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Weather By City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Feb. 2	43	32	.09
Wed., Feb. 3	34	10	
Thurs., Feb. 4	27	9	
Fri., Feb. 5	34	14	
Sat., Feb. 6	32	7	trace snow
Sun., Feb. 7	31	14	
Mon., Feb. 8	34	12	.05

Funds for Neighborhood Center withdrawn by Revenue Committee Property taxes due

By MARY ANN CERULLO

After two public hearings, the Morrow County Revenue Sharing Committee met last Wednesday and agreed to withdraw county funding for the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Until now, Blue Mountain Economic Development Council and Morrow County

have been sharing the cost of running the center. This year B.M.E.D.C. requested that Morrow County provide \$10,000 or 38 percent of a 1982-83 operating budget of \$26,242 for the Neighborhood Center. This request was an 11 percent increase from last year.

"I'm really kind of shock-

ed," said Rick Gay, executive director to B.M.E.D.C. in response to the county's rejection. "The County Court was publicly supportive of the center not that long ago."

Without the county's \$10,000, "we're unsure what the future of the center will be," he continued.

According to Gay, the

B.M.E.D.C. board of directors will begin budget planning soon.

"The council itself is looking at fund reductions of 20 to 50 percent at the federal level. We're just going to have to look at a projected budget and our operating funds and see where we're at," said Gay.

Commissioner Dorothy Krebs made the motion to withdraw Morrow County's support from the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

"Services such as the Christmas food baskets and fuel assistance will be able to continue through another agency, such as the Area Agency on Aging," said Krebs.

Commissioner Warren McCoy agreed saying, "There is too much duplication of services. If we start eliminating, maybe they'll start handling things better."

Commissioner Krebs stated that her decision to withdraw support from B.M.E.D.C. and the Neighborhood Center was made from "a lack of cooperation with county court, a failure to provide countywide services, a failure to act on complaints made by the court on programs, and dissatisfaction with programs at the center."

"The center is social-recreational," she continued. "It's supposed to be geared at economic development, benefiting the low income, mentally handicapped, and senior citizens."

"I think a number of clients and services rendered are kind of hidden and not realized," said Rick Gay about the Neighborhood Center. "It's not just a senior activity center. The center has helped people in crisis situations whether they're six or eighty-six years old. I think

that if the people of Morrow County think the services the center offers are beneficial enough, that they'll make their feelings known so that the court might reconsider their decision," Gay continued.

Out of a total of six members of the Revenue Sharing Committee, four were present. Three voted to withdraw county support: Judge Don McElligott abstained.

The committee is made up of three members from County Court and three county citizens: Joe Stahl, Pat Cutsforth, and Mary Bryant. Pat Cutsforth and Mary Bryant were not present.

Business continued with the Revenue Sharing Committee granting:

— \$600 to the Boardman Day Care Center. The day care is supported solely by parents and contributions.

— \$400 to the Irrigon Senior Mealsite to provide tables.

— \$525 to the Heppner Senior Mealsite for kitchen equipment.

— \$400 to provide meal wrapping for countywide senior mealsites.

— \$7,520 for the Area Agency on Aging to fund the position of Senior Services Supervisor. Currently, Lynnea Sargent holds the title.

\$4,800 for six fireproof file cabinets to be placed in the assessor's and county clerk's offices.

There are no concrete figures on what we will receive next year in revenue sharing said McElligott, but he said he is hoping the county will receive \$90,000 to \$100,000.

Last year the county was granted \$179,000 with the court now expecting a carryover of \$48,000 in revenue sharing funds.

Second property tax payments are due Monday, February 15. However, since Feb. 15 is President's Day, and all offices at the courthouse, except the Sheriff's, will be closed that day, payments will be accepted Tuesday, February 16, said Tax Collector Mario Shorer.



Many items have been turned into the fair office lost and found department, reports Dorothy Estberg, fair secretary. Call the office at 676-9474 after 1 p.m. to identify and claim lost articles.

MCGG to hold Customer Appreciation Day Saturday

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

The day's activities will kick off with a free pancake breakfast starting at 8 a.m. and lasting until noon. Also starting at 8 a.m. will be demonstrations on various wheat and meat uses by the

county Extension office and the local CowBelles.

The Grain Growers will have equipment and chemical factory representatives on hand during the day, to answer questions and display wares.

Various door prizes will be given away during the day, including a pressure washer, tool box, food dryer, stone-

ware pan set, blender, wrench set, battery charger and special toy prizes for children 12 years and under.

Also many items will be on sale at the Grain Growers during the day. Customer Appreciation Day is held at the Grain Growers head office in Lexington, and is open to everyone.

President's Day closures announced

In commemoration of President's Day, February 15, area post offices, banks and governmental offices will be

closed. According to President of the Heppner Merchants' As-

sociation, Ron McDonald, most Heppner businesses will remain open. All county schools will also remain open.

Ten enrolled in BMCC class



Instructor Ralph Schubothe goes over class material with John Maas as Don Peterson watches the viewing screen on his computer.

Ten people are enrolled in the Blue Mountain Community College sponsored class "Computer programming with business applications."

Students use a micro computer rented by BMCC for the Heppner class, as well as a Heppner High School computer.

