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Weather

by Don Gilliam

January 1981 precipitation was 1.34 inches. Normal January precipitation is 1.29 inches. January 1980 precipitation was 2.54 inches.

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Jan. 27	38	28	.09"
Wed., Jan. 28	39	31	.02"
Thurs., Jan. 29	42	30	.08"
Fri., Jan. 30	38	32	.64" 4" of snow
Sat., Jan. 31	44	28	
Sun., Feb. 1	40	22	
Mon., Feb. 2	41	21	

Blue and Gold banquet draws Scouts, families

One-hundred-seventeen plates were cleaned Monday evening after area Scouts, their leaders, moms, dad, and siblings enjoyed a potluck supper at the Scouts annual Blue and Gold Banquet. The Heppner Elks donated the use of their lodge for the banquet.

After the potluck, Packmaster Gene Hall and Blue Mountain Boy Scout District Deputy Howard Russell spoke briefly, the Scouts received their awards and Den 3 leader Marlene Gray led a short meeting, including a "bear hunt" for the Scouts.

Receiving awards were:

Den 3 (leaders, Marlene Gray and Dorothy Estburg) - Eric Connor, Marc Angell, Phillip Estberg, and Dean Munkers - all Bobcat patches;

Den 2 (leader, Martha Munkers) - Kevin Peck - Bobcat patch;

Den 1 (leaders, Bobbie Angell and Donna Osmin) - Frank Casin - Bobcat patch, Craig Angell - one gold and four silver arrows, Mike Mahoney - one gold and three silver arrows, and Jess Osmin - one gold and four silver arrows.

Den 4 (leader, Sandi Devin) - Dicky Devin - one gold and three silver arrows, J.J. Shaw - (finished 47 electives) one gold and one silver arrow, and Steve Arbogast - one gold and one silver arrow.

Den 6 (leaders, Bobbie Angell, Sandi Devin and Marlene Gray) - Terry Gray - one gold and six silver arrows, and Robert Rea - one gold and one silver arrow.

Scout projects, some of which were on display at the banquet, include:

Den 1 - made bird feeders out of wood;

Den 4 - accomplished their



The Blue and Gold banquet, which proved interesting to most corners, apparently put Molly Welborn, five months, to sleep. Molly accompanied brothers, Will, 9, Pat, 2, and

first achievement in the Bear book and worked on rain gauges.

Den 6 - made bird feeders, mod-podge pictures on wooden knots and also worked on achievements in the bear book.

All Bear boys saw a wildlife movie and took part in an outing where they made their own shish kabobs and 'smores' and one den baked their own cakes for the banquet.

It was announced that a new

mom and dad, Nancy and Tom, to the Scouting event held at the Heppner Elks Lodge Monday evening. Story inside.

Webelos Den for boys ten and older will be starting with Francis Stack as den leader.

Leaders are also trying to organize a Boy Scout den and ask that any man interested in becoming a Scout leader contact Gene Hall, 676-5388.

School district - teacher insurance dispute to enter into arbitration

February 20 has been set as the date for arbitration proceedings between the Morrow County School District and the county teacher's association.

The teachers and the district have agreed to binding arbitration to settle a dispute

over insurance benefits concerning married couples both working for the school district.

Tom LeVac will be the arbitrator. The school district will be represented by Tom White from the Oregon School Boards Association and Barbara Cash from the Oregon

Education Association will represent the teachers in the proceedings.

The Morrow County Education Association is alleging that married teachers both working for the district are not receiving the full insurance coverage accorded them

under their contract with the district. The school district contends the teachers are receiving all the coverage called for.

The arbitration proceedings will be held at the district offices, 11 a.m. on Feb. 20.

Lexington bridge construction OK'd

The Blackhorse Creek Bridge on Arcade Street in Lexington was among 27 structures approved for construction by the Oregon Transportation Commission last Tuesday.

The structures, added to the Six Year Highway Improvement Program, are local

government bridge replacement projects funded with Highway Bridge Replacement funds.

