasoline to the area."

The colors of the gas pumps and Food Mart have been changed to bright yellow and red. "We figured the bright colors would increase sunglass sales," said Ripple.

The company has made some changes inside the store that they believe has made it more "user-friendly".

Christy Virgil, manager, said, "we needed to have a more open view of the customer's activity, reduce congestion, and decrease our quantity of inventory."

One major addition to the store is the coffee corner. "It really provides a cozy atmosphere where customers can sit, drink coffee and visit without feeling like they are sitting in the busy part of the store," said Virgil. The coffee corner seats eight people and features hot drinks, cookies, pastries and a new creamer machine.



The "new" Morrow County Grain Growers Food Mart and Shell station.



Shirley Warnock, night supervisor; Christy Virgil, manager and Mike Radie, fuel attendant.

The soda fountains were moved against a back wall, giving a clear view of the store and adding counter space on the sales floor. "This leaves room for souvenirs and novelty items," said Virgil.

Eight feet of grocery space was taken out, yet a large variety of popular grocery products are still available. "We put in more ready-to-go items for the customer's convenience," Virgil said. "It took us awhile to learn what the locals wanted."

Another addition that the company feels has been a great improvement is the new cash register system. "We've moved the fuel point of sale to the register, making gassing up faster and more convenient for our customers," Virgil said. The register is computerized and the gasoline rings up automatically in the register.

"With all the changes," Virgil stated, "we have kept our goals of great customer service and friendly employees."

Cardinal Booster Club holds meeting

The Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, June 3, at the Ione High School library. Fourteen members were present. The club received a thank you note from the tennis team for the coach bus provided for the district track meet and the bottled water and snacks for district and state.

Members decided to move the state academic championship signs to the beam along the south wall in the gym.

The club will be selling concessions during the boys' summer league tournament June 14-16. The tournament will run 3-8 p.m., Friday; 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday; and 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday. Betty Gray volunteered to organize the food and workers for the weekend.

The bike race is going ahead as scheduled. The club will cook and serve the dinner on Friday, June 21. Virgil Morgan is in charge of the barbecue and Debbie Morgan is organizing workers.

Several donations have been received for the track

improvements. \$2500 was given by the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Boardman Foods is donating \$1000, and \$50 came in from J.R. Simplot. A gift certificate for a Sunday brunch for two from the Red Lion, a \$20 gift certificate from Bi Mart, and two gift certificates from the Oxford Inn/Suites in Hermiston will be raffled off on the Fourth of July. The cost of the asphalt layer is \$10,000. The cover could run over \$18,000. Dean Robinson is looking for other contractors, and the club continues to seek new donors for the project.

New boys' varsity basketball uniforms have been ordered. Jim and Monica Swanson donated a substantial part of the cost. New uniforms were in the budget for this year, although not covering the entire cost. Dennis Stefani will pay the balance.

The club voted to order and sell waterproof wraps this fall during football season.

There are still spaces available for the Sunday, July 28, one-day raft trip down the Deschutes River. Tickets are \$60

each and include lunch that day. Anyone interested should contact LynnDee Ramos or Debbie Radie.

A lack of space in the trophy cases continues to be a problem. Several options were discussed, including adding a shelf to the top of the Jason Halvorsen Memorial case. The club will see if the student body or a high school graduating class would pay to build a new case to replace the old one under the track records board.

Fourth of July T-shirts are now available for sale. The shirts can be purchased at the Bank of Eastern Oregon or Wheatland Insurance in Ione.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, July 1, at the Ione High School Library.

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Creative Care Preschool holds graduation



Creative Care Preschool in Ione recently held their 2002 graduation. From left, Jenna Taylor, Tre Neal, Lauren Garrett, Daniel Holtz, Oskar Peterson and Colton Peck proudly display their diplomas. Diane Stuart taught the class.

Agriculture/Business College Award winners announced

The Bank of Eastern Oregon has announced the winners of its 2002 Agriculture/Business College Scholarship Program. The winners are Julie Proctor of Heppner High School, Adam McCabe of Ione High School, Shannon Wetherell of Riverside High School, and Tyler Church, and Tessa Ann Nicholson, and K' Lynn Kennedy of Condon High School. These students have each won a \$500 scholarship to attend the college of their choice.

