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Wed., Mar. 29	66	39		
Thurs., Mar. 30	59	49	.02	
Fri., Mar. 31	56	36	.03	
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Mon., Apr. 3	59	38		
Tues., Apr. 4	51	39	.15	
Mar. Prec.	-1.24			
Normal	-1.28			
1977	-1.85			



CowBelle President Mary Martin (talking with her hands, too) directs a "practice pizza" session with Mary Kilkenny and Carol Kerr. The CowBelles were getting in a little practice with the paddle before the organization's pizza party and meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 12. The affair will be at the West of Willow Restaurant beginning at 7 p.m.

It's alla beef!

CowBelles plan pizza party and organizational meeting

What the Morrow County CowBelles will be and do as an organization will be the main topic of discussion at an organizational pizza party and meeting Wednesday, April 12, CowBelle President Mary Martin announced this week. The pizza party and meeting will be held at the West of Willow Restaurant beginning at 7 p.m.

"We, as CowBelles, and more importantly as women concerned and involved in agriculture have a responsibility to ourselves and the industry—but how do we fill this role?" questioned Mrs. Martin.

The newly elected CowBelle president goes on to explain how beef promotions, educational programs for the public, beef certificate sales and cookbooks have become a tradition with the CowBelles.

"These are all worthwhile and necessary projects but some of us wonder if we couldn't better spend our energies here, educating ourselves first," she commented.

The Extension Service provides many programs for marketing, hedging futures, management and operations, but, for the most part these programs are attended by the men of the cattle industry.

Mrs. Martin said these programs are also available and would be educational for the women of the cattle industry. In addition, she proposes bringing a class on farm bookkeeping and economics to local CowBelles, if the membership indicates a willingness to participate.

CowBelles will also have the opportunity to discuss and vote on a name change proposed by the national organization. In the future, the organization will be known as National Cattlewomen.

Mrs. Martin said other items of business will include discussion about the upcoming

beef promotion at Fred Meyer's in Portland April 28-29 and the state council meeting and workshop in Corvallis May 12-13.

Members are reminded to bring their dues (\$2-year County, \$10-year National) to this meeting as several requests for financial assistance have been received by the Morrow County group.

The pizza party and meeting is open to CowBelles and non-members interested in becoming a part of the organization.

Hatfield makes dam appropriations highlight

Senator Mark Hatfield told the Senate Appropriations Committee this Tuesday, that the sorry state of Federal water resource planning is frustrating the attempts of his constituents to work within the system to provide for needed future water developments.

Hatfield is a senior member of that Committee and the top Republican on its Public Works Subcommittee which funds Federal water projects. The committee began hearings this week on next year's budget for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Water Resources Council.

On the subject of specific Oregon projects for Fiscal Year 1979, Hatfield said he will make the proposed Willow Creek Dam and Reservoir his centerpiece.

"It is a paramount example

of the failure of the planning process," he said.

Congress authorized the project in 1965, but pre-construction planning required a modification—not in the physical design of the project, but in the allocation of the reservoir storage space among the

project functions of flood control, irrigation, municipal and industrial water, recreation and water quality enhancement downstream.

Congress passed the modified authorization and let the project go forward in 1974, but President Ford vetoed it because he said it no longer conformed to Administration criteria for water projects.

Hatfield said this week the idea of a flood control dam in the Willow Creek canyon is just as valid today as it was after the 1903 disaster that killed 247 people.

Hatfield pointed out to the senate Committee that Heppner's business and industrial district and about 80 per cent of its residences are in the 100-year flood plain, and that how, economically, Heppner will be in a straightjacket without a flood control project because of the severe restrictions placed on development in the flood plain by the Federal Insurance Administration and Oregon land use laws.

Hatfield said he asked the Appropriations Subcommittee for a construction start and language in the appropriation bill specifying that funds will be spent according to the 1974 project description.

Before centering on the Willow Creek Dam and other specific projects in Oregon Hatfield told the appropriations committee, "Lately, I

have seen the unraveling of the Federal program reach new lows...the usual tactics of budgetary stretch-outs and the no-new-start dictum."

Hatfield also announced his intention to propose legislation later this month to "regularize the water planning process, expedite it, eliminate the present incongruities, and orient it toward objectives that will be more readily understandable and widely supportable."

Some of the other projects stressed by Hatfield to the committee were anadromous fishery restoration in the Deschutes, John Day, Umatilla and Grand Ronde rivers; and the Columbia River Estuary Special Study which will determine what kinds of development can be accommodated in the huge and complex estuary of the Columbia river and how it can be accommodated.

Morrow Schools pass budget, BMCC budget defeated

Although only three of five county voting precincts reported a favorable total, the Morrow County School District budget passed the test on the first round by a comfortable 150 vote margin. Strong support was seen in the two north Morrow precincts and lone voters supported the 13.4 per cent budget hike over the current year by a lesser margin. The budget was narrowly turned back in the Heppner precinct and soundly rejected in Lexington.

Five advisory committee positions were also on the ballot, with all but one showing uncontested races. In the lone contested race, Stephen Peck totaled 279 votes to 197 for Judy Currin to win the seat as the Lexington schools advisory member. Also gaining seats were Frank Pearson (Heppner), Mary Martin (lone), Francine Evans (Boardman-Irrigon) and Earl Trudeau (Boardman-Irrigon).

Kenneth Broadbent received 422 votes to retain his School Board seat which was challenged by Larry Leichter (218) votes.

In separate balloting, the Blue Mountain Community College was narrowly defeated on a district-wide basis, although the budget was successful in Morrow County. The district total was 3,190 yes votes to 3,227 votes. The Morrow County was 524 yes and 466 no.

