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## Weather

by Don Gilliam

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Jan. 13	31	27	
Wed., Jan. 14	30	27	
Thurs., Jan. 15	29	27	
Fri., Jan. 16	29	26	
Sat., Jan. 17	31	26	
Sun., Jan. 18	35	26	
Mon., Jan. 19	35	31	

## School board prepares for arbitration in dispute with teachers

The Morrow County School Board began making preparations Monday for arbitration proceedings between the school district and the county education association.

The school district and the teachers, who are represented by the education association, have agreed to go into arbitration to settle a contract

disagreement concerning insurance benefits.

The school board, at its monthly meeting Monday night approved taking \$1,000 from the contingency fund to pay for the district's legal council and one half the cost of an arbitrator.

No date has been set for the proceedings, however, a

search is underway to locate an arbitrator.

Monday night schools superintendent Matt Doherty told the board he estimates it will cost the district about \$1,000 to hire legal council to represent the district, and pay one half the costs for an arbitrator (the teachers will pay the other half).

He said the district will be represented in the proceedings with council provided through the Oregon School Boards Association.

The district and the teachers are at odds over insurance benefits provided for teachers by the district.

Teachers are saying that married couples do not receive full benefits accorded them under their contract with the district.

They say the contract stipulates full family medical coverage for each employee "and their dependents." How-

ever, they say, the district provides full family for only one spouse if a couple works for the district. The other spouse receives single insurance coverage.

The difference for teachers is more coverage for couples who work for the district. The difference for the school district is higher insurance payments each year.

If an arbitrator rules in favor of the teachers, the added insurance coverage would reportedly cost the district an additional \$8,000 per year.

In other business at the Monday meeting, the board:

+learned that a bus run to the Blake's addition has begun and a driver, Jeff Burton, has been hired.

+moved to start restitution proceedings in an attempt to recover money for damage done to a door at the Lexington gym. Cost of repairs is estimated to be between \$250 and \$300.

+voted to rehire Irrigon Columbia Jr. High School Principal Vic Marchek, and Sam Boarman Elementary School Principal Susan Black

for another year. This is the last probationary contract for both administrators, the board was told.

+extended John Edmunson's contract for another year. Edmunson is assistant to the superintendent.

+hired Dan Van Liew to replace Darrell Vinson as grounds keeper for Heppner schools. Vinson is retiring.

+discussed, but took no action, on a request from Principal Vic Marchek, Columbia Jr. High, Irrigon, to expand the basketball season from 10 to 14 games.

## School budget committee to meet Jan. 26

The Morrow County School district budget committee will hold its third meeting Monday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lexington school district offices.

The committee will discuss the proposed 1981-82 district budget, which is expected to go to a vote March 31.

## Community bids farewell to Harold Kerr family



Friends bid farewell to Harold and Carol Kerr and their son, Brian. The Kerrs are leaving after 12 years in Morrow County where Harold served as Morrow County Extension agent. The couple was honored at a roast and toast farewell last Thursday night at the county fair pavilion.

"It's been a wonderful 12 years and I am

going to miss everyone," Harold said.

The Kerrs will be moving to The Dalles, where Harold has been appointed Extension agent for Wasco County. The Kerr's daughter, Cindy, had recently been appointed to serve as a page in the Oregon Senate in Salem and was unable to return to the farewell party.

## Creek Road relocation begins

Work has begun on the relocation of Lower Willow Creek Road up Shobe Canyon near Heppner, as part of the Willow Creek dam project.

Earnest Grice and Sons Construction Company from Federal Way, Wash., began construction on the road last week, and work is expected to continue through the end of April.

Grice will build 3,200 feet of road and construct a site for relocation of a city water storage tank.

Grice will grade the road but paving of the road will be part of a second road contract. Bids for paving the road are expected to be let in May.

## Wheat Seminar set

The annual Wheat Seminar held each year in Columbia Basin counties, commonly known as Norm Goetze "Dog and Pony Show," will be held in lone at the Willows Grange Hall on Wednesday, January 28. It was announced by Morrow County Extension Agent Harold Kerr.

The program, which begins at 10 a.m. and will conclude at 3 p.m., includes: Dr. Norm Goetze, speaking on "Wheat Grades and Prices"; Michael

Glenn - "Crop Residue and Nitrogen Management Programs"; LeRoy Knox - "Federal Crop Insurance Programs for Grains"; Dr. Ralph Whitesides - "Goatgrass"; and Harold Kerr - "Cost of Production 1980 and OSU Fertilizer Recommendations for Dryland Wheat."

