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Weather BY THE CITY OF HEPPNER

	High	Low	Precip.
Sat., Aug. 29	77	56	
Sun., Aug. 30	75	46	
Mon., Aug. 31	80	52	
Tues., Sept. 1	73	45	
Wed., Sept. 2	74	45	
Thurs., Sept. 3	79	52	
Fri., Sept. 4	75	45	
Sat., Sept. 5	76	49	

Four Heppner residents killed in weekend tragedy

Four Heppner people were killed Saturday, September 5, when their plane crashed into a foggy mountain ridge near the Ketchikan airport, Alaska state police reported.

Killed in the crash were Monte and Sharon Stookey, Peter "Pete and Vera "Eddi" Skow.

Pete Skow was owner and operator of Bark-n-Chips, formerly Chip-A-Way Transportation in Heppner, and his wife, Eddi taught kindergarten at Ione.

Monte Stookey was log yard superintendent at the Kinzua Corp mill in Heppner.

The Cessna 340, piloted by Pete Skow, who was instrument rated, left Lexington airport Saturday morning enroute to Ketchikan, Alaska.

State Police Cpl. Don Richardson said the pilot (unknown at the time)

had radioed the airport when he was six miles away and approaching for a landing. The plane's emergency locator transmitter signal was detected minutes later, about 2:30 p.m.

Richardson reported that the plane had slammed into a ridge at 2,000 ft., near the top of High Mountain, which is located on Gravina Island about three miles from the airport.

Richardson said mountainous terrain made it difficult to locate the crash site but about 3 p.m. a helicopter found the wreckage during an air search.

The cause of the crash was not known, but "There was extremely poor visibility," Richardson added.

The \$250,000 aircraft, owned by Joseph Gifford, M.D., Heppner, was a total loss.

reported Richardson.

The four Heppner residents were among 15 others killed in a total of seven plane crashes across the U.S. over the Labor Day weekend holiday.

Funeral services for Pete and Eddi Skow will be held Monday, Sept. 14, at the United Methodist Church in Heppner, 11 a.m.

Funeral arrangements for Monte and Sharon Stookey are pending at Sweeney Mortuary.

For those who wish, contributions may be made

to a memorial scholarship fund in memory of Monte and Sharon Stookey. Contributions can be made through Gene Pierce, the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner.

Complete obituaries will be published in next week's Gazette-Times.

County voters to decide fate of \$525,000 levy

County voters go to the polls next Tuesday, Sept. 15, to vote on a special one-year tax levy of \$525,000, which would be used for county road repairs.

Part of the levy, \$375,000, would be used to match an equal amount from the state and federal government for repair to Bombing Range Road, and the rest, \$150,000, would be used for purchase of road repair materials for other areas of the county.

County officials say that if

the levy is not approved Tuesday, the county will lose the matching grant from the state and federal government.

"That road needs a lot of work," says County Judge Don McElligott. He says if the levy is passed 2.5 miles of Bombing Range Rd. from the North Lex elevator to the intersections of Juniper Canyon Rd. will be widened, leveled and recovered with new asphalt.

The present road is deterior-

ating and has quite a few pot holes, he pointed out.

"This road is getting a lot of use," said McElligott. He estimated 4,000 truck loads of wheat went over the road on the way to the new Morrow County Grain Growers storage area at Hogue Warner on the Columbia River near

Boardman.

He said in addition there will be approximately 200 trips per week by chip trucks hauling on Bombing Range Rd., once Kinzua has its planned chip facility in operation on the river.

Voters approved a general budget on June 30, which

included \$1,179,066 for roads.

Special road levies asking for additional road funds have already been turned down by Morrow County voters in May and June.

The request Thursday, is considerably less than the amount asked for in either of those requests, however.

Morrow Co. Court discusses election, accepts resignation

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Morrow County Court convened Wednesday, Sept. 2 to remind the press that on Tuesday, September 15 a special election will be held for a one-year levy for general road repair and maintenance.

On September 15, Morrow County voters will be asked this question:

"Shall the voters authorize Morrow County to levy \$525,000 for one year to repair and maintenance of county roads?"

In order for Morrow County to receive funds from the state to help complete the rebuilding of Bombing Range Road, voters must approve the upcoming one-year levy, explained members of the court.

Out of the \$525,000, the sum of \$375,000 would be used as matching funds needed to receive the money from the state of Oregon. The remaining \$150,000 would purchase asphalt and other supplies for road maintenance. (see related story, pg. 1).

Business continued with Morrow County Court accepting the resignation of Justice of the Peace, Ernest Jorgensen. Jorgensen requested that his retirement become effective October 31.

In other court business, Judge Don McElligott read a letter from Paul Burket of the State Aeronautics Division verifying approval of a grant for \$8209.

The approved money will be

used for surfacing the runway at Lexington - Morrow County airport, with a two inch coat of asphalt. According to Judge McElligott, the project should take two days.

Harold McLean, assistant district attorney, brought before the court a list of 123 divorce cases within Morrow County which are currently receiving support payments. Since 1977 and until recently, the Department of Human Resources has handled the payments between divorced couples. But because of recent government cuts, the responsibility of such records now must be with either the county or the individuals themselves, stated McLean.

The District Attorney's office recommended to the court that Morrow County should not keep such records, and advised that an ordinance be drafted requiring divorced couples to handle their own support payment records with the exception of lawsuit and welfare cases.

Morrow County Court moved and seconded that the District Attorney's office draft the recommended ordinance.

