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Weather

by Don Gilliam

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., March 3	58	32	
Wed., March 4	45	34	.25
Thurs., March 5	45	32	
Fri., March 6	45	23	
Sat., March 7	47	21	
Sun., March 8	54	31	
Mon., March 9	55	28	

Road petition to have been presented to county clerk

By PATTI ALLSTOTT

Eric Anderson, Ione, says a three-year, \$12 million levy petition to fund county road rehabilitation was to be presented to the Morrow County Clerk's office Wednesday, March 11.

Anderson was informed by Morrow County Courthouse that the earlier proposed four-year \$16 million levy is not legal in Morrow County, that only a three-year serial levy is permissible. The \$16 million figure was reduced to \$12 million to fund the three-year rehabilitation program.

Anderson also said if the road repairs could not be

finished in the allotted three-year time period an additional one-year levy may be possible to finish any uncompleted repairs.

The petition was to be presented to the county clerk's office this week so that it may be entered on a May 19 ballot for voter approval.

'Diary of Anne Frank' well received by playgoers

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Last week's presentation of "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Heppner High Drama Club brought an enthusiastic response from those attending on Thursday evening and from the even larger audience on Friday evening.

Director Larry Cerullo, stage manager Ken Nairns, scenery construction chairman, sound supervisor and a member of the lighting crew, Kevin Chick, and lighting crew member Herman Winter are to be heartily congratulated on an outstanding production. The use of recorded narration by Lisa Nix was so effective.

Each member of the cast did a superlative job in carrying out his or her role. The costuming helped make the drama very believable, too. This serious, historical play contains two acts: Act I having four scenes, and Act II having five scenes. The setting is Amsterdam from 1942 through 1945, and the plot tells of the WW II Jewish persecution by Hitler's

regime.

The players, most of whom have trod the boards at the high school in prior productions, all performed like true veterans sustaining the illusion of reality until the final curtain.

In order of their appearance they were: John Bier as the businessman father; Bonnie Arrington as Miep, the friendly Dutch landlady who cared for the refugees in their secret hideout; Ella Mae Green as Mrs. Van Daan, Wes Marlatt as Mr. Van Daan and Glen Smith as Peter Van Daan, friends who were being helped to hide by the Frank family in repayment of past favors; Michelle Aaron as Margot Frank, the older daughter, Patti Toombs as Mrs. Frank, the mother; Lisa Nix as Anne Frank the heroine and writer of the diary; Jeff Bailey, as Mr. Kraler, who was continuing Mr. Frank's business; Jim Ackley as Mr. Dussel, the lonely dentist whose family had been Dutch for many generations; and Quince as Mouschi, Peter Van Daan's pet cat.

Because each character was so skillfully portrayed it is



Tempers rise over cake rations.

Photo by Mary Ann Cerullo

difficult to give any of them special mention; however, Lisa Nix and John Bier were on stage the most and carried the lines so very capably, strengthening their portrayals as the play progressed. All eight of the refugees were visible in most of the scenes. Each member of the Frank and Van Daan families was very strong in his role. Lisa Nix, Ella Mae Green and Jim Ackley added the few humorous touches to the production. Veteran actress Bonnie Arrington and first-time performer Jeff Bailey were excellent in their supporting roles.

Director Cerullo certainly did a great job of casting and was blessed by having the choice of such competent performers. The production staff for this drama had more difficult jobs than many other plays require, but surely showed their abilities to handle the challenges well.

Anyone who missed seeing "The Diary of Anne Frank" really missed a terrific dramatic treat, an act that will be very hard to follow.



Anne Frank (Lisa Nix) and Peter VanDaan (Glen Smith) experience their first date in hiding.

Willow Creek Road width disputed

By MARY ANN CERULLO

The Corps of Engineers and two advising engineers for Morrow County met with the county court last Wednesday, March 4, to discuss the relocation of the Willow Creek Road out of Heppner.

Willow Creek Road has been under construction for three months in preparation for the Willow Creek Dam.

In 1973, a dispute began concerning the width of the proposed relocated Willow Creek Road and two bridges.

The Corps of Engineers stated that a width of 28 feet for the proposed road from Balm Fork to where it will join the original Willow Creek Road had been agreed on during a March 1980 meeting.

Ed Geoff, representing the Corps of Engineers, stated further that a request of 28-foot-wide bridges was discussed during that same meeting.

Pat Schwartz, regional engineer and Roger Lang, regional federal aid engineer, advisors for Morrow County, denied the agreement and reported that no such discussion was held over the width of the proposed bridges.

Schwartz presented the county's request for the proposed road and bridges to be paved at a width of 32 feet. Geoff replied that to change the width of the section of road in question from 28 to 32 feet will cause a two-month delay and increase the cost by \$132,000.

Schwartz reminded the Corps of a state law, which requires that a road which is to be replaced will be constructed at Oregon State current design standards.

The Corps agreed with the state standards in so far as "the relocated road is required to serve as well as the original," which conforms to the minimum standards.

When questioned on the reason for following the minimum state standard of 28 feet instead of the maximum of 32 feet, the Corps representatives stated that a minimum standard road construction applies to areas with low truck traffic. Members of the county court reminded Geoff that the present Willow Creek Road has extremely high log truck traffic. Schwartz continued by pointing out the safety hazard of having a narrow bridge of 28 feet on hilly terrain and sharp curves requiring a speed of 35 mph.

In closing the meeting, the Corps of Engineers reported that they are looking at March of 1982 to start placement of the Willow Creek Dam. The Corps is currently planning a \$45 million dollar project, which will include the construction of the dam and the relocation of the Willow Creek Road.

