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Weather

By City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip	
Mon., Jan. 25	47	35	trace	Total January precipitation was 1.03. Normal is 1.41. January 1981 precipitation was 1.34.
Tues., Jan. 26	50	34		
Wed., Jan. 27	46	30		
Thurs., Jan. 28	43	33		
Fri., Jan. 29	50	37		
Sat., Jan. 30	55	35	30	
Sun., Jan. 31	45	32	.03	
Mon., Feb. 1	44	40	.04	

County to present operating levy before completing budget

By MARY ANN CERULLO

On March 30, Morrow County will present an operating levy to the voters before the budget process is completed. It was announced at Morrow County Court Wednesday, January 27.

Since state law allows a

budget levy to be voted on before, during, or after the budget process, county officials would like to delay publishing the final budget summaries until April or May.

With state finances confused, figures for programs supported by the state, such as mental health, could be delayed for months, explained

Judge Don McElligott.

According to Commissioner Dode Krebs, the county budget might be more likely to pass if presented with other levies.

Morrow County schools will also be presenting an operating levy to the voters on March 30.

Chamber slates banquet

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Monday evening, March 8, the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce will host its first annual banquet at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Everyone is invited to attend and a special invitation is extended to the business people of the five county communities and the agri-business folks.

Chamber President R.W. (Bob) Harris and Vice-President Ron McDonald have helped the banquet committee: Justine Weatherford, the Rev. Ed Watts, Doug Smith, Avon Melby and Mary Goheen, with plans for the coming occasion.

A social time will begin at 6:30 p.m. a turkey and ham dinner will follow at 7 p.m. and the program is slated to start about 8 p.m. The evening's speaker will be Oregon State Director of the Economic Development Commission, John Groupe, whose home base is LaGrande.

Invitations will be presented to the mayors of each community and business people of Boardman and Irrigon are encouraged to come to this banquet, as one of President Harris's goals for this year is to work toward a closer relationship between the people of the south and north reaches of the county.

Planning Com. to meet Mon.

Heppner City Planning Commission will meet Monday, February 8 at the Heppner City Hall, a study session will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by a regular session at 8 p.m., announced Dick Bigelow.

Warren Plocharsky is City Council representative for the month of February.

A variance application to allow a 24' x 30' pole type metal building on the property at 340 1/2 South Hill Street will be considered. Applicant is William L. Sowell.

1,000 Friends of Oregon rep. visits Heppner

One Thousand Friends of Oregon is not against growth in the state, only unplanned growth, a representative of the group said in Heppner last week.

Taking a swing through Eastern Oregon on a recruiting and public relations drive, Portland Attorney Robert Liberty, who works for 1,000 Friends, tried to dispel some of the images Oregonians have of his group.

"People think 1,000 Friends of Oregon is some kind of left wing environmental group, but we're not," emphasized Liberty, who is one of four attorneys employed by 1,000 Friends.

He said the group, which has 2,300 members, is not against growth in the state, only unplanned growth.



Robert Liberty

An independent group funded through private business donations, Liberty says 1,000 Friends reviews all county comprehensive plans turned

into the Land Conservation and Development Commission, for compliance with state land use laws.

If the group feels something is wrong, it will go to court—something it has done 100 times already. "We're a lapid use watch dog group," he said.

Liberty said 1,000 Friends is presently watching the Willamette Valley closely because of phenomenal growth in that area of the state.

But it has also reviewed Morrow County's comprehensive land use plan, and recommended it not be accepted by LCDC.

"Morrow County's plan has some policies that are strong on agricultural land protection, but the standards for land development in farm

zones are unclear," said Liberty.

He said 1,000 Friends has also criticized the county plan for "vague" definition of lot size. "But I don't think Morrow County's plan has any more criticism than anyone else's," he pointed out.

"Planning is designed not to thwart growth but to make it more efficient," he said. "We actually recommend to the city of Salem that it have more industrial land included in its plan," he said.

