

John Cox advances in First National ranks

John Cox, a Heppner native and 1967 graduate of Heppner High School, was recently transferred from his position with First National Bank of Oregon to a position of increased responsibility with that bank's parent holding company in California.

Cox, 29, has moved to the Los Angeles-based Western Bancorporation where he will work as a marketing officer for retail banking services. At First National he was a

marketing officer at bank headquarters in Portland. Western Bancorporation is the nation's largest multi-state bank holding company. With assets of \$26 billion, it comprises 22 banks with nearly 800 full-service banking offices in more than 400

communities in the 11 western states. First National Bank of Oregon is the second largest affiliate of Western Bancorporation. Following his graduation from high school, Cox attended the University of Oregon where he received a bachelors

degree in business administration in 1971 and a master of business administration in 1976. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Cox. Mr. Cox, now

retired, is the former owner of the Morrow County Creamery. Cox joined First National in 1976.



Landslide

Last week's thaw triggered a number of mud and rock slides throughout Morrow County, including this one at the Elta Parker home on Center Street in Heppner. The slide occurred last Wednesday, sending tons of soaked earth downhill into Mrs. Parker's garage, smashing out a wall, and partially covering a car.

Parole, jail sentence among news of Morrow County Circuit Court

A man convicted for stealing a saddle tack from a Hardman area home while on probation for a misdemeanor offense will be released on parole in several months, Morrow County officials learned this week.

Danny J. Huffman of Joseph was indicted last May for stealing the saddle equipment. He pleaded guilty in September, and in November was sentenced to a three year jail term in Morrow County Circuit Court. His sentence was to have been concurrent with a two-year Wallowa County forgery sentence.

However, the Oregon State Parole Board recently recom-

mended that Huffman be released in August of this year. Terry Baker, a Sand Hollow area farm worker, was sentenced last week to a maximum two-year jail term by Morrow County Circuit Judge

School Board to meet Monday

The names for the new Irrigon junior high school and Boardman elementary school buildings and a countywide student discipline policy are among items scheduled to be discussed next Monday, Feb. 19, during the regular monthly meeting of the Morrow County

William Wells. Barker was found guilty in the theft last fall of two rifles from a pickup truck parked in Heppner. He still faces court action on an additional drug charge.

A budget hearing will precede the regular order of business, and an executive session will be held to consider teacher contracts. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Heppner Elementary School.

Comment on USFS plan is due Monday

Next Monday, Feb. 19, is the deadline for public comment on the proposed land use plan for the Heppner District of the Umatilla National Forest.

Copies of the proposed land use plan are available at the District Ranger Station in Heppner. Staff members will be available to go over the proposal with interested citizens.

Written comments post-marked Feb. 19 or earlier will be considered in evaluating the plan.

Sweeney appointed

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Maas of Heppner on the board, whose term expired on Dec. 31. Judge D.O. Nelson said a number of individuals had recommended Sweeney for the appointment over the past several weeks.

The hospital board will meet in regular session Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the hospital.

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