

GRAIN PRICES

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Soft White Wheat	1.43
Barley	38.00

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WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM
Week of March 4-10

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Sunday	49	30	—
Monday	50	27	—
Tuesday	49	25	—

Be A Giver . . . Blood Mobile Here Tuesday, March 24

First time donors are very much needed for the Red Cross Blood drawing to be held here March 24 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Elks Bldg. Mrs. Gene Pierce is general chairman. The Heppner High school students are spearheading the drive. They will call for donors, help with the refreshments, help with the loading and unloading and do the typing.

Mrs. Pierce is pleased to have the later hours. By remaining open until 6 p.m., persons may go by after work to give blood. If you plan to give, eat and drink as usual before donating. Don't come in hungry. Avoid fatty foods.

Do not offer blood if you have had jaundice, hepatitis or malaria. Healthy persons between the ages of 18 and 61 may give.

Failure to pass the hemoglobin test does NOT indicate anemia. Red Cross standards are high.

Chamber Hears Bike-O-Rama Plans

Don Johnson of the youth committee told the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce members at the Monday luncheon, the Morrow County Annual Bike-O-Rama would be held on a Saturday after school is out, perhaps the first part of June.

Mr. Johnson said it would be open to boys and girls ages 10 and up. Invitations would be sent neighboring counties. The Bike-O-Rama would begin and would end at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Emphasis would be on bicycle safety. Entrants would undergo a safety check and would receive a special safety check decal if their bikes passed. There would be a 10 a.m. barbecue luncheon by one of the local civic groups.

There would be winners in each division who would be awarded trophies.

Little League games would probably complete the day's activities.

President Jones announced that Gary Albert of J. C. Penney's is the new Merchants Committee chairman.

He announced that a resolution from the Walla Walla Chamber had been received on the 160 acre irrigating limitation. He turned this over to Bob Jepsen and the agriculture committee for study.

A fascinating talk and slides were given by Mrs. Doris Graves who narrated her trip to India. She landed in Calcutta, visited Madras, Bangalore, Mysore, Bombay, Delhi, Agra, The Punjab, and many other places. India is a country of 540 million people, she said. It has an area smaller than that of America.

A considerable number of her pictures were of agriculture and their manufacturing, methods for both being very crude.

Convention Calls FFA Members

Nine members of the Heppner Future Farmers of America chapter are expected to travel to the state convention in Corvallis, according to Hal Whitaker, advisor. The convention is to be held during spring vacation, March 18-20.

Included in the nine-member contingent are Rick Drake, Tom Cutsforth, Kirk Robinson, John Currin, Allen Peck, Bill Greenup, Susan Melby, Sandy Matthews, and John Harris. Accompanying the students on this venture will be Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker.

Convention business includes election of new state officers and general state-wide business needs to be taken care of.

Beef Cattle Field Day Scheduled March 24

The Beef Cattle Field Day of the Squaw Butte Experiment Station, will start at 10 a.m. March 24 at the Grange Hall, two miles east of Burns on Highway 78.



SKIING was great last Sunday on the fine powder snow up at Arbuckle Mountain ski run.

Arbuckle Mountain Skiing Good

Skiing was excellent Sunday at Arbuckle Mountain ski run. About 45 people were present and a good many of them enjoyed a bounteous potluck luncheon in the warming hut.

There was some new snow on Sunday but road was fair and easily negotiated. (Ed. Note: We were very impressed with this fine ski run and were surprised that tow charges are so reasonable. Uncrowded condition of such a fine run is hard to believe and we will bet the Arbuckle run will be "discovered" and become crowded one of these days.)

Season Wrap-up For Mustangs

By PAT KILKENNY

John McCabe and LaVerne Van Marter led the Heppner Mustangs in most all categories for the '69-70 hoop season. The Mustangs ended the season with a 13-8 record.

They lost twice each to Madras, Wahtonka and the Blue Mountain JV's and split with Grant Union and DeSales of Walla Walla. Team captain John McCabe topped all scorers with 402 points. Junior LaVerne Van Marter was second with 352 tallies. Van Marter shot at a 49 percent clip for the year. Senior Center Pat Kilkenny netted 145 points, and his shooting percentage was second on the squad, with 45%. Another senior, Lee Huson, was close behind with 135.

On the boards, Huson copped total carom honors with 168 rickshaws. Kilkenny was right behind with 158 and Van Marter was third with 142 snatches.