The class instructs students in computer language (BASIC) so that they may program the computer, said Schubothe.

The class is held each Tuesday and Thursday at Heppner High School and is the third local computer class sponsored by BMCC.

Area coordinator Nancy Brownfield said future classes depend on community interest.

HHS to hold Leadership Dessert on President's Day

President's Day is a time to reflect on the importance of leadership, both past and present. The Heppner High School student council has chosen President's Day, Monday, February 15, to honor school leaders at a Leadership Dessert to be held at the high school cafeteria at 7 p.m. All class and club officers are asked to attend with their parents and bring a dessert, said a school spokesperson.

John Murray, student body president, will serve as Master of Ceremonies and will introduce class and club presidents. Presidents will explain about their clubs' activities and introduce the club or class advisor and other officers.

Special guests will include Cliff Green, mayor of Heppner and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Ron McDonald, who sponsor Teen of the Month acknowledgements. Mayor

Green will speak on leadership, the spokesperson added.

"Over 40 students will represent clubs and organizations. It is these students who organize activities and provide positive leadership and examples to all at school. Some council members will provide some musical entertainment, to show their diverse talents," the spokesperson said.

Kinzua sawmill operations back to normal — for now

Kinzua Corporation sawmill operations were back to normal Monday after weather conditions prompted a two week layoff that affected about 70 men.

Weather in the area warmed

up the ground thawed out and logging operations were curtailed.

LaVerne Van Marter, personnel manager, said that freezing temperatures had allowed loggers to bring in

from 40 to 45 loads of logs a day.

Van Marter also stated that the sawmill would run as long as "Mother Nature permits, but when the weather warms up, we'll be in trouble again."

County learns

Accepted construction bid not legal

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Last Wednesday, February 3, Morrow County Court awarded Bootsma Construction of Baker the contract for the building of a county maintenance shop in Lexington.

It has since been discovered that a couple of legal statutes had been overlooked in the bidding process.

"It looks as if we're going to have to throw the entire thing out and start the bidding procedure all over," stated Don Briggs, director of the

Public Works Department.

According to Briggs, the court's decision to accept Bootsma's bid must be formally reversed next court day before announcing the new bidding.

Briggs also stated that even with this recent new development, no delay in construction is expected.

In other business the court:

— heard the weekly Road Report.

— heard the reading of the minutes for January.

— went into executive

session with Justice of the Peace Charlotte Gray.

— held a preliminary review of the Auditor Ordinance, citing the duties of the county auditor. The duties will include payroll and handling the bookkeeping for County Court.

— learned from Commissioner Warren McCoy that the city of Irrigon has 876 registered voters within its limits. Deane Seeger of the County Planning Department estimated a population of approximately 2,000 in the immediate Irrigon area.

Car reported as stolen from Portland found in Lexington

Authorities from the Morrow County Sheriff's office in Heppner recovered a reportedly stolen 1969 Corvette from a Lexington residence Satur-

day, January 30.

According to the Sheriff's office, the car was reported as stolen from the Portland area about 16 months ago.

The vehicle was obtained by

three local residents from the thieves, said an officer from the sheriff's department.

No charges have been filed pending investigation.

Gov. cheese to be dist. in Heppner Fri.

Pat Brindle, Heppner Neighborhood Center coordinator has announced that government surplus cheese will be distributed at the Heppner Neighborhood Center on Friday, February 12.

"Eligibility will be based on those who receive the food assistance or are living in subsidized housing," said Brindle.

Cheese was to be distributed at Boardman Wednesday, February 10.

Two HHS seniors selected to Shrine team

On Saturday, January 30, the East and West teams were selected for the Shrine game that will be played in Baker this coming August. For the sixth consecutive year, Heppner High School is represented on the East team; John Murray has been named to the team with Lee Rice being selected as an alternate.

Murray is a four-year football letterman, has been named all-league for three years, and holds numerous

school records. He is a well-rounded individual who serves as student body president while having a difficult academic schedule at the same time.

Rice has lettered for two years and was picked as an all-league performer on both offense and defense this past year. He also has a very difficult academic schedule and is well-known for his accomplishments in rodeo.

Extension agents named to development comm.

New members, including two Oregon State University Extension Agents in Morrow County, have been named to state 4-H developmental committees.

John Nordheim will serve on the small animal committee which works with such 4-H projects as rabbits, poultry and guinea pigs. Nordheim served three years on the state Horse Development Committee prior to this appointment. Birdine Tullis was appointed to the International committee which is concerned with such programs as the International 4-H Youth Exchange. Each of the new appointees will serve until the fall of 1984.

They join some 150 other volunteer 4-H leaders, older youth, Extension agents and specialists and other OSU faculty members in reviewing 4-H projects and recommending changes to the Extension Service, explains Duane P. Johnson, acting assistant director for 4-H youth.

"Each of the 10 development committees reviews and evaluates programs, makes recommendations and assists in development efforts it feels would improve or expand programs," Johnson adds. "Any changes are first considered by the state 4-H advisory council and then by the extension staff."

Since the first committee was established in Oregon several years ago, the idea of involving leaders, older youth and faculty members in the development of 4-H projects and programs has spread to other states. Johnson notes, "because Oregon showed that