

## Farm-City day recognizes many

A bevy of awards were presented and Master of Ceremonies Charlie Daly managed to keep his jokes relatively clean as a packed house gathered Friday at the St. Patrick's parish hall to salute area agriculture and commerce during the annual Farm-City dinner.

Special honors went to Gene Majeske, recipient of the 1977 Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year award and Chuck Acock, honored by county livestock growers as the 1977 Morrow County Cattleman of the year.

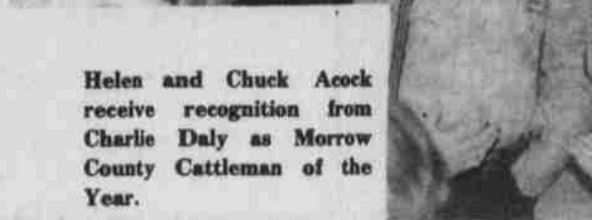
Harold Kerr presented carcass contest awards to 12 county FFA and 4-H members, whose animals graded out highest after slaughter.

Mary Daly was top winner for raising a steer which produced a yield grade of .583. Kerr said the grade had to be one of the highest in the country since a 3.0 grade is considered normal and anything under 1.0 is exceptional.

Others receiving carcass certificates and accompanying checks were Carol McElligott, Robert Richards, Grace McElligott, Jo Lynn Daly, Wade West, Tim Daly, Clay



Gene and Alice Majeske receive the Conservation Man of the Year award from Dallas Rea of Pioneer Implement.



Helen and Chuck Acock receive recognition from Charlie Daly as Morrow County Cattleman of the Year.

West, Time Hellberg, Todd Harrison, Vincent McElligott and Diann Morter.

directing his energies into opening Heppner's only downtown department store.

Tad Miller, outgoing president of the Oregon Wheat League, took a few minutes to address the audience, saying, he was proud of the amount of state-wide leadership that is coming from Morrow County. County residents active in Oregon organizations include Don Peterson, Oregon president of the National Farm Organization; Dick McElligott, president of Oregon

Association of Conservation Districts; Miller, president of the OWL; Raymond French, first vice-president of the Oregon Cattleman's Association; Milt Morgan, chairman of the State Board of Agriculture; Henry Krebs, a representative on the Oregon Sheep Commission; and Shirley Rugg, recently appointed to the State Forestry Board.

"I'm proud of the county, I'm proud of the agriculture and I'm especially proud of the people," Miller said.

From the business community, Dr. Wallace Wolff presented two awards on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Lee Hazen was honored for his efforts in establishing a new dental clinic in Heppner and Bob Kroll was cited for

Dr. Lee Hazen (left) and Bob Kroll were recipients of special awards from the Chamber of Commerce. Hazen opened a new dental clinic in Heppner and Kroll, with wife Phyllis, opened a new department store here.



## Boardman medical clinic eyes March opening

The Morrow County Medical Clinic in Boardman is nearing completion and will be receiving patients by the first of March, it was announced this week.

Built as a joint venture with Morrow County and Cal-Am Fuhrman Co., developers of Boardman South, the clinic will be staffed by Drs. Richard Carpenter and Joe Diehl of Heppner.

The loss of a third physician, Dr. Joe Gifford, from the Heppner medical Clinic, may force the Boardman facility to operate on a three-day-a-week basis to start.

"We'll be ready to open the clinic by the first of March and hopefully we will be able to find some additional help for staffing of the Clinic in Boardman by that time," said Diehl.

Carpenter and Diehl said they are already looking for a nurse practitioner which will locate in Boardman which would give residents 24-hour emergency medical service.

Arrival of a new X-ray machine and other equipment is expected by late February. The \$28,000 X-ray machine is currently the object of a fund drive for which an

additional \$14,000 is needed. Please see accompanying story.

Morrow County Judge D.O. Nelson said mental health offices will also be located in the clinic and should be open after the first of the year.

"We are happy the clinic is completed and nearing opening," said Judge Nelson, "and we're confident the residents of North Morrow County will be pleased with the service of Drs. Carpenter and Diehl."

The new medical clinic joins a recently completed dental clinic in the continuing development of Boardman.

## PGE contributes \$14,000 to x-ray machine fund

Portland General Electric was the first contributor to the Morrow County Medical Clinic X-ray machine fund drive and with the utility's \$14,000 check, the drive is more than half-way there.