In the personal foul department, Van Marter picked up 63, while McCabe whistled down 43 times.

Free throws were a bright spot for Van Marter, who hit a superb 72% from the charity stripe. Kilkenny was second high in percentage with 62%.

Other Mustang's season scoring totals were Matt Murray, 90; Steve Kemp, 77; John Hall, 42; Kevin Dick, 21; Bruce Marquardt, 14; Keith Curnutt, 12; Dave Gunderson, 11; and Bill Schlichting, 7.

Gary Watkins, who was moved up to the varsity for the last five games of the season scored 55 points.

The HHS Mustangs outscored their opponents by 1406 to 1347 points.

Winners Listed At Central Market

Winners of free prizes at the recent contest at Central Market were Mrs. Vern Keithley, an Instamatic camera; a portable mixer by Terry Thompson; electric coffee servers by Nellie Evans and Mary Roberts; John Porter won the electric knife; Ruth Reid won an electric can opener with knife sharpener; Dorothy Scott won the toaster; Mrs. Pirl Howell won the 5-piece barbecue set; an electric can opener was won by Darlene Schoonover; cordless electric toothbrush by Bill Kenny; one gallon picnic jug by Mary Ulrich. Other prizes were 12 baskets of groceries and 60 hair ribbons.

Rodeo Dates Set; Stock Contracts Are Awarded

August 29 and 30 will be days of excitement and rodeo action in Heppner. The date of the annual event was set at the meeting of the rodeo board held March 4. The rodeo will follow the usual format of a parade Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and evening shows and Sunday afternoon show.

The board approved the contract with Howard Johnson of Condon to furnish stock for the two days. Bill Wergen of Enterprise will again handle the sound for the show. The kickoff dance was set for June 27. Archie Munkers is in charge of the rodeo dances. A dance honoring each princess and the Queen will be held on succeeding weekends.

In other business the board changed the rules for the Morrow County Derby making the race over a half mile course rather than the three-fourths mile it has been previously.

It was also announced that books will be open for entries for rodeo contestants from 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 25 until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27 when all entries close.

The board awarded the stock contract for the Blue Mountain College Rodeo, which will be held in Heppner on May 22, 23 and 24, to Big Bend Rodeo Co., of Wilbur, Wash. Morrow County Jaycees were awarded the concessions contract for the college rodeo.

Time Set for Good Friday Services

At the meeting of the South Morrow County Ministerial Ass'n. the ministers voted to have the annual Good Friday services begin at 2 p.m. to coincide with the 2 p.m. dismissal of schools for that day. Good Friday Services will be held at the Hope Lutheran Church.

The Easter Sunrise Service will be at the Heppner Elementary School public room at 6 a.m. Churches participating will be the Episcopal, Methodist, Christian, Lutheran, Assembly of God and Nazarene.

There will be a Sunrise Service at the cross on the hill at 5:30 a.m. under the sponsorship of the Youth of the Christian and Methodist Churches. This will be followed by a breakfast in the Christian Church.

Ministers have arranged to conduct a Sunday afternoon service at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. This project will begin in April. If a church cannot take its turn as scheduled, exchanges may be made.

Schedule: April 5, Lutheran, April 21, United Church of Christ, April 19, Methodist, April 26, Christian, May 3, Episcopal, May 10, Nazarene, May 17, Catholic.

Mahoney to Report On New Zealand

Phil Mahoney will report on his recent trip to New Zealand at the Chamber of Commerce meeting next Monday. Chamber meetings at noon in the Wagon Wheel for a luncheon meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney recently returned from a trip to the New Zealand, Australia area with Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cohn.

Board Approves Final Budget Figures

Following the budget hearing Monday evening the Morrow County School District R-1 approved \$1,460,774, as the total budget requirements with \$871,245 outside the 6% limitation which is the same as the budget was published.

Prior to the approval, Supt. Ron Daniels reviewed in detail the budget increases and decreases.

100 Series—Administration

Budget increase in the 100 series was \$3,310. \$2,610 of this amount reflects salary increases for the four district office employees.

200 Series—Instruction

The increase in salaries for 85 teachers amounted to a salary increase of \$48,480. The remainder of the 200 series was reduced by \$3,819 so the budget

increase in the 200 series was \$44,661.

400—Health Services

The increase of \$550 in the Health Services was due to the increase in cost of student insurance.