Census Bureau to conduct survey

Local representatives of the Bureau of the Census will conduct a survey in the Heppner area during the week of September 14 - 18 to determine the extent to which

Cardinals open season against Badgers

By MICHELLE LARUE

The Ione football team has been practicing for two weeks preparing for the 1981 season. The season opener is on Friday, September 11. The Cardinals will be traveling to North Powder to challenge the Badgers. Kickoff time is at 1:30 p.m.

The Cardinals have fourteen returning lettermen from last year and have six new additions to the team. Returning as the lone senior letterman is Jeff Hams, returning juniors are Denny Starr, Craig Gutierrez, Jeff Key, Donnie Taylor, Ron Jacks, and Tim

Patton. Sophomores are Darrell Colvard, Howard Leavitt, Darrin Padberg, Craig Hams, Scott Barnett, Andy Roberts, and Steve Millman.

Freshman are Mark Meyers, Jeff Ball and Donnie Doherty. Turning out for their first year are juniors Roger Childers and Jay Love and sophomore Mike Douglass.

The Cardinals have three returning starters on offense and only one for defense. The year is expected to be one of rebuilding for the Cardinals. Most of the boys are familiar with the system so it should go pretty well.

The Cards biggest problem will be with their offensive line as they lost most of it to

graduation. The Cards have been spending a lot of time on blocking, trying to revuild an offensive line anchored around Craig Gutierrez, the only returnee from last years line.

The offensive backfield will be pretty good barring injuries to key people. On the defensive side the Cards will be very young and many people will be playing positions they have not played before.

Arlington is expected to be the strong team in the league with all the others closely matched and fighting for the second spot.

Picnic ends 1st day of school for HHS students and faculty



By CINDI BERGSTROM

The first day of school for many Heppner High School students ended with a picnic. The student council brought hot dogs, cookies and chips for

anyone that came. Dale Holland of the faculty decided that they (the faculty) would take on the senior class. Youth over powered expediency by an outrageous score. Horse-

shoes, darts and trackball were some of the other games played. The picnic ended with the freshmen class changing the 'H' on the hill from an '81 into an '82.

Sullivan found guilty on drug charge

Jay Louis Sullivan, 20, of Boardman, was found guilty Friday, August 28, on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

Sullivan was one of 11 who were arrested June 21 in connection with a four-month-long investigation in North Morrow County.

Sullivan will be sentenced in about five weeks, said a spokesperson from the Morrow County District Attorney's office.

Heppner Lions to sponsor creek cleaning project

The Heppner Lions Club will sponsor the annual Creek Cleaning Project, Saturday, September 12. This year the project will cover a segment of Hinton Creek, from the Elder St. Bridge to the fairgrounds. All members of

the community, especially adjacent landowners, are encouraged to participate in this community project, said a Lions Club spokesman.

Lions and other interested persons should meet at 9 a.m. at the Elder Street Bridge on Hinton Creek.

A picnic for all participants and their families will be held following completion of the project.

Proceeds from the project will fund the Lions vocational scholarship for a graduating senior.

Ag. Conservation Program Dev. Group meeting slated Sept. 29

To assure that on-going conservation practices are providing effective solutions to soil and water problems in Morrow County, members of the Agricultural Conservation Program Development Group will meet September 29 in Heppner in the ASCS conference room, at 1:30 p.m. to examine the practices.

In examining the practices, the ACP Development Group will consider public benefits, the need to halt soil and water loss and the need to reduce agricultural pollution, said Judy Buschke, executive director of the ASCS office.

The ASCS conservation program provides enduring solutions to soil and water conservation and agriculture-related pollution problems. The program provides both financial and technical assistance to farmers whose land is affected by soil or water erosion, or pollution problems.

Ms. Buschke said the county committee encourages farmers to correct these problems, and, where needed, shares with them the cost of applying conservation practices. "Our main concern is saving soil and water and eliminating agricultural pollution from lakes and streams," she said. Farmers participating in

the ACP are applying such conservation measures as terracing systems, sod waterways, sediment dams, chemical fal-

low, irrigation water conservation, forest tree stand

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Ida Grabel honored for Grandparent's Day



Ida Grabel, seated, holds great grandchild Brooke Sweeney on her lap, while granddaughter Trish Sweeney stands behind. Ida was presented with a Teleflora bouquet by the Posey Patch flower shop in Heppner in honor of Grandparents Day Sunday, Sept. 13.

It would be hard to find a more appropriate person to honor for Grandparents Day, Sunday, September 13, than Ida Grabel of Ione.

The 99-year-old grandmother to 15, great-grandmother to 30, and great-great-grandmother to 28, was presented Tuesday with a Teleflora Grandparent's Day Bouquet from the Posey Patch in Heppner.

Ida was honored for being the oldest grandparent in Morrow County as entered at the Posey Patch flower shop. One of Ida's 15 grandchildren, Trish Sweeney of Heppner, entered her grandmother's name.

Ida has lived all her life in Ione, where her parents, Milton and Mary Ellen Hale settled after crossing the great plains.

Ida was one of 12 children and she married Tomas Grable Dec. 25, 1902 in Oregon City. Tomas died in 1938.

Born in 1881, Ida will be 100 years old on Jan. 28.

Her grandchildren include: Trisha (Keithley) Sweeney, Sharon (Keithley) Harrison, Janet (Keithley) Kloppol, Vern Keithley, Mary Jean (Bristow) McCabe, Don Bristow, John Bristow, Tom Bristow, Jerry Bristow, Gar Wright, Shayne Wright, Kenny Wright, Guy Wright, Jim Morgan and Juanita Morgan Schulz.