Cost of the Lexington bridge, which is scheduled for construction in the fiscal year, 1981, is estimated to be \$120,000.

Co. appraiser, deputy DA spots in transition

Morrow County Assessor Greg Sweek has announced that Joe Alford, Mikkalo, will be replacing appraiser Pat Campbell.

Alford is scheduled to begin Feb. 17; Campbell will leave the county seat spot Feb. 27 for Ireland where he will be married.

Alford will be appraising residential, farm and commercial property, says Sweek.

In other courthouse changes

District Attorney Ann Spicer

says she has been in the process of screening applicants for the deputy DA position, held by Steven Berry for the past month.

Ione minister, wheat rancher attend Calif. Conf.

Sixty United Church of Christ farmers, ranchers and clergy gathered in Lodi, Calif., last week for a two-day Conference on Rural America.

Among them were the Rev. Cathy Barker of Ione United Church of Christ and wheat rancher Bob Rietmann, a member of that congregation.

The conference, one of four regional gatherings sponsored by the 1.8 million member denomination, was unique

for a church which counts most of its members in America's cities and suburbs.

Keynote speaker Stephen Commins of UCLA spoke straight to that point.

"The Christian community needs to push for better understanding and relationships between farmers and consumers," he emphasized.

"Urban people have clout. We need to help them see that it's to their advantage to support policies that preserve family

farming, create access to land for farming and provide a fair market return for farmers."

Commins, an Episcopal priest and international food expert, also chided the church for its insensitivity to the farmer's need to make a profit.

"The church has been economically naive," he said. "We can create a just farm policy which is also just for the hungry. These two things are not contradictory. You can

feed the hungry without turning farms into non-profit, charitable institutions."

The Conference ended with delegates recommending that the state and national church offices affirm rural churches whenever possible, recommending long-term rural pastorate as a career option and not as a stepping-stone, and educating their urban constituencies about the problems and issues in rural America.

Smith receives House appointments

Rep. Denny Smith, R-Oregon, received his top committee choice Wednesday when it was announced that he would serve on the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

"More than 70 percent of the land in the 2nd District is controlled by the government; much of it by the federal government. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has jurisdiction over forest reserves, irrigation and reclamation projects, Indian lands, mineral resources and experiment stations, all of which are extremely important to the mainstay of our economy in Oregon," Smith said.

Smith's military service earned him a slot on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Smith said his membership on the Veterans Committee should help as the Oregon delegation works toward a solution of the state's veteran home loan problem. Thousand of Oregon veterans learned recently that their veteran loan commitments had been withdrawn because of legislation passed in the closing days of the last session of Congress.

Smith has joined Oregon's senators and his Oregon colleagues in the House to develop corrective legislation.

Smith is a decorated Vietnam veteran, having served a total of 10 years in the Air Force and the Oregon Air Guard. The Air Force awarded him the Air Medal with six clusters for flying 180 combat missions between 1965-66.

"Veteran's rights must be

protected. These men and women have served their country in times of great need and many have suffered injuries because of it. The commitments made to veterans must be upheld by the government they have defended," Smith said.

Smith's subcommittee assignments have not been made.

School advisory committee to meet

The Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee meet Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner High School Library.

Items to be covered on the agenda are:

Recommendation of certified personnel.

Ione Schools Advisory Com. to meet Feb. 10

The meeting date for the Ione Schools Advisory Committee has been changed from

the regular date of Thursday, Feb. 5, to Monday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m.

Report on budget committee action regarding the 1981-82 school budget;

Information regarding advisory committee and district board vacancies; and

Northwest Schools and Colleges Accrediting report on Heppner High School.

Les Schwab store to move to more spacious quarters



Heppner Les Schwab Tire Store Manager Kevin Rountree stands in front of building on Main Street that the company plans to remodel and move into within the next few months. Rountree says \$30 to \$40 thousand will be spent to remodel the former Ford garage building before the tire store moves

in "sometime in April."

"This building will give us four times as much space inside and four to five times as much parking outside (as the present building)," said Rountree. "It will be a lot easier to take care of people."