"Portland General Electric has once again confirmed their interest and concern for

Morrow County with the generous donation for medical facilities in Boardman," said Morrow County Judge D.O. Nelson. "We just can't express enough, our appreciation to PGE."

The nearly completed clinic, constructed by Cal-Am Fuhrman in a joint venture with Morrow County, will be receiving patients by the first of March.

Between now and then it is necessary to raise an additional \$14,000 to purchase the new X-ray machine.

Boardman Mayor Jerry Peck is spearheading the fund drive.

"That's a lot of cash to raise in a short time and we are going to need the help of individuals, businesses and industry in meeting the goal," said Peck.

"Portland General Electric has certainly set the pace with their donation and we will be looking to industry and business to pick up the bulk of the tab," said Peck.

With the X-Ray machine the new clinic will be able to offer residents of North Morrow County full medical services, short of hospitalization, and Drs. Richard Carpenter and Joe Diehl of Heppner are attempting to locate a nurse practitioner for Boardman so the clinic will be available to residents on a 24-hour emergency basis.

Individuals, businesses and industry interested in making a contribution should contact Jerry Peck in Boardman or send their contributions to X-Ray Fund, Morrow County Medical Clinic, Boardman, Oregon 97818.

## Problems hamper Planning Commission

The lack of any paid personnel to handle administrative tasks and a relatively high rate of turnover among commission members are impeding the operation of the Heppner Planning Commission, according to Commission Chairman Ed Dick.

A directive issued by the City Council earlier in the year asked the Commission to rotate the chairmanship among the members on an annual basis but Dick, who has served as chairman for more than a year, is having a hard time finding a replacement. At least two current members have declined the

position, citing insufficient spare time needed to properly handle the chairmanship duties.

In addition, the Council and Mayor Jerry Sweeney are now seeking applicants to fill two recently vacated seats on the nine-member board. The vacancies arose when both Bill Lande and Mel Parker submitted their resignations last month. Currently, three Commission members have served less than a year.

"Our biggest problem is that there are no paid personnel to do all the legwork required," Dick said, "And recent legislation has added to

the workload by more clearly defining the criteria under which planning commissions have to operate."

House Bill 2944, passed during the last session of the Oregon Legislature, stipulates that "approval or denial of a permit application shall be based on standards and criteria which shall be set forth in the zoning ordinance or other appropriate ordinance... and shall be based upon and accompanied by a brief statement that explains the criteria and standards considered relevant to the decision, states the facts relied upon in rendering the decision and

explains the justification for the decision..."

"The regulations were implied before but now they are definite," Dick said. "It's just about a full time job keeping up with everything and the cooperation we get from the council certainly leaves something to be desired."

Dick said the zoning ordinances adopted by Heppner in 1966 are already "sadly outdated" citing as an example the fact that the ordinances provide no area in the city for multiple-family dwellings or mobile homes.

"You simply can't find fault with land use planning princi-

ples but the fact remains that property owners just don't want to be told what they can do with what they own," Dick said. "It's difficult for people to accept mandatory requirements."

The Planning Commission operates mainly as an advisory board although it is empowered to set up public hearings and grant conditional use and variance permits. Still, the Commission decisions are subject to City Council approval and they can be reversed, as was recently the case when the Council overruled the Commission and granted a permit to a Gre-

sham construction firm for a proposed apartment complex.

"It's kind of frustrating when our decisions are overruled without the Council giving any justification at all," Dick said. "We made our decision based on the objections of the residents in the area."

### Weather

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Wed., Dec. 7	39	29	
Thurs., Dec. 8	37	28	trace
Fri., Dec. 9	36	26	
Sat., Dec. 10	58	28	.09
Sun., Dec. 11	57	40	.16
Mon., Dec. 12	50	40	
Tues., Dec. 13	58	43	.54

## Chamber to install officers Monday

A new slate of officers will be installed at the regular noon luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce next Monday at the West of Willow restaurant.

Officers will be elected at a special meeting of the Board of Directors this Friday at noon, which includes both retiring and new board members elected at the last meeting.

Newly elected directors include Ernie McCabe for a one-year term; Dave Harrison, Lyle Lowe, Matt Doherty and Everett Harshman for two year terms.

Next Monday's meeting will be the last of the year for Chamber and the annual Christmas program is scheduled to follow installation of officers.

