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	High	Low	Precip.	Apr. 3	68	37
Wed., Mar. 30	53	26		Mon., Apr. 4	75	38
Thurs., Mar. 31	46	35	.02	Tues., Apr. 5	73	38
Fri., Apr. 1	54	38	.05	Precipitation for March 1.85 hundredths of an inch. Normal for March 1.28 hundredths. Total for March 1976, 1.35 hundredths.		
Sat., Apr. 2	57	30				
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## Dave Moon named Irrigon-Echo administrator

Echo and Irrigon have their first joint city administrator.

Dave Moon, current planning director for Morrow County, was selected last Thursday from a field of 30 applicants.

He was hired by an unanimous vote of the two city councils.

Moon will serve as city administrator on an alternating basis between the two communities, one of which is located in Western Umatilla County and the other in Northeast Morrow County.

He'll spend three days in Echo and two in Irrigon and then

reverse the schedule the following week.

The position is being funded through a \$10,000 grant from the federal Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) and \$2500 from each community.

"This is only a trial position," Vernon Stewart, Irrigon mayor, reminded Moon last Thursday. Should CETA funds run out, the communities would have to abandon the position. Moon will not have the power to hire and fire the city employees he will be supervising.

Echo and Irrigon were mainly interested in hiring a city administrator to help seek out and process grants.

Because of rapid growth in their areas, the communities also felt pressured to seek assistance in their urban planning efforts.

"The only real problem I see working for the two communities is geographic," Moon said. "A set schedule may not fit the bill but it is something to get used to and adjust." His Echo office will be at the city hall. In Irrigon

he'll work out of Morrow County's new building.

Before beginning his new job, Moon will have to be unemployed for 15 days in order to comply with CETA requirements. Although the position is funded for \$15,000, only \$12,000 will go toward his salary. The remaining \$3,000 will be used for expenses.

Moon is a graduate of Hermiston High School and Eastern Oregon State College. He received a bachelor of science degree in community services. He has worked as the Morrow County planning director since 1974.

## Accidents injure two in Morrow County

Two persons were injured in separate accidents in the Lexington vicinity Saturday night.

Seriously injured Saturday

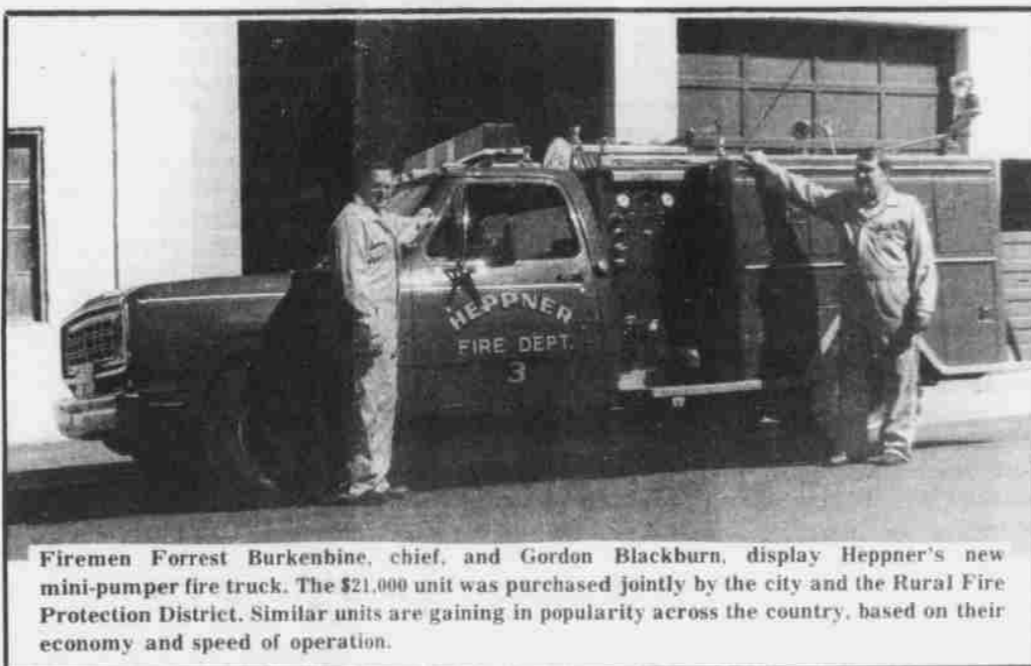
night was Nellie Sanborn, 55, of 350 So. Dunne, Stanfield. According to investigating officers, the Stanfield woman was walking on Highway 74

six miles northwest of Heppner when she was struck by a pickup driven by Louie Eng of Lexington.

