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Weather

by Don Gilliam

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Sept. 30	74	52	
Wed., Oct. 1	71	39	
Thurs., Oct. 2	73	39	
Fri., Oct. 3	78	41	
Sat., Oct. 4	86	47	
Sun., Oct. 5	92+	52	
Mon., Oct. 6	85	50	
+ Record high for October.			
Sept. Precipitation	1.12		
Normal	.73		
1979	.35		

Office seekers present views at local Candidates Fair



Donell Smith talks to crowd at Candidates Fair

Eleven local and regional office seekers presented their views last Wednesday night at the American Association of University Women-sponsored Candidates Fair.

In addition to candidates Larry Fetsch, W.J. "Bud" Englert, Douglas Rathbun, Barbara Bloodsworth, Paul Winter, Margo Sherer, Alice Vance, John Smallmon, Ralph Currin, Ken Jernstedt and Donnell Smith, around 30 spectators attended.

The candidates gave prepared speeches and answered questions, and also mingled with the crowd during two short refreshment breaks.

The following is a summary of the candidates presentations:

John Smallmon, incumbent candidate for district court judge, said he was much in favor of the court continuing to hold session in Heppner one day a week.

His district covers both Umatilla and Morrow counties and he said he believes "firmly" in local courts. "But

I believe the primary role of the district court should be in civil cases," he said. The local justice of the peace should handle all landlord disputes and traffic violations.

Smallmon's challenger, Ralph Currin, agreed, saying that the primary obligation of the circuit court is to expedite civil matters. He also said that the circuit court should continue to hold sessions in Heppner.

In the sheriff's race, incumbent Larry Fetsch cited his efforts while in office, including the institution of 24-hour dispatching. He says the sheriff's department has worked at improving cooperation between other law enforcement agencies, and that the department will eventually need more deputies. "We have five deputies to cover 2,055 square miles, and to improve reaction time (to calls) we are going to need more deputies."

One challenger to Fetsch, "Bud" Englert, says, if elected, he would like to see more after-hours patrol in outlying

areas, and efforts made to stop the turnover of deputies in the department. Englert also hit on the sheriff's budget, commenting, "The budget has increased \$100,000 in the last four years, and I can't see that many more services for that amount of dollars."

Fetsch's other challenger, Doug Rathbun, says there is a problem with turnover in the sheriff's department. He said he would institute an incentive program to induce deputies to stay on the force. Rathbun also stated that he would like to see another person hired on at the department as a detective, and one of the present officers used as a liaison to go into the schools to talk with the young people.

Incumbent County Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth said, if elected, she would work to speed up the payroll, election and recording procedures at the courthouse. She also said that the clerk should work to encourage voter registration. "That's part of her job."

Bloodsworth's challenger, Pauline Winter, says that she

would work to give dependable filing, office management and a courteous and professional attitude to the clerk's office. She also said she would train all personnel in the clerk's office to do all the jobs there. Concerning voter registration, she said, "voter registration is the responsibility of the county clerk. I have no complaint with mailing and other methods. The only problem I have is when voter registration is used in a partisan setting."

Incumbent County Treasurer Margo Sherer says she will invest county money in all of the banks in the county. On the subject of taxes she says "as long as people are making an effort (to pay) I will bend over backwards."

Her challenger, Alice Vance, says she would work to inform people what is happening with county finances. "People need to know what their county workers are doing," she said. Concerning taxes she said, "I feel it's a privilege to pay taxes." She

said she would turn delinquent tax payers over to the sheriff's department.

Incumbent District 28 State Senator Ken Jernstedt explained that in light of the recent state budget deficiency of over \$200 million, some people have suggested cutting the recently enacted state property relief program. But Jernstedt disagreed, saying, "It (property relief program) is one of the last things I would dip into." He criticized Ballot Measure 6, saying it would cause more tax money to go to Washington D.C. as federal tax. "We can use it (tax money) better here in Oregon," Jernstedt defended the legislature's action during the recent emergency session saying, "We did not take a hatchet approach." He pointed out that the budget was "scrutinized for three weeks before cuts were made."

Jernstedt's opponent, Donnell Smith, says the state is

spending too much money on higher education, and that more emphasis should be placed on the first 12 years of school. "We should slowly wean part, not all, of the money from the four year college," he said. Smith maintains that Oregon State University and the University of Oregon "have gotten what they want over the years." Smith also criticized the state property tax relief program. "The people asked for tax relief and they got half an apple."

Candidate for state treasurer Jewell Lansing did not attend but did send a representative who spoke on Lansing's qualifications, but did not participate in the question-answer session.

More complete biographical and background information on all the candidates running for office this year will appear in subsequent issues of the Gazette-Times.

Devin pleads guilty to dynamite theft

William Jay Devin, 19, of Lexington pleaded guilty in Morrow County Circuit Court Monday to two counts of first degree theft in connection with the theft of over one ton of dynamite last February, and the theft of guns in Heppner.

Devin pleaded guilty to the theft of one and a half tons of dynamite from an Oregon State Highway division stor-

age site between Heppner and Lexington Feb. 19.

He turned himself in to authorities in Palmer, Alaska Sept. 18, after learning charges had been brought against him in Morrow county.

A sentencing date has not been set, however, assistant District Attorney Ann Spicer says it should be in about six weeks.

Nancy Miller named Rodeo Queen

Nancy Miller, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tad Miller of Lexington will be next year's Morrow County Rodeo Queen, the Rodeo Board announced Tuesday night.

Nancy was a princess on this year's rodeo court.