Board of Directors' incumbent Bob Rietmann was successful in turning back the challenge of Beryl Brizendine both in county balloting and district-wide.

Morrow County School Levy	YES	NO
Heppner	178	188
Boardman	152	34
Irrigon	112	40
lone	109	96
Lexington	33	85

Morrow County School Board	YES	NO
Kenneth Broadbent	422	
Larry Leichter	218	

BMCC Levy (Total Vote)	YES	NO
Morrow County	524	466
BMCC Board Member		
Bob Rietmann	4,556	
Beryl Brizendine	1,837	

Proposed Heppner budget outside 6% limitation

Members of the Heppner Budget Committee met last Thursday at City Hall for an initial look at the city's proposed budget which now stands at \$41,059 outside the six per cent limitation.

In his budget message to the committee, City Budget Officer Marshall Lovgren said the requirements were raised this year mainly by the inclusion of two more employees to the city payroll—one each in the Water and Street Departments—as well as increases in the cost of materials, supplies, insurance and payroll taxes. Lovgren said the proposed document also included budgeting for the Library Department which was trimmed from the current year's budget.

After a two-hour review of the 30-page document, the committee agreed to reconvene Thursday (tonight) to begin discussing items which could be cut before presenting the budget to the voters.

Tonight's meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

The total requirements for the budget come to \$195,405 which is staked against \$120,155 in anticipated receipts, leaving \$75,250 in taxes

required to balance the budget. Added to that figure is \$9,783 estimated as taxes not to be received. The result is \$43,974 in tax within the six per cent limitation and \$41,059 in tax outside the limitation.

Major additions to the budget package proposed are the two city employ positions, both salaried at \$11,428. The positions are needed to help augment the current skeleton city work crew which has fallen far behind in

Plant pleads guilty to robbery charge

Kenneth L. Plant, 17, Boardman, who was arrested in a Hermiston service station Jan. 15 after holding the station owner hostage, Thursday pled guilty to a charge of robbery in the third degree.

Plant entered the guilty plea to the negotiated charge at a change of plea hearing before Circuit Court Judge Jack Olsen in the Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner. Plant was initially charged with first degree robbery, first degree kidnapping, recklessly

required city maintenance work.

Also included is a \$7,319 allotment for materials, services and outlay for the City Library as well as a 10 per cent salary increase for city employees.

The Fire Department is the only city department indicating a decrease in budget requirements, dropping from a current year's allotment of \$9,075 to a proposed budget of \$5,574.

Plant pleads guilty to robbery charge

endangering and driving under the influence after the gun-wielding youth held officers at bay and removed cash from the station register.

District Attorney Dennis Doherty said he agreed to enter plea negotiation after conferring with the defense attorney and a psychiatrist who studied Plant and reviewing video tapes and written tests used by the psychiatrist in his evaluation.

"I remain unconvinced that the defendant suffers from a

Lovgren said nothing is budgeted for street paving in the coming year and also pointed out that nothing is budgeted for water line improvements for the anticipated apartment complex on

Elder Street. The building permit for the complex is still pending. City Council has assured the builder the im-

provements will be made if the permit is approved.

mental disease or defect which would exclude criminal responsibility," Doherty said. "I was and am, however, persuaded that Kenneth Logan Plant labors under an emotional or personality disorder."

The negotiated charge is a Class C felony carrying a maximum penalty of five years and, or a fine of \$2,500. A pre-sentence investigation will be conducted by Corrections Division officials before sentencing is scheduled.

FFA Slave Auction to be held tonight

Thursday (today), April 6, is the time for Morrow County residents to place their bids for securing one of 50 Future Farmers of America who will be put on the auction block at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner High School cafeteria.

Gary Grieb, honorary FFA member, will serve as auctioneer for the annual FFA Slave Auction, which is this year's only fund-raiser for the local chapter's numerous activities.

Each 'slave' will be required to put in a good eight-hours of labor for his buyer. Arrangements of time and type of work will be arranged between buyer and slave.

Refreshments will be available at tonight's event.

Two injured in one car accident

Noel Gay Harshman, 20, and Debby L. Harshman, 19, are both hospitalized with serious injuries following a one-vehicle accident on Highway 207 one mile north of Hardman Monday morning.

Noel is "making satisfactory progress" in St. Mary's Community Hospital in Walla Walla, Wa., where he was transported after the accident, according to his nurse in the intensive care unit. He suffered a broken jaw and facial bones, a damaged eye nerve, a deep cut on his back and numerous lacerations. His father, Gay Harshman, said on Wednesday, "His mental condition is alert. He was very lucky."

Debby is a patient at Pioneer Memorial Hospital with a broken pelvis and lacerations.

Break-in nets drugs

A weekend break-in at Murray's Drug netted a selective thief about \$400 in prescription drugs.

Some 3,800 pills, mostly barbituates and tranquilizers, were taken from the drug counter while other valuables in the store were left untouched. Mark Murray estimated the stolen drugs to have a street value of about \$4,000.

The break-in occurred sometime between midnight and 8 a.m. Sunday. Entry was gained by breaking a side window and using a crow bar to pry off a window covering.

Investigation of the incident is continuing.

Loan officer joins Bank of E.O.

Brad Christensen, formerly of Roseburg, has joined the loan department staff at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner, Bank President Gene Pierce announced this week.

Pierce said Christensen will begin as a loan officer, after spending six years with the Douglas National Bank loan department in Roseburg. Christensen is a graduate of Oregon State University with a B.S. in Business and Finance.

An out-of-doors and sports enthusiast, Christensen is 22-years old and single.



Brad Christensen