Unconfirmed reports indicated that the woman and her husband may have been collecting bottles from the roadway. As of Monday, the Morrow County Sheriff's Department had not completed interviews with all persons at the scene.

The Sanborn woman was reported in stable condition at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton Wednesday morning. She sustained cuts and abrasions as well as a fractured knee and fractured arm.

In a second accident Saturday, Jerry Rollins, 39, of Ione, was injured when his pickup overturned between Lexington and Ione. He was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, admitted for observation and released the following day.



Firemen Forrest Burkenbine, chief, and Gordon Blackburn, display Heppner's new mini-pumper fire truck. The \$21,000 unit was purchased jointly by the city and the Rural Fire Protection District. Similar units are gaining in popularity across the country, based on their economy and speed of operation.

## Boardman sewer project \$1.4 million

The city of Boardman will receive a \$1,415,440 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for sewer improvements.

Senator Mark Hatfield and Congressman Al Ullman said in a joint statement that the

grant will help pay for the construction of an interceptor and non-discharge treatment lagoon facility. The grant will help pay for the final construction stage, as well as reimburse the city for earlier planning and design work.

"Adequate sewers are necessary for any economic growth at Boardman as well as improving the basic quality of life," the two men said in their statement. "This project will create construction jobs as it is being built while providing a capital improvement after it is completed."

The program to obtain a sewer grant has been ongoing since September 1973. Actual application to EPA was made March 9, 1976.

Boardman residents currently use a three million gallon lagoon which was designed for a maximum of 500 people. A one million gallon aeration lagoon was added in 1974. Boardman's current population is in excess of 1000.

The grant will be for the purchase and building of a lagoon and irrigation-to-land system. Treated sewer water will be contracted to local farmers for irrigation purposes.

"The new system is hoped to be under construction by July or August," said Jim Thompson, city manager. It will be capable of serving 4000 to 5000 people and will be located two and one-half miles east of Boardman next to the existing Bonneville Power substation.

The non-discharge system is an attempt to meet the 1980 goals and guidelines of the EPA, according to Thompson. Those rules seek an abolition of discharge into navigable waters.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will contribute about \$300,000 to cover the local cost of the project. Boardman will now enter into negotiations with DEQ over \$40,000 in additional funds which the city had expected to be included with the grant.

"It's all a matter of interpretation of the EPA rules," explained Thompson.

## Lexington trio plan Angus show journey

Three Lexington youngsters are scheduled to take part in the Western Regional Junior Angus Heifer Show set for May 1 in Reno, Nev. The three junior members of the American Angus Association, Julie, Ken, and Geri Grieb, are among 77 boys and girls from eight states who have entered 102 Angus heifers in the show, reports Lloyd D. Miller, executive secretary of the American Angus Association.

The show is the largest Western Regional ever held. It is well above last year's record entry of 84 animals from 59 young Angus breeders. Show judge will be Herald Catlin from Yakima, Wash.

Interest is particularly high in this year's show because the Western National Futurity has been designated the National Angus Show of 1977. A large number of the junior members have also entered their heifers in the big national event, a once in a lifetime opportunity for many of them.

The junior heifers must arrive in Reno by noon, Saturday, April 30, and a special party for all exhibitors is planned. The show will be on Sunday, May 1, with the combined Western National Futurity and National Angus Show set for Monday and Tuesday, May 2 and 3.

## New shop open house set Monday

Heppner High School will be the scene of activity Monday evening, April 11.

At 7:30 p.m., interested persons can meet in the cafeteria and hear Jim Ackley and Company play music. Following that, Morrow County Superintendent Matt Doherty will explain the upcoming school district budget.

An open house of the new shop facilities at the high school, complete with refreshments, will wind up the evening.

## Elks' Lodge installs new slate for 1977

A new slate of officers were installed Saturday night, April 2, at the Heppner Elks' Lodge No. 358. The installation ceremony saw Don Ball of Ione take the gavel as exalted ruler of the lodge for the coming year.