Two girls will be chosen next Wednesday to be princesses on Queen Nancy's 1981 Rodeo court.

Rural Artist Residency program in screening process at Lone Schools

The Lone Schools system is presently in the process of screening and interviewing candidates for the "Rural Artist Residency Program," which is scheduled to begin at Lone after the first of the year.

The program, which is jointly funded by the Northwest Area Foundation, The Oregon Arts Foundation and individual school districts, brings professional artists into the classroom to work with teachers, and students and, in some instances, with members of the community.

The Lone School system is not a newcomer to the innovative program, having participated last year with enthusiastic results. "It was great," said Lone School Principal Chuck Starr. "We don't have a full-time art teacher and this program really gives us a shot in the arm."

Executive director of the Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council Doug Davis agrees. "This program provides ev-

ery-day exposure to some children who have not been exposed to art before."

Our goal is to make art a regular part of kids' lives," "to leave something behind - skills, enthusiasm."

Davis added that "artist" goes beyond the traditional meaning the "word" connotes - to include poets, printmakers, puppeteers, potters and dramatic people as well as sculptors and painters.

Davis said that artists are hired from all over the Northwest, but that the final decision belongs to the individual school and the individual artist. "It's a mutual agreement," concurred Starr.

Cost for the nine-week program is \$3,800, said Starr, with \$3,300 of that amount provided by the Oregon Arts Foundation and a private organization, the Northwest Area Foundation, and \$500 funded by the school district.

Heppner zone ruling allows church on 'Cemetery Hill'

A special residential zone, which will allow the construction of churches on "Cemetery Hill," was approved by the Heppner City Council Monday night.

The new zone was approved at the request of members of the Baptist Church who want to erect a church building in the area.

However, "Cemetery Hill's" zoning would not allow church construction, so both the Heppner Planning commission and city council agreed to amend the ordinance.

Some objections were voiced to the zoning ordinance change, mostly from property owners on the hill who felt the church congregation would cause congestion on the street leading into the area on Sundays, and who felt the church structure might not blend into surrounding homes.

The council apparently alleviated these fears, however, by stipulating that the church structure must meet certain guidelines which would make it compatible with the neighborhood before it could be built.

Church Pastor Richard Bigelow assured the council and

property owners that the church would follow the guidelines.

He said the church plans to move the former Community Church building in Kinzua up to "Cemetery Hill" and redo the 32-by-80-foot building.

Bigelow also said that his 30 member congregation would not congest the road up the hill as much as if homes were built on the same property and more people lived there.

Under the amended ordinance, churches would be allowed on "Cemetery Hill," but only with a conditional use permit. The amended ordinance was passed unanimously by the city council.

In other business the city sold a well to Carl Thorpe, Heppner, for \$4,400. The well was previously used for city water, but reportedly developed trouble with sanding.

In other action the council appointed Gary Bruch, Heppner, to the city planning commission.

Bruch works for the Forest Service and has lived in the area for 2 1/2 years.

The appointment still leaves one seat vacant on the city planning commission.

G-T adds new feature

A new feature, "What's Your Opinion?" is making its debut in this week's issue of

the Gazette-Times. Look on page two for this week's interview.

Most city populations up in county

The populations of Heppner, Irrigon, Lexington and Boardman are up, but the population of Lone is down, according to preliminary census figures released recently by the Bureau of the Census.

Heppner gained 69 people in the last ten years since the 1970 census, and now has a population of 1,498.

Irrigon has a population of 699, up 438 from the 1970 count of 261.

Lexington now has a population of 307, says the Census Bureau, up 77 from 230 ten years ago.

Boardman showed the biggest gain in the county, up from 192 in 1970 to 1,265 in 1980, a gain of 1,073.

Lone showed a loss of

population in the last ten years, according to Census figures. That community now has a population of 345, down from 355 in 1970.

Morrow County as a whole showed a population jump over the past ten years from 4,465 to 7,525, a gain of 3,060 people.

The number of housing units in the county jumped from

1,764 in 1970 to 3,212 in 1980, according to the 1980 census.

The Census Bureau stressed that the released figures were preliminary, and "are subject to revision and will be superseded by the final population counts which must be turned over to the President by Jan. 1, 1981."

Dog disease surfaces in Heppner

The parvovirus disease, which has been striking dogs all over the country, has surfaced in Heppner and outlying areas.

"I've had about a half dozen cases the past two months," said Heppner veterinarian J. W. Norene. "Four of those were in the past week."

Dr. Norene said that at the present time his office is out of the vaccine which can prevent the disease. "We've already gone through one batch and are expecting another. But I don't know when to expect it."

He added that there already is a waiting list at his office of

people who want to get dogs vaccinated.

In the meantime, Dr. Norene says that the best treatment is for dog owners to keep their pets away from other dogs.

Since the disease is a virus, he says that there is no "cure" other than treating the symp-

oms of vomiting and diarrhea as they appear and preventing a secondary infection.

"Younger dogs are hit pretty hard, but older dogs can usually make it through with care," said Dr. Norene. "It can kill younger ones in a day or two because it does heart damage."



Nancy Miller

Local calves shot, reward offered

The Oregon State Police report two calves belonging to area ranchers were shot and killed Tuesday.

Value of the calves was placed at \$800 to \$1,000.

Raymond French, Heppner, president of the Oregon Cattleman's Association says his organization and the Morrow

County Livestock Growers have a standing reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who kill livestock.

The calves shot Tuesday belonged to Dick Wilkinson and Shirley Rugg.