Lunch will be served at noon at the Grange Hall by Willows Grange ladies. The cost will be \$3.50.

## Graves feted on retirement from service



## Retiring Planning Commission Chairperson Dorris Graves holds plaque of appreciation

Dorris Graves, chairman of the Morrow County Planning Commission for the past 12 years, was recently honored with a plaque and dinner following her retirement from service to the county.

Graves became a member and chairman of the planning commission in 1968, and served in that capacity until 1980.

At a Jan. 3 dinner in Heppner, Dorris was presented with a plaque by present planning commission Chairman Gene Trumball.

"I've enjoyed it very much, but there is a time when you want to quit," Dorris said later. "I've enjoyed the people I have met and worked with from all parts of the county."

Although she has no plans to run for an elected office in the county, she is still active in other areas.

One of seven members of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, chairman, and the only woman, Graves works as a liaison between county Soil and Water Conservation districts.

Graves also recently returned from a trip to mainland China, where she was part of an agricultural group that looked at farming practices there. The tour was sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Concerning her years on the planning commission, she says perhaps the biggest accomplishment she has seen has been the increased public input into the planning process.

"I have found that people are all right if you explain things to them," Graves says. "We've been able to generate

more public input over the years."

She says the planning commission process in the county still has problems ahead. The county comprehensive plan has not yet been approved by the State Land Conservation and Development Commission, and growth in the north end will cause problems in the future. But, she adds, it will be nothing the county cannot cope with.

She says the Boardman area needs a water system, and there are sewer problems that will have to be solved as that area grows.

"We have a dedicated bunch on that commission, and they are going to work the best they know how for the county," she says. "I feel sure some way the problems are going to be worked out."

## U.S. city boy learns farm life in Germany



Alan Kolibaba

office by calling Birdine at 676-9642.

During his six months in Germany, Kolibaba, a senior at Portland State University, did farm work, met with agricultural youth groups, visited schools, toured factories and met with members of the press.

At one point he lectured a high school English class about Oregon, 4-H and the Western United States. He found the young people particularly interested in Mount St. Helens and the presidential elections.

On his host family's farm, Kolibaba helped harvest and crush grapes as well as being involved with dairy farm activities. He found the German farmers, like many of their counterparts in Oregon, concerned about the spread of the cities into prime farmland.

The intensity of Germany was of particular interest to the former Multnomah County 4-H member. He found school classes more intense than in Oregon as well as the way the agricultural land is worked. He attributes part of this intensity to the fact that 60 million people live in a country about the size of Oregon.

IFYE, a privately-financed program, began in 1948 as one of the people-to-people-programs designed to build international understanding



## Welcome home!

Thirty Heppner Boy Scouts expressed what many of us felt as they tied fifty-two yellow ribbons on the trees in Heppner City Park Tuesday to commemorate the American hostages' release from Iran.

As the small, but heartfelt ceremony came to a close, bells resounded from the Heppner United Methodist Church.

The Scouts, from dens one through six of the Blue Mountain Council Pack No. 661, will leave the ribbons on the

## Medals, awards presented for 4-H achievement

by Birdine Tullis, Extension Service  
Fun and recognition of 4-H achievement were combined Saturday afternoon with presentation of awards for the past year and a skating party for 4-H families.

A county medal for achievement was presented to Paula Palmer, Heppner, for her participation and excellence in both agricultural and home economics programs. Paula, a senior at Heppner High School, is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Roger Palmer. She has been actively involved in 4-H programs throughout her school years.

County medals in Style Revue were presented to intermediate Angie Evans and Ann McLaughlin. Senior medals went to Paula Palmer and Diann Morter.

Awards for 4-H record books were presented to junior, intermediate and senior divisions in agriculture, home economics, and natural science. Winners in the record

book contests were: Senior Agriculture Book, Paula Palmer; Senior Home Economics book, Paula Palmer; Intermediate Agriculture Book, Cathy Lindsay; Intermediate Home Economics Book, Kimberly Hughes; Intermediate Natural Science Book, Steve Curtis; Junior Agriculture Book, Travis Harrison; Junior Home Economics Book, Kimberly Wright; and Junior Natural Science Book, Ken Curtis.