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Weather

by Don Gilliam

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Feb. 17	55	41	
Wed., Feb. 18	60	42	.27"
Thurs., Feb. 19	62	39	.41"
Fri., Feb. 20	48	34	
Sat., Feb. 21	59	35	
Sun., Feb. 22	54	33	
Mon., Feb. 23	54	35	

Camp Fire kids honor dads



Blue Bird Giselle Schoonover, 6, a member of Mrs. Tucker's Blue Bird group, enjoys Camp Fire sponsored "Special Dad's Night" with her dad, Roger, last Thursday evening at St. Patrick's parish hall in Heppner. Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls and Blue Jays honored their dads with a special dinner and entertainment.

Candidates file for county spots

Six candidates filed for three at-large Port of Morrow board of directors' positions for an upcoming March 31 county-wide election, by Gazette-Time presstime Tuesday evening, Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth has announced.

Vying for the three spots are Patricia Flug, Louis Carlson, M. Jack Strege, George Phillips, Paul W. Jones, and Merlin Cantin.

Up for three Morrow County School Board four-year at-large positions included in the March 31 election are: Paul Sumner, Gerald Hascall, Patricia Wright and F.E. Glenn.

Jerry McElligott has refilled for the zone three (Irrigon) two-year school board position he presently holds, and Robert Byrd has refilled for the zone two three-year position he presently holds.

Filing for Morrow County School board advisory committee positions are: Marilyn Futnam - no. 5, Joan Doherty - no. 4, Lovella Conboy - no. 6, M.J. Strege - no. 1, George Koffler - no. 2, and Steve Peck - no. 7.

Also included in the March 31 election will be A and B ballots for the proposed Morrow County School budget.

Classified employees, school board fail to agree on contract

Despite a 5 1/2 hour negotiating session, Morrow County School classified employees and the district board of directors failed to come to a contract agreement last Tuesday night.

Negotiating teams from the classified employees and the school board worked from 6:30 p.m. until midnight, using a

state mediator as a go-between, but failed to come up with a workable contract agreement.

The district and the classifieds have been working on a contract for over a year now.

The two groups declared an impasse in negotiations at a meeting Feb. 4, and decided to go to a mediator at that time.

Wheat League meeting to discuss road plan, public invited

A meeting of the Morrow County Wheat League has been scheduled for Monday, March 2, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the St. Patrick's parish hall in Heppner.

Judy Buschke will be present to speak on the federal reserve.

Other featured speakers include Eric Anderson and

Don Briggs who will discuss the proposed Morrow County road levy. The public is invited to attend to add input on the issue, and discussion will be held as to how the proposed plan may be implemented.

Louis Carlson will also be on hand to present an update on Oregon Wheat League activities.

IFYE exchange students meet in orientation

Past and present representatives of the International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) met in Ione last weekend for an orientation and information meeting.

Marie Rietmann of Condon and Alison Hansell of Athena will be traveling to a foreign country under the IFYE program this year, and the two spent two days at the home of Jim and Monica Swanson of Ione learning from past representatives what to do and what to expect during their visits.

The Extension-service-related IFYE program sends young people to 35 foreign countries where they stay with host families and learn the culture and work environment.

Marie and Alison do not know what country they will be visiting yet, but they hope to receive notification from Washington DC within the next two months.

Whatever country they visit, they will spend three to six months there and stay with as many as six different families.

"I'm really excited," says Marie of her selection to the IFYE program. "I'm hoping to go to a developing country." She says the exchange program was something she

heard about while growing up and looked forward to when she got older.

Seventy-two people, two from Oregon, are going on the program nationwide this

School insurance arbitration decision not expected soon

No decision is expected for at least a month following arbitration proceedings at the Morrow County School District offices last Friday morning.

An arbitrator was called in after district officials and the county teacher's association failed to agree on the amount of insurance benefits accorded

married school teachers both working for the district.

Teachers have claimed that married couples both working for the district have not been receiving full insurance benefits. The school district has not agreed and both groups last month agreed to binding arbitration to settle the dispute.

Friday, arbitrator Tom LeVac listened to both sides of the issue for around three hours and told district officials it would be about a month before he reached a decision.

A decision in favor of the teachers would mean increased insurance benefits and a higher cost to the district.

Elks Annual a successful one

The Heppner Elks No. 358, 84th Annual Celebration held last Saturday, February 21, was a successful one for the club.

"Everything was just great" commented Rick Smith, club manager. Though

Smith reports the attendance was smaller than last year's annual, he stated that "probably over 350 people" were present.

The annual included a lodge meeting for members and a ladies' tea during the afternoon. Dinner was served from

6 to 8 p.m. with entertainment following with Bill Nicols, downstairs and a four-piece group named "Sailor" who performed upstairs.

