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Weather

By City of Heppner

Total precip. for December was 2.9 in. Normals precip. for December is 1.47 in.
Total precip. for 1981 was 15.98 in. 1980 had 17.68 in. precip. Normal annual precip. is 12.96 in.

	High	Low	Precip. All snow
Tues., Dec. 29	34	20	trace
Wed., Dec. 30	37	23	0
Thurs., Dec. 31	37	22	.01
Fri., Jan. 1	38	22	.02
Sat., Jan. 2	37	27	.01
Sun., Jan. 3	38	29	.19
Mon., Jan. 4	38	18	.02

Heppner's first baby of 1982 is here!



Jacob Nels with parents Duane and Linda Neiffer

Jacob Nels Neiffer was the first baby born at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner in 1982. Jacob, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Neiffer, Heppner, was born Saturday, January 2, at 8:45 a.m.

The hospital's first baby of the year weighed 6 lbs. 13 1/4 oz. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Neiffer of Monmouth and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carmichael, Minneapolis, Minn. Great-grandparents are Ruth Liekvoid and Claude Carmichael, both of Minneapolis.

Heppner merchants donating gifts to the new baby include:

Peterson's Jewelers, Coast to Coast, Pettyjohn's Farm & Builder Supply, the Bank of Eastern Oregon, S & J Market, Sears, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Ray Boyce Insurance, the Wagon Wheel Restaurant & Lounge, the Heppner Gazette-Times, Coles House of Fashion and Posy Patch, Murray's Drug, Court St. Market, Heppner Auto Parts, Lebusch Shoppe, Case Furniture, Les Schwab Tire Center and Central Market.

Lexington businesses awarding gifts include Lexington Lumber and Morrow County Grain Growers.

M.C. dependent on agriculture & forestry

By ROBERT COSTA
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Agriculture and forestry bring in more than half of all new money entering the Morrow County economy. The structure of the Morrow County economy is revealed in a 1981 report called an input-output model.

"Morrow County's economy is dominated by a natural resource use orientation," says Dr. Fred Obermiller, Oregon State University Extension economist. Obermiller developed the input-output model study based on a 1979 survey.

Collectively, dryland and irrigated crop production, livestock production, food processing, and wood products were responsible for 53 percent of export sales from Morrow County. New income is brought into the county through export sales. These same economic activities were also responsible for 40 percent of all salaries paid to county households.

Agriculture and forest products were responsible for 55

percent of the total business activity in Morrow County. When money is brought into the county by export sales, some of it is spent and respent on local purchases. This multiplier effect, calculated from the input-output model, gives the amount of total business activity resulting from each economic sector in Morrow County.

Agriculture production in Morrow County in 1981 brought in an estimated gross farm income of \$105 million. With the multiplier effect, this farm income will result in approximately \$155 million of county business activity.

In the January special session, the Oregon Legislature will consider substantial cuts in research and Extension Service budgets. Natural resource use industries like agriculture and forestry depend on current research information for efficient and profitable operation. Cuts in research and educational programs can threaten agriculture and the forest products industry and the health of the economies that depend on them.

Planning comm. cancels meeting

The regular meeting of the Heppner Planning Commis-

sion, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 11 has been canceled.

Broken water main pours 30,000 gal. of water on Chase St. homes

Over 30,000 gallons of water from a broken main poured down on several houses in the Chase Street area of Heppner on New Year's Eve causing some damage, the Heppner City Council was told Monday night.

A temporary pipe being used during construction of the city's new water system apparently pulled loose from an old existing main causing the water to flow out.

Once the pipe broke the water reservoir on top of cemetery hill completely emptied, flowing down on several houses.

To update plans Public comments sought on resource management

Public comments are needed to help update plans for the future management of the nation's natural resources, R. Max Peterson, chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, said recently.

Peterson said the public comments will be used in preparing the 1985 Resources Planning Act program, the third overall plan for the long range management of the 190-million-acre national for-

est system, as well as Forest Service research and cooperative assistance activities.

Public comments are being solicited on national goals for timber, range, water, wilderness, recreation, minerals and energy, fish and wildlife, rural communities and human resources, international forestry and resource protection.

"We are requesting that the public study a number of alternative goals and help us formulate one national goal for each of 10 resource

opportunity areas," Peterson said.

"Just as in the 1980 program, public involvement will continue to be a key ingredient in the resources planning process. Every American benefits in some way from the management of our forest and rangelands, and we welcome their thoughts on how this important work should be conducted."

Peterson said the Resources Planning Act of 1974 requires the Forest Service to prepare

Irrigon school to sponsor Health Fair

A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon will sponsor a Health Fair Tuesday, January 12 at the school.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Seventh-day Adventist Church will have their mobile health lab van at the school. The Health Van is a free service that offers a blood pressure check, a computerized individual assessment of a person's medical age and a breath-o-later check.