Other new officers are Jerry Anderson, esteemed leading knight, Hank Pointer, esteemed loyal knight, Ed Gunder-

son, Jr., esteemed lecturing knight, Glen Ward, secretary, Ed Dick, treasurer, Jim Nelson, tiler, Dave Barnett, esquire, Don Isom, chaplain, Jim Lankford, inner guard, and Ken Turner, organist.

Trustees are Gene Hall, Don Cole and past exalted rulers Everett Kiethly, Claude Graham and Forrest Burkenbine, immediate past exalted ruler of the Heppner lodge, was presented with a special plaque in recognition of his service.

A standing ovation was given to Glen Ward in recognition of his 20 years in the post of secretary.

## Reception set for Williams

There will be a program and reception honoring Clifford Williams, who will retire at the end of the current school year.

Williams taught in Echo Schools for three years, in Heppner a total of nine years, and in Ione for the past six years.

The reception will be held in the Ione School Cafeteria, beginning at 8 p.m., Thursday, April 14, following a short Cardinal Club meeting.

All parents, students and friends are invited to attend.

By Tom Franks

By a margin of seven votes, electors in Heppner defeated a proposed city budget increase of \$46,445 outside the six per cent limitation. The vote tally was 136 to 129.

Several city councilmen indicated they might not seek to put the measure to a second vote. The alternative is a cut into personnel and services.

The general consensus is that cuts will begin with the police department and extend across the entire range of city services.

The election returns will be canvassed tonight, Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. Following the canvass, the budget committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. to consider what action will be taken.

Heppner has voted no on tax increases consistently during the past two years.

The council, along with the budget committee, sought an increase in the levy of about 75 cents per \$1,000 over last year. The budget included a six per cent salary increase for city employees.

If a decision is made to trim the budget further, it is expected that cuts will come from all services, including police, recreation, street maintenance, library, etc., with little or no change in services essential to health, basic administration and fire protection.

## Coal plant boosts employment

Morrow County experienced a marked increase in employment levels during the month of February, with a jump of 380. The February level of employment brought the unemployment rate to 4.8 per cent, lowest in the state, according to the Department of Human Resources Employment Division.

The February unemployment rate of 4.8 per cent is down from 6.3 per cent in January and down 7.5 per cent compared with February of 1975.

The Employment Division said the Morrow County employment increase was tied to a moderate gain in food processing and a major increase in construction activities at the PGE coal-fired plant near Boardman.

## Erwin, Swanson elected

The Heppner Branch of the American Association of University Women elected two officers for the coming year at its April 2 meeting.

Inez Erwin, Heppner, was elected vice-president and Monica Swanson, Ione, was re-elected branch treasurer. Two officers whose terms carry on for the next year are

Linda Johnson, Heppner, president, and Karen Beck, Ione, secretary.

Several business matters were discussed by the members. An important committee report based on a thorough study of south-Morrow consumers and grocery buying was given by committee chairman Anne Doherty.

## Egg hunt Saturday

The annual Elks' Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m., for pre-schoolers and school children in grades one through four, Don Ball, exalted ruler, announced.

The hunts will take place in three locations. The pre-school hunt will be at City Park near the library. The hunt for grades one and two will be at the County Courthouse. Grades three and four will have their hunt at the Junior High lower field.



## Wheat League slates Lexington workshop

The Morrow County Wheat League will have their annual spring workshop beginning at 7 p.m. on May 4 in the Lexington Grange Hall, Tommy Martin, of Lexington, county Wheat League president, said this week.

Martin said the evening program will feature Don Rydrych, weed research agronomist, from the Pendleton Experiment Station. Rydrych will speak on dryland non-tillage and reduced tillage wheat production. "This is the year we could really use some of these practices," Martin noted.

"James Johnson, The Dalles, chairman of the Oregon Wheat League Safety, Conservation and Health Committee, will bring us up to date on where we stand with the Occupational Safety and Health Act and what the Wheat League is doing to deal with OSHA. This presentation will include what the farmer has to look for in the future concerning this state bureau," Martin said.

"Harold Kerr, Morrow County agricultural agent, will review the cost of wheat production for the county last year," Martin added.

"Refreshments will be served after the meeting by the Morrow County Wheat-hearts. We expect to have a good turnout, as it should be a very informative meeting," Martin said.