## Boardman woman top cakebaker

Cheryl Ammons of Boardman, was named Oregon's state champion cake baker last Tuesday by the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

In other business at their annual meeting last week in Pendleton, the league elected John Cuthbert, La Grande, as president. Cuthbert succeeds Tad Miller of Heppner. The league also supported

changes in the 1962 Reclamation Act to reflect today's farming practices. The Act currently limits acreage under irrigation from federal projects.

Support for the concept of 100 percent parity for farm products was expressed by the league although the "farmers' strike" received no direct support.

## Pauline Matheny first \$50 winner

Pauline Matheny of Heppner was the big winner in last Saturday's Heppner area merchants Christmas Bonanza drawing, taking home \$50 in cash certificates.

Ron Becket of Heppner won \$25 and Mrs. C.F. Hall of Heppner won \$15. Six other persons were the recipients of \$10 cash certificates; a complete list of winners appears on page 12 along with details of the Bonanza.

All you have to do to be a winner in the \$500 giveaway is to sign up at participating merchants. A second drawing for nine more winners will be

held this Saturday and a grand prize drawing will be held on Dec. 24.

Merchants participating in the Christmas Bonanza include Gardner's Men's Wear, Peterson's Jewelers, Kroll's Department Store, The Shoe Box, The Lebus Shoppe, Coast to Coast, Farley Motors, Court St. Market, Case Furniture, Central Market, Judy's Fabric and Macrame, Lott's Electric, Cole's House of Fashion and Posy Patch, Murray's Drug, The Gazette Times, Morrow County Grain Growers and Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply.

## Christmas Bonanza See page 12

## Contest underway for Fair theme

Morrow County residents will have a chance to pick the theme of the 1978 County Fair by entering the annual theme contest now underway, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Fair Committee.

The theme idea should be general enough to allow for creative variation in floats and decorations. The person submitting the winning theme idea will receive \$10, a free pass for two to Family Fun Night and have the pleasure of seeing his or her theme carried out throughout the fair and parade.

Theme entries should be sent to Larry Mills in Heppner or Delpha Jones in Lexington by Friday, Dec. 23. The theme is selected early in order to give decorating and float committees a chance to organize their plans.

Representatives of the Fair Committee including Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rauch, Mr. and

Mrs. Cecil Jones and Liz Curtis attended workshops at the State Fair Convention in Portland last week to keep informed on what's going on in fairs around the state.

Mrs. Jones emphasized that planning for the fair is an all year process with the 10-member Fair Committee meeting at least once every month. Several sub-committees are already working on the 1978 event, including one that is reviewing fair premiums and comparing them with other counties.

The Fair Committee includes Marv Clarkson, Irri-gon; Verne Minnich, Boardman; Julie Nelson and Ruth McCabe, Ione; Bob Kroll and Jim Launer, Heppner; Gary Grieb, Butter Creek area; and Mildred Rauch, Phyllis Piper and Delpha Jones, Lexington.

The 1978 Morrow County Fair has been set to take place Saturday through Tuesday, August 19-22.

## Mustangs roll on

The undefeated Heppner Mustangs stretched their season mark to 4-0 and picked up a little hardware in the process, as they topped both Riverside and Union to retain the first place trophy in the Heppner Invitational Tournament over the weekend.

The Mustangs breezed past Riverside 54-44 on Friday and came back in the championship finals Saturday to beat Union 57-49. More tournament information can be found in this week's sports section.

## Nelson appointed

Governor Bob Straub recently appointed Morrow County Judge D.O. Nelson to the State Task Force on Juvenile Corrections.

In making the appointment Straub said, "I am particularly glad to know that County Judges exercising jurisdiction over juvenile corrections will be represented."

Nelson attended his first session of the Task Force, following his appointment, last Friday in Salem. He replaces Wheeler County Judge A.F. "Buck" Leckie on the commission.

## Board to air bond

At its regular monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Lexington, the Morrow County School Board will consider a bond issue worth approximately 4.5 million dollars recently recommended by the district's Long Range Planning Committee for constructing two new schools in north Morrow County and improving some existing facilities. District Architect Bob Smith will be on hand to assist in the deliberations.

The Board will also consider revisions in current policies for married and pregnant students and for the selection of material for school libraries.

Consideration of attendance boundaries and personnel matters are also on the agenda.