Beginning at 7 p.m., students will give presentations, said a spokesperson.

The Umatilla Vision Clinic, the Alcohol Foundation of Eastern Oregon, Morrow County Mental Health Service, the Children's Services Division, Oregon Lung Association and the American Cancer Society will all exhibit booths at the Health Fair, said the spokesperson. The fair will also feature a dental booth by Tom Alexander D.M.D. and the Oregon State Police will have a drug display.

At 7 p.m., Milton Johnson M.D. will discuss the effects of stress.

Throughout the evening, a film festival consisting of about six films will be featured, concluded the spokesperson.

Next year's proposed school budget up 13.5 percent

Next year's school budget is up 13.5 percent over this year, the Morrow County School District budget committee was told Monday night.

Meeting for the first time to start work on the new budget, the committee heard from Superintendent Matt Doherty, who said the district needs \$821,691 more to operate next year.

This year's school budget was a total of \$6,063,734. Next year's proposed budget is \$7,135,691 Doherty said.

Relative to local property taxes, this would mean an increase in rates of \$1.17 per thousand dollars of valuation to \$9.12 per thousand. (Based on an estimated total county property valuation of \$630 million, Doherty said.)

The main increase in the

budget includes a cost of living increase for employees of the district, Doherty said, and also an increase in purchased services.

"There is a big increase in the cost of electricity, by far and away our largest cost in purchased services."

Doherty said there were no new programs or staff members included in the 1982-83 proposed budget.

He said the largest capital costs in the budget are the purchase of buses and driver education cars, and heating and roof repairs.

Voters can expect to see the next year's budget at the first election March 30; however, they will not see a separate A and B ballot this year, says Doherty.

At the last legislative ses-

sion lawmakers decided to combine the A and B ballots into one, but only in elections held before Sept. 1, after which they will be split.

"There was so much controversy (over the split ballots) that they decided to change it," said Doherty. But, he said, amounts in the A (partially funded by state) and B (funded locally) will still be shown in the ballot explanation.

The budget committee, which elected Jack Sturge, Boardman, as its chairman, Monday night has two more meetings scheduled - Jan. 11 and one on Jan. 25.

The committee did not take action on the proposed budget Monday, but spent time familiarizing itself with the budget document.

Wellness workshop slated for Sat. January 30

"New Year's resolutions are made to be broken," say some, but members of the "Rolling Hills Run" steering committee and the Heppner Branch of AAUW disagree. They are offering help to those who would like to feel and look better in the new year. The groups will present a free Wellness Workshop titled "A New You in '82'" on Saturday, January 30, at the Heppner High School cafeteria. They are also encouraging people in the Heppner and Lone areas to visit the Seventh-day Adventist Health Van, said a spokesperson.

visit the van and bring the information with them to the workshop.

The two-part workshop will feature Len Tritsch, director of Health Education from the State Department of Education, in the morning session and a run clinic will be featured in the afternoon.

Trisch will talk about fitness, stress, nutrition and developing good health habits.

The afternoon walk-run clinic will help prepare people for participation in an aerobic fitness walking or running program. Individuals wishing to participate in the April 4, "Rolling Hills Run" will find the afternoon session particularly helpful.

The morning session will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The afternoon session is scheduled from 1:15 to 3 p.m.

Condon IFYE rep. to visit Morrow County

By BIRDINE TULLIS
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Marie Rietmann, Condon, who went from the "jungles" of the 1981 Oregon State Legislature to the jungles and cities of Thailand in less than a month will visit Morrow County January 11 and 12. Rietmann was a 1981 International 4-H Youth Exchange representative to Thailand.

As an IFYE representative, she lived and worked with Thai families and attended the first Thailand IFYE reunion in Bangkok last September. One of her host "fathers" was the first IFYE from Thailand to the United States.

Miss Rietmann returned home in December after spending nearly six months in the Southeast Asian nation. She left for Thailand shortly after finishing her job with the 1981 Oregon Legislature.

The 1980 Oregon State University graduate will report on her experiences in Thailand to 4-H Leaders Council, schools, and Chamber of Commerce during her stay in Morrow County.

Although much of her time is already scheduled, interested groups may still schedule a talk by Miss Rietmann by calling Birdine Tullis at 678-



Marie Rietmann

9642, the Morrow County office of the OSU Extension Service.

While in Morrow County, Marie will be a guest at the home of Monica and Jim Swanson, lone.

IFYE is a privately-financed "people-to-people" program created shortly after World War II to further international understanding. The National 4-H Council coordinates the program in the United States on behalf of the Extension Service and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

The Thailand exchange was conducted in cooperation with the Thailand YUMA Kasef-korn program and supported by a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

For more information on 4-H International programs, call any OSU Extension office.