Morrow County players named to all-star teams

Six young basketball players from Morrow County have been named to the Columbia Basin Conference all-star teams, announced last week following the district tournament.

Boys First Team - David Blake, Wahtonka; Randy Snodgrass, Wasco County; Lerry Wilson, Riverside; Kurt Stelk, Pilot Rock; Steve Ashley, Wasco County; and Kent Kilby, Weston-McEwen.

Girls First Team - Sue Walters, Wasco County; Mary

Kincaid, Heppner; Robyn Lavender, Pilot Rock; Neva Eriembush, Wahtonka; and Rocky Lambert, Pilot Rock.

Boys Second Team - David Hammil, Weston-McEwen; Todd Coles, Sherman County; Ken Tesch, Wahtonka; Scott Daniels, Riverside; Dorian Farrant, Heppner; and Steve Byers, Wahtonka.

Girls Second Team - Kelly Burke, Weston-McEwen; Darlene Follett, Umatilla; Lynn Dee Devin, Heppner; Karen Kennedy, Wasco County; and Susan Fuller, Riverside.

First-graders learn about flag



Bill Helphinstine (left) speaks to Pat Edmunson's first grade class, while Kevin Rountree passes out flags to students

Heppner Lions Club members Bill Helphinstine and Kevin Rountree visited the first grade classes of Pat Edmunson and Judy Maas Monday, passing out small American flags and talking to the children about the history and significance of the Star Spangled Banner.

"We do it every year to acquaint the young people with the flag," said Rountree.

In addition to passing out small flags and a pamphlet about the flags, the two participated in the pledge of allegiance with both first grade classes.

Noodle fanciers crowd to Legion Auxiliary feed

One hundred and five noodle fanciers turned out last Saturday at V&G Tavern in Lexington for the Heppner American Legion and Auxiliary noodle feed.

"We ran out of noodles. We couldn't have fed any more," said Legion member Bob Blue.

"We would like to thank the public and also volunteers for the fine turnout at our noodle feed," Blue continued.

OC A members travel to Washington, D.C.

Raymond French, Heppner, returned Saturday from Washington, D.C., where he attended a meeting of the board of directors of the National Cattlemen's Association.

French, a member of the NCA board as well as president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, joined cattlemen from across the country in making contacts with members of Congress and administration officials.

He explained that the NCA board meets annually in Washington in order to be updated on public issues of importance to cattlemen and also to inform government officials of cattlemen's positions on the issues.

A major purpose of the Congressional visits this year was to emphasize support of administration proposals for both budget and tax rate reductions, thereby helping to bring inflation under control. The cattlemen also voiced strong support of efforts to reduce excessive regulation and strengthen the free enterprise system.

French noted that inflation is the no. one problem of

cattlemen as well as other segments of the economy. Reducing the inflation rate can reduce beef production costs and also improve demand for beef. As it is now, cattlemen's production costs continue to rise faster than beef prices, resulting in a devastating cost-price squeeze, say the cattlemen.

Needed changes in tax laws and in other laws and regulations also were emphasized by the cattlemen.

French was accompanied by his wife, Norma, second vice president of the Oregon CowBelles, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dement, first vice president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, and Bill Ross, immediate past president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and present district vice president of the National Cattlemen's Association.

French commented that the Oregon Cattlemen's Association delegates to Washington were able to visit with every Congressional member from Oregon with the exception of one, and they were able to visit with a member of that Congressman's staff.

School board to meet Mon.

The regular meeting of the Morrow County School Board will be held March 16, at 8 p.m. in the Morrow County School District office in Lexington.

The board will consider taking action on the proposed eligibility policy for the district schools.

Bob Smith, architect for the

district, will be present to discuss progress of the Columbia Jr. High School final punch list.

The board is also expected to consider bids for school buses and for acoustical treatment of the ceilings in the gym and multi-purpose rooms at Columbia Jr. High and Sam Boardman Elementary School.

Lowe named to council

Theta Lowe was appointed to the Morrow County Senior Citizen Advisory Council at a meeting of the Morrow County Court.

Terry Templeman of the County Mental Health Services voiced his concern to the

court that the public isn't aware that his office is a public service.

A county budget committee meeting has been scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, March 26.

Jr. High to sponsor international dinner

Columbia Jr. High School, Irrigon, is sponsoring an international foods dinner Thursday, March 19, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The school is located at the intersection of South Division and County Line Roads and the dinner will be held in the

gymnasium. There will be directory signs at the school showing the way to the gym.

Theme for the night is "Tie a Yellow Ribbon." Included in the night of fun will be skits and dance routines performed by the students and a \$200 beef raffle.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to purchase new athletic uniforms, fund national school assemblies and other items that aren't included in the school budget, said Gary Hunt, Columbia Jr. High instructor.

Ione Band Carnival Saturday

Want to have a good time and help a good cause at the same time? The Ione Band Carnival planned for this Saturday, March 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. may fill the bill.

The carnival, to be held at the Ione School, will feature games, including bingo, a wheel of chance, bottle throws, a cake walk, and even a cupcake walk for the little ones. There will also be a Tupperware booth and for the hungry -- a hot turkey sandwich dinner, hot dogs, French fries, pie and cake.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Ione band.

The band is planning a trip to Seaside, Ore., June 8, 9, and 10. The trip is not all relaxation, however, as band members will be giving concerts during their trip.

"It's something the kids have worked for. It gives them a lesson in traveling together, working together," said Ione Band Parent Lorraine Ladd. "It's really a learning experience."



Ione student prepares for Band Carnival