Liberty came to Heppner after a stop in Pendleton. He met with county commissioners Dorothy Krebs and Don McElligott before going on to the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce weekly luncheon where he was the featured speaker.

Kennedys honored at luncheon



Rupert Kennedy
By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Tuesday noon, February 2, Rupert and Dorothy Kennedy were honored guests at the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The Kennedys came to this county in 1969 when he took full-time work with the Port of Morrow, which he headed until 1978. The couple recycled the old Boardman Railroad Depot into a fascinating home where 5,000 persons came to visit them. On Sunday, January 24, a final party was attended there by a large group of Kennedy friends. The Depot Building was recently purchased by the port to house its office. Rupe and Dorothy have purchased an older home at Astoria and have been busily packing their treasures so that they can be settling on Astoria's Grand Avenue by February 10.

The couple say they have enjoyed having the thousands visit their home and that they know they "are leaving a lot of fine friends in Morrow County."

At the urging of several folks, Rupe wrote out some of the developmental activities he has watched here. One of the highlights of his writing stated that the Port of Morrow was formed and a tax base funded in 1961 at \$29,000 annually by Judge Oscar Peterson. Peterson received help from Herb West of the Inland Waterways Association and other fine Morrow people. The Charter Commission, appointed by the governor, included Garland Swanson of Ione and Dewey West of Boardman, among others. Later, Oscar Peterson joined the commission when he finished his eight years as county judge. The group placed all of the tax base money for five years into land purchases for the port's 4,000 acre waterfront industrial park. The Port of Morrow has more waterfront land than all the other port districts east of Portland, and it was all paid for by 1965.

It has been Rupe's job in state government to help work at development in the eighteen counties east of the Cascades. He wanted to get where the development capabilities were best, so he left the state in 1964 and was hired by the Mid-Columbia Development Corporation which is made up of five ports under their county courts. He helped the Port Commission publicize the waterfront park in 1968 in the developmental brochure published and sent across the nation and abroad.

During the 1970's 85,000 acres of pivot irrigation was developed by private parties and corporate farms without one government dollar. The Port Commission developed a 350 acre food-processing park and potato storage facilities,

Morrow County became the second largest producer of potatoes and the eighth ranking in income per capita in the US in 1976.

"Although the north end of Morrow County did attract much development in the 1970's, somewhat amazingly it lost at least four billion dollars in energy plants to Pebble Springs in Gilliam County, thence to Hanford when the bombers didn't get moved," Kennedy states.

It had been agreed by our congressional delegation and others that the Navy Bombing Range would be moved to Washington State to save millions of gallons of energy. However, the Navy didn't get moved, and PGE had to be satisfied with a \$525,000,000 coal-fired energy plant at Carly Reservoir in 1976. Navy bombers are not allowed to operate where nuclear plants are sited.

Kennedy forecasts that all the business that could have been attracted to Morrow County in the past will be coming here in the future, such as several more energy plants, another 100,000 acres of irrigation and industrial development of great magnitude—"after the inflation breaks and the environmentalists decide we really will need more energy, better livability and more jobs for our young."

Presently citizens are being told that Morrow County is among a number of counties in the state that have acceptable types of plans for development and land usage. It is being pointed out that the foresight of the first port manager, Rupert Kennedy, of Judge Oscar Peterson and the original port commissioners has been of great value to the whole area.

Federal Land Bank Assoc. slates stockholders meeting

The annual stockholders meeting of the Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton will be held Feb. 18, announced Robin A. Fletcher, manager of the association. A luncheon will open the meeting at 12 noon at the Red Lion Motor Inn.

A highlight of this year's meeting will be a report on the association's progress and accomplishments during the past year. The scheduled

program also includes the election of two directors and a nominating committee, and a report from the board of directors on important actions taken since last year's stockholders meeting, said a spokesperson.