500 Series—Transportation

The addition of one bus driver plus a salary increase of \$10 per month amounted to \$4,807. Operating costs were also increased by \$1,900 to cover the cost of operating one additional route and cost increases for material. The bus replacement fund increased \$5,100. Other transportation areas were reduced by \$5,850 due to reduction of contracted bus runs. Total budget increase in the 500 series is \$5,957.

600 Series—Operation of Plant

Salary increases for 16 full

and part time custodians amounted to \$5,700 of the budget increase of \$7,510.

700 Series—Maintenance of Plant

Primary increase here is due to roof repair work at Heppner High School and A. C. Houghton Elementary plus other minor repair projects. The budget increase of the 700 series is \$5,284.

800 Series—Fixed Charges

The budget increase of \$14,227 is due to an increase in Social Security and retirement costs amounting to \$13,972. This increase is a result of salary increases plus a social security increase from 4.8 to 5.2 on \$9000, January of 1971. Property insurance increased by \$3,000. The remaining areas of the 800 series have been reduced by \$2,745.

900 Series—Food Services

The budget increase is \$2,230.

This increase is a result of salary increases to 13 cooks.

1000 Series—Student Body Activities

This series increase was \$250. This covers the costs of bowling and swimming for Heppner PE students.

1273 Series—Improvement of Sites

This series was decreased by \$3,020.

1275—Architect Expenses

This budget increase was \$300.

1277—Remodeling

Remodeling includes the boys dressing room in Heppner and Jr. High Gym and repair stairways in Heppner Jr. High. Budget increase is \$2,647.

1278—New Equipment

This series was decreased by \$3,124.

Total budget increase over last year's budget is \$80,782. This amount equals a 5.8% increase. If last year's budget could have been used as the tax base, there would have been no need to vote on this year's budget as it would have been within the 6% limitation.

The tax levy increase will cost 55c per \$1000 TCY.

When questioned from the audience, Supt. Daniels said that all the tax figures he had given were relative to the school tax and that the school tax is about 2/3's of the total tax in the county.

Teachers

Supt. Daniels reported John Knapp had returned his contract unsigned because he would be serving 6 months' active duty for the National Guard. Certification had been completed for Roberta Jenkins and she was voted a three year contract. She is the Commercial and Girls' PE teacher at Riverside.

Oct. 30 Game

Principal Jim Bier asked for the board's feeling on scheduling an Oct. 30 game with Cascade High School near Turner. They had offered Heppner \$100 to go down there. Discussion followed of trying to find an opponent closer home and members felt that \$100 was not enough to cover expenses.

Board members were reminded of the OSBA regional meeting on April 22 in Pendleton.

Early Dismissal

Principal Dan Daltoso asked for approval of an early Monday dismissal for the last 9 weeks' period for both Riverside and Irrigon schools. Board approved the 2:36 dismissal to allow the teachers to develop a curriculum philosophy and discuss other special school problems. Problems have developed after going from an 8-4 school to 6-6. The 5th and 6th grade teachers will be working with the group. Classes will be rotated so that the same class won't be missed during the time of early dismissal.

Street Easement

In regard to the request of Randy Lott and Frank Rasmussen for a road easement from their new development near the high school, the board voted to offer the city the easement for a street.

The board approved deeding the LaTrace road to Morrow county. The county has unofficially accepted the road and will maintain the road but asks that the guard rails be completed by the board as planned.

Two service maintenance agreement bids were read, one from Johnson and one from Robert Shaw. Three bids were given Johnson bid \$1724 on Riverside, \$1962 on the other schools and \$3533 total. Robert Shaw bid \$2160 on Riverside, \$1972 on the other schools and \$4132 total. The board accepted the Johnson total bid for maintenance for furnace controls.

The board postponed establishing their policy on extended contracts for another month.

Field Trip

The board approved a Home Ec field trip for lone High school to go to Portland for a visit to Jantzen's, fabric shops, and Poly kitchens where they will see among other things the new microwave oven that cooks in seconds.

They voted to hire Maurine McElligott as lone swimming pool manager for next season.

Election Boards

The following were appointed

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Boeing Land Tax To Be Appealed

Joyce Ritch, Morrow County special assessor said yesterday the County would appeal a decision of the State Dept. of Revenue to reduce taxes on the Boardman Space Age park which is occupied by the Boeing Company who has used the area for engine testing.

The County classed the 96,000 acre Boardman Space Age Park as general farm land. They levied a tax of \$37,700.19 for 1969-1970, based on the valuation of \$2,155,600.

