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Weather

by Don Gilliam

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Jan. 6	46	29	
Wed., Jan. 7	40	28	
Thurs., Jan. 8	36	25	
Fri., Jan. 9	47	29	
Sat., Jan. 10	34	30	
Sun., Jan. 11	33	30	
Mon., Jan. 12	33	28	

Jill makes debut—



Mr. and Mrs. Don Barber and Jill Leann

Jill Leann Barber finally arrived in Heppner last Sunday, and not a moment too soon. Pioneer Memorial Hospital had been waiting almost two weeks for her appearance.

Jill made her debut as the hospital's first baby of 1981 at 2 p.m. on January 11, weighing 7 lbs., 13 1/2 oz.

Jill's mom and dad are Judy and Don Barber of Heppner. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett, Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Barber, Ukiah.

As the first baby of the year, Jill and her parents will receive numerous gifts from area businesses.

Arriving the next morning, Monday, Jan. 12, at 7:42 a.m., was Pioneer Memorial's second baby of '81, Brooke Marie Sweeney, born to Pat and Trisha Sweeney, also of Heppner. Brooke weighed 7 lbs., 6 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithley and Jerry Sweeney, all of Heppner. Maternal great-grandmother is Ida Grable of Ione.

Brooke joins Cameron, Casey and Nicole at home.

Teachers file grievance with county school board

Claiming discrimination in insurance benefit coverage to married teaching couples in the school district, the Morrow County Education Association has filed a grievance with the county school board, and apparently the matter will go to arbitration.

In a Nov. 24 grievance letter to the board, several couples working as teachers wrote they "are being discriminated against on the basis of marital status."

The couples say that because "full family or couple benefits were, for a period of

time, received by both spouses, then the benefit reduced for one spouse or the other, we believe a unilateral change was made in the contract, inconsistent with the agreement between the district and the teachers. We ask that the district reinstate the coverage each employee is entitled to according to the agreement, regardless of marital status."

The school district has not

agreed to provide full family coverage for both spouses working for the district, and in a subsequent letter Dec. 15 from the Morrow County Education Association which represents the teachers in contract negotiations, the MCEA asked that the grievance be submitted to arbitration.

At issue is whether or not both couples who work for the district should be allowed full family coverage (as teachers

say is called for in the contract) or whether the district will provide full family for one spouse and single family for the other spouse (as is done now).

No date for the arbitration procedure has been set, but talks are moving forward in locating an arbitrator.

The teachers are in the second year of a three-year contract with the school district.

County traffic deaths drop from 8 to 1

Only one person died as a result of a traffic accident last year in Morrow County, compared to eight deaths recorded in 1979, according to the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division.

Oregon's tentative 1980 traffic death toll has been set at 644, nearly a five percent drop from 1979. The 1980 count of victims includes 89 pedestrians and 79 motorcyclists — the highest yearly toll of motorcycle fatalities ever recorded in Oregon.

At least 298 victims died as drivers and 159 as passengers in motor vehicles, according to statistics compiled by the Motor Vehicles Division from

police and driver reports of accidents.

Traffic accidents during week ends and holiday periods resulted in 294 deaths.

Three crashes, two in April, one in Tillamook County and one in Klamath County, and another one in July in Columbia County, each claimed four lives as the "worst of the year."

Ash fallout was noted as a possible factor in four traffic deaths recorded in Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia counties.

Figures are subject to revision as delayed reports are received or if people listed as injured die within 30 days of the accident.

Everett Harshman assigned court-appointed lawyer

Floyd Everett Harshman, Lexington, was assigned a court-appointed attorney in circuit court in Heppner, Monday, Jan. 5, however, no court date has been set for numerous theft and burglary charges pending against him.

Harshman is charged with one burglary and two thefts in connection with the theft of dynamite from a Highway Division storage shed near Heppner Feb. 19, 1980.

Harshman also faces two burglary and one theft charge in relation to the theft of drugs from Murray Drug store in Heppner Dec. 26, 1979.

In addition Harshman is charged with four counts of theft in connection with the disappearance of guns from parked vehicles last year in Heppner, and with keeping or using a controlled substance (marijuana).

In a more recent charge, Harshman is accused of

attempting an escape from the Wasco County jail, where he is being held.

Harshman and another inmate allegedly used a spoon Jan. 2 to dig out around bolts holding cell bars in place.

There will be at least four trials held in Morrow County on all of the charges, said District Attorney Ann Spicer although no dates have been set for the trials, Spicer said they would begin "shortly."



Sheriff's Deputy Dick Knack and Jake

The Morrow County Sheriff's Dept. got two deputies for the price of one when they hired Deputy Richard Knack.

No, the extra deputy is not Knack's wife, Claudia, although she plays an important role — it's "Jake the Bear."