Directors of the Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton are Richard Wilkinson and Edwin Miller of Heppner; Royal Raymond, Helix; Bill Etter, Pilot Rock;

First Citizens of 1981 contest gets underway

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

The Honors and Awards Committee of the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce is eager to have county organizations and individuals turn in the names of persons whom they consider worthy of being named First Citizens of 1981.

MCGG to hold Appreciation Day

The Morrow County Grain Growers will hold its annual Customer Appreciation Day next Saturday, Feb. 13.

The day starts off with a free pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. Factory representatives will be on hand for discus-

sions, and new farm equipment will also be set up for inspection. Customer Appreciation Day will be held at the Morrow County Grain Growers head offices in Lexington, and is open to everyone.

AAUW offers scholarship to Morrow County women

By MARY ANN CERULLO

The Heppner - Ione branch of the American Association of University Women is offering a scholarship to a qualifying Morrow County woman. This is the fourth year the award has been offered.

The scholarship is intended to serve women of the general community rather than those graduating from high school.

Requirements for consideration are that she be a Morrow County woman already involved in a course of study. She may be at a college, professional or trade school with a minimum of one year of study behind her.

Because the AAUW treasury was able to support it, last year two women were each awarded with a \$200 scholarship. They were Patti Lott Mohn, Monmouth, and Luella

Taylor of Lexington. Mohn, a Heppner High School graduate, is currently attending Western Oregon State College working on a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

Taylor was scheduled to graduate last July from BMCC with an associate degree in nursing. She was intending to continue her studies to become a registered nurse.

It is AAUW's hope that the club will be able to award two scholarships again this year.

Scholarship applications may be obtained by calling Bonnie Templeman, 676-5187; Mjry McCoy, 676-5129; or Mary Ann Cerullo, 676-9635.

AAUW asks that the applications be submitted to: AAUW Scholarship, P.O. Box 1053, Heppner, OR 97836, by February 28.

Fire causes rural home minimal damage Sunday

A fire broke out at the Bruce Wallis residence (the old Monagle place) about four miles from Heppner Sunday night.

Heppner Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine said the fire started when the stove flue

ignited the ceiling rafters. Burkenbine said the fire, which did minimal damage, was almost out when the firemen arrived.

The fire chief said about 13 firemen responded.

Two arraigned in Morrow County January 22

Morrow County Deputy District Attorney Harold McLean reported the following cases handled at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner:

— Robin Leon Rogers, 19 of Boardman was indicted on January 19. He was charged with two counts of criminal mistreatment.

Rogers was arraigned and pleaded not guilty on January 22. He was released on his own

recognizance pending trial.

— John Thomas Findley, 22 of Boardman was arraigned on charges of criminal mistreatment. No plea had been entered as of Monday, January 25.

— Douglas Allen Grant, 33 of Ione, pleaded guilty last Thursday to serving an alcoholic beverage to a minor. Grant was fined \$207 and ordered to pay restitution for jury costs.

Former Heppner man named SAIF manager

A former Heppner man, Darrell Blake, has been named manager of SAIF Corporation's Clackamas District. The district provides workers' compensation insurance to about 4,200 employers

in Clackamas and Multnomah counties. Blake supervises a staff of 12, including claims, insurance, safety and health, and nursing personnel.

SAIF Corporation is Oregon's largest writer of work-

ers' compensation insurance, with headquarters in Salem and 15 district offices throughout the state. A public corporation, it insures approximately 40,000 Oregon employers.

Mustangs win two more!

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Heppner Post Office lobby houses new bench



A new bench was placed in the Heppner Post Office lobby as a combined effort of the Heppner Chapter of Future Farmers of America and the Heppner Lion's Club.

The Lion's Club donated all needed materials for the bench and HHS junior, Marty Britt constructed it.

Pictured from left to right are John Stevens, HHS junior who assisted Britt with construction, Roger Records, FFA instructor, Britt and Lion George Koffler.