The Dept. of Veterans Affairs, which holds title to the land, appealed to the Director of Revenue to classify the area as un-zoned farm land subject to a tax

of \$6,301.32, a savings of \$31,398.87. The Department is assessed about \$200 a year on four parcels of the land that juts over into Gilliam County. No appeal was made on this part.

Veterans funds were used some years ago to complete purchase of the 96,000 acre Boardman tract. The Dept of Veterans Affairs received \$60,000 a year rental from the Boeing Company.

District Attorney Herman Winter said yesterday that the County has 60 days in which to file the appeal and they will also ask for a stay in carrying out the Department order to refund the \$31,398.87.

Water Outlook Better

The outlook for Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties is for near average water supplies.

The mountain snowpack varies from 62 percent of normal on upper McKay creek to 116 percent of normal on the Walla Walla River drainage, and near average at the head of Butter Creek.

Summer streamflow will range from 70 percent on McKay Creek and the Umatilla River up to 110 percent on the Walla Walla river. Precipitation during the month was 100 percent of average with a resulting near normal flow of the Umatilla river.

Cold Springs reservoir holds 88 percent of the March 1 average supply while McKay reservoir contains 186 percent of average amounts. Watershed soils are at field capacity and any spring precipitation should produce good runoff.

Dale Boner, Soil Conservation, Ralph Richards and Judge Carmichael went to the Arbuckle snow course on Feb. 27.

Arbuckle had 26" of snow with 9.6" of moisture. The 15-

year average for Arbuckle is 9.6" of moisture.

Lucky Strike had 32" of snow and 10.7" of moisture. The January reading was 28" of snow and 8.2" of water content. The average here is 10.7.

Both Arbuckle and Lucky Strike had the average amount of moisture content in snow for this reading.

The stream flow of Butter Creek, Willow Creek, Rhea Creek and Rock Creek (John Day tributary) is average for this spring season with respect to usual supply.

Dale says it's interesting to note that McKay reservoir is at 66 percent of capacity as compared with 40.6 last year and 35.5 average.

American Legion Meets Monday

The American Legion and Auxiliary will have a family potluck and Legion Birthday party March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Legion hall. All members are urged to attend.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



MATT WARREN is the winner of the Picture of the Week with this picture of Chinika, an Appaloosa colt taken on the Warren place northeast of town. The reflection of the colt in the gentle ripples of the pond adds interest to the picture.

Heppner School Tax To Decrease

It's good news for tax payers living in the Heppner Tax Code Area No. 1. Last year paid off the 15-year bond levy for the Elementary school. The tax last year for the final payment was 94c per \$1000 TCY. At the present TCY, the addition of this year's increase of 55c per \$1000 TCY. The school tax for this area will be 39c per \$1000 TCY less than last year.

Benefit Game Is Postponed

By PAT KILKENNY

The HHS faculty-senior basketball game has been rescheduled to March 25 because of a conflict in dates.

The benefit game proceeds are to go to the Peace Corps School Partnership Program, which Heppner High students recently voted to support. The program requires \$1000 to be used for buying materials to build a school in some part of the world. Natives of the area will furnish the labor.

Drawing for prizes donated by local merchants is also being rescheduled, to halftime of the main contest of the evening. Grade school students are in charge of taking the donations and have already brought in nearly \$200.

Two events are on the card for the evening, which is on a Wednesday. In the 6:30 preliminary event, powderpuff basketball is on tap. The girls hoopers from HHS will meet the girls from Lone High School.

Head coach for the seniors, Tom Green, expressed his disappointment in the rescheduling, but felt that added time might help him get in shape for the contest.

Arnold Paulson Seminar Billed

The Umatilla County NFO is sponsoring Arnold Paulson's economic seminar next Monday, March 16. It will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including a noon dinner at the National Guard Armory in Pendleton, next to the Round-Up grounds.

Admission is 15.00 per couple or 10.00 single.

Mr. Paulson is owner of the Minnesota Business and Industrial Promotion Agency of Granite Falls. He will speak on the "Decline in the Rural Economy".

Paulson says, "We have been living in a fools paradise, we have been sleeping longer than Rip Van Winkle and just as sound. What the people in rural America don't know — they just don't know." "Unless we pull our heads out of the sand and quit acting like an ostrich — take the time to be bothered by facts — find out what has already taken place and the serious situation we are in — and take immediate action — WE AND OUR RURAL WAY OF LIFE ARE DOOMED!"