He's not actually a bear, but he is a bear of a dog.

Jake is a 5 1/2-year-old, 100-pound German Shepherd attack dog Knack picked Jake from the litter, raised him, trained him, along with Viet Nam veteran dog trainers, and obviously considers him a member of the family.

Jake is trained to Dick's control. Jake, as demonstrated to an awestruck reporter, will even attack Claudia on command, with the pointing of Dick's finger. (Needless to say, Claudia requested a leash on Jake before the demonstration.) Dick says that if another person commanded Jake to attack Dick, that person would find himself under Jake's attack instead.

Immediately after Jake is commanded to stop attack, he becomes the most affectionate, obedient dog one could wish for. One minute he was growling and snapping at Claudia, and the next minute he walked up to her and licked her hand. "He's not a vicious dog," says Dick. "He's only trained to attack on command." Jake is also fond of candy and demonstrated a trick in which a piece of candy placed on his nose somehow ended up in his mouth.

"Everything he knows, I showed him one time and he took it from there," said Knack proudly.

Knack says that he expects to retire Jake in about three years and is looking for a female to breed with him. Jake's

It's not polite to point ...



Jake prepares to attack

father was registered, although he and his mother, who was also owned by Knack, were not.

Knack says that Jake is primarily used for officer safety, in riot control, in apprehension of felony suspects, and occasionally in hot pursuits, but not, stressed Knack, for misdemeanor charges.

Jake had been used as a back-up officer when Knack was stationed at Diamond Lake with the Douglas County Sheriff's Dept. before moving to Boise, Idaho, where Knack spent the last year-and-a-half in police work. Knack had been stationed at the Douglas County Sheriff's Dept. office in Reedsport prior to transfer to Diamond Lake.

The Knacks moved to the area on Christmas day and are living up Rhea Creek where they are also raising Arabian horses. "I liked it better in Oregon," concluded Knack, "and I had the opportunity to return."

Flood control meeting Jan 21

There will be a joint meeting of the city and county flood control district Wed. Jan. 21, at city hall in Heppner. The purpose of the meeting is to review a proposal to relocate the flash flood receiver unit from the hospital to the courthouse.

The move will enable the warning unit to be under 24 hour coverage, as is the 911 emergency service.

A proposal will also be

made to relocate the Balm Fork sensor to Hinton Creek when the Willow Creek Dam is constructed.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Sports

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City planners discuss flood ordinance

The Heppner City Planning Commission Monday reviewed and discussed a proposed "model flood damage prevention ordinance" which may be incorporated into city law at a later date.

The purpose of the ordinance is to insure Heppner's continued eligibility for emergency and regular phases of the national flood insurance program.

Without the ordinance, Heppner city officials have been warned that property owners might not be able to continue receiving the insurance coverage.

The model ordinance was prepared by the flood plain management division of the federal insurance administration in Washington, D.C.

The ordinance covers construction and building specifications, **continued, page 2**

School district looks for cuts

Morrow County School Superintendent Matt Doherty will meet with district administrators, look for areas to cut back in the proposed 1981-82 school budget, and report back to the district budget committee at its next meeting, the committee ruled Monday night.

Meeting for the second time to discuss next year's proposed budget, the committee apparently took the recommendation of the superintendent, Doherty at the committee's last meeting on Jan. 5 recommended the \$6,499,421 budget be cut back from its

proposed 17.8 percent increase over last year, to a more modest 13 percent.

The budget committee is shooting at 13 percent," Doherty said later. "They want us (the administration) to get it as low as we can without hurting the district."

He said main areas the administration will be looking to for cuts are in salaries, employee benefits, purchased services and capital outlay.

He said one recommendation the committee made was to possibly spread out some of the proposed capital expendi-

tures for next year or over several years.

In addition to the scheduled Jan. 26 meeting in Heppner, the committee may meet once more on Feb. 2. "There is a need to identify which essential items we will need to put on a B ballot," Doherty said.

"Actually this budget will be a smaller budget than in the last three years if we are able to accomplish what the board wants to do," he added.

Local man injured in auto accident

by Eileen Saling

Chris Riddle, Heppner, is a patient in Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, as a result of injuries he received in an accident near Heppner last Thursday.

Riddle is in traction because of cracked vertebrae and will probably be hospitalized for another week or ten days.

He had been transferred to Good Samaritan from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Board to consider bus delivery, grievance

The regular January meeting of the Morrow County School Board will be held at Ione High School on Monday, January 19, at 7:30 p.m.

In regular business "the board will consider problems created by the slow delivery of school buses after bids have been awarded, and the authorization of the use of district

funds to secure the services of an arbitrator to arbitrate a grievance with the Morrow County Education Association."

In other business, the board will hold an executive session to consider items related to the negotiations with its classified employees.