Molly Rill was the lucky winner of a trip for two to Reno.

PMH recognized for cost monitoring

Pioneer Memorial Hospital has been presented with the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Certificate of Recognition, acknowledging its efforts to more effectively monitor costs and productivity, hospital Administrator A.K. Felt has announced.

Through participation in a management information pro-

gram provided by Hospital Administrative Services (HAS), a division of AHA, Pioneer Memorial Hospital is able to compare costs and productivity both internally and with other facilities of comparable bed sizes.

"Using the HAS program," Felt said, "we are able to gauge our own effectiveness and keep costs down. It also

gives us a basis upon which future decisions can be made."

Pioneer Memorial Hospital has been utilizing HAS programs for 3 years, and regularly uses the information in its cost-containment efforts. They currently utilize MONITREND, designed to provide even more effective management data.

Special supplement on Morrow County S.W.C.D. included in this G-T

A special supplement announcing the ninth annual meeting of the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District will accompany the regular Gazette-Times Newspaper this week.

The annual meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at A.C. Houghton School in Irrigon will feature Greg Tilson, OSU Extension specialist, as speaker. Tilson will speak on North county water-related problems.

Camp Fire candy arrives

Candy for the Camp Fire candy sale has arrived in Heppner and local Camp Fire Girls, Blue Birds and Blue Jays started door-to-door sales Tuesday, says leader Irene Plocharsky.

The candy, which sells for \$2 a box was scheduled to arrive last Friday, but had been delayed.

Loans available on 1980 small grains till March 31, 1981

Morrow County farmers may obtain loans on their 1980 wheat, oats and barley until March 31, according to Judy Buschke, County executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Corn, sorghum, cotton and soybean loans are available until May 31.

"Many farmers use our commodity loan program to obtain interim operating capital or hold their grain for future delivery," Mrs. Buschke said. As of February 20, 1981, local farmers had obtained federal price support loans totaling \$5,459,298.98 on 1,991,621.24 bushels of their

1980 grain crops.

The loan rates per bushel are: wheat-\$3.15, oats-\$1.31, barley-\$2.01, and corn-\$2.43. Ordinary loans have a nine-month maturity date at 11 1/2 percent interest.

Wheat and barley may go immediately into the farmer-owned grain reserve. "This program offers farmers three-year loans and storage payments in advance for isolating grain from the market until prices rise." It is designed to provide a reasonable degree of stability in prices and supplies in times of exceptionally strong or wheat demand

and during times of unusually good or poor harvest. Currently, the reserve contains over 824,259 bushels of Morrow County Grain.

The agency has offered commodity loans to farmers for 48 years. In most cases producers satisfy their loan obligations by repaying the money before the loan matures or by forfeiting the crop to the Commodity Credit Corporation if prices at loan maturity are below the loan rate.

For additional details on commodity loans, contact the local ASCS office.

Three organizations join in effort to attract therapist

"Kinza Corporation, Tri-County Home Health and the Pioneer Memorial have joined forces in a co-equal effort to attract a registered physical therapist to Heppner to operate an independent practice from an office situated outside of the hospital," said PMH Administrator A.K. Felt in a recent letter to the Gazette-Times.

A story in the Gazette-Times last Thursday was in error stating that the physical therapy services would be provided through the hospital.

Felt added that the therapist's services "would be utilized by all three (PMH, Kinza Corp., and Tri-County

Home Health) on a fee-for-services basis and would also be available to the general public."

"The 'go ahead' from the State Health Planning and Development Agency is to permit the hospital to use the therapists services, when ordered by their attending physician and to, in turn, bill the patient.

"The certificate of need requirement (from the State Health Planning and Development Agency) was waived because the amount of money is small enough to not significantly impact the hospital's total costs or charges," Felt concluded.

Cards defend '80 district title Friday

By MICHELLE LARUE

The Cards will play Dufur at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 27, in the opening boys' game of the district tournament at Umatilla.

The Cards hope to defend their district title of last year and return to Baker for the state tournament next week.

Other district action will put Arlington against Condon at 9 p.m. on Friday.

In girls' action Dufur will play Echo at 2 p.m. and Condon will play Helix in the opening game of the night session at 7 p.m.



Past IFYE members pass on tips to those who will be going on youth exchange this year.

(L-R) Marie Rietmann, Condon, Debbie Nornheim, Heppner, 1978 exchange to Hungary; Alan Kolibaba,

Portland, 1980 exchange to West Germany; Alison Hansell, Athena; Laurie Kuhn, John Day, first alternate; Bill Maddy, 1973 exchange to Germany; and Monica Swanson, Ione, 1973 exchange to Greece.