Shannon Wetherell from Riverside is the Valedictorian of her class and has had perfect attendance throughout her high school years. Shannon will be attending the University of Portland this fall, majoring in business administration.

Adam McCabe has been involved in the Ione Youth Group, 4-H, and National Honor Society. He has been very involved in athletics, particularly tennis and football. Adam plans to attend the University of Idaho and major in agricultural science and technology.

Julie Proctor has been involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, and Wildhorse Club during her high school years. She has also been involved with 4-H for the past nine years. Julie will attend Blue Mountain Community College next fall and then transfer to Willamette University to obtain a degree in business and finance.

Tyler Church was very involved in school sports,

particularly basketball. He also volunteered at Summit Springs and Outdoor School. Tyler plans to attend Eastern Oregon University and major in business and economics.

Tessa Nicholson was involved in varsity basketball, volleyball and tennis. She was also a member of FFA, FBLA and National Honor Society. She did a variety of volunteer services that kept her very busy. Tessa will be attending Eastern Oregon

University and majoring in accounting this fall.

K' Lynn Kennedy had a busy high school career with volleyball, basketball, and tennis, as well as student body activities, FFA, and FBLA. K' Lynn will be going to college next fall to earn a business degree in management and finance.

This is the ninth year that the bank has awarded scholarships to area high school students whose intentions are to major in business or agriculture.



Adam McCabe



Tyler Church



Shannon Wetherell



Julie Proctor

Pool Matching Challenge almost met

The Willow Creek Park District has met three-quarters of the Bank of Eastern Oregon's \$1000 Matching Challenge.

The Heppner Elks Club has donated a free swim to the community at the Heppner pool on Monday, June 17, from 1-5 p.m. Heppner Oddfellows is contributing a free swim on the last Monday in June and the first Monday in August. The Bank of Eastern Oregon has funded all the Mondays in July for free swimming. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the pool.

"We appreciate the generous support of these organizations.

This will give us the opportunity to offer free swimming every Monday through August 5. I am confident we will receive the additional money needed to meet our goal of being open on August 12. The support has been overwhelming," said Merry Brannon, pool manager. Swimming lessons at the pool will start next Tuesday, June 18. Session one will be held June 18-28, Session two will be July 9-19, Session three will be July 30-August 9. There will be no lessons on Mondays. Cost is \$25 per session. Specific times will be announced later. To register, call 676-5752.

Ione pool is open for summer

Summer swimming has begun at the Ione pool, which opened on June 11 for the summer. The pool hours are: Tuesday through Friday, 2-5 p.m., open swim, and 7-9 p.m., open swim. Tuesday through Saturday, 5-6:30 p.m., adult lap swim (for those 18 years old and older). Saturday and Sunday, 2-5 p.m., open swim.

Cost is: family season pass-\$80; single season pass-\$45; adult daily open swim-\$3; daily open swim-\$2; adult lap swim-\$3. Children under four are free with a paying parent in the pool who

will supervise. Pool parties may be arranged outside of normal hours by contacting the pool manager in advance. Rental of the pool is \$50 an hour.

On Wednesday, July 3, there will be a Teen Night from 8-11 p.m. for all area upcoming freshman high school students through outgoing senior students. The admission for this event is a new pair of socks, which will be donated to Outreach Ministry. Adult lifeguards will be supervising.

Religious Vacation School

St. Patrick's Parish, Heppner, and St. William's Parish, Ione, will hold a Religious Vacation School Monday, June 17-Friday, June 21, for children age four through eighth grade. The classes will be held in the Parish Hall at Heppner. Class will begin each morning at 9 a.m. and conclude at approximately 12:30 p.m. This year, the title is "Bug Safari".

This program will get the children buzzing about God's word and the love God has for each of us. There will be games to help

the children come to know about God and to love him. Each day there will be treats that will be appropriate to the teaching of the day. There will be songs to enlighten the children about their faith. Each day will conclude with Mass at noon so that the children may worship God.

All children are welcome and parents and friends are also welcome to participate. For further information or to register, contact Kathy Fullmer at 676-5064 or Fr. Gerry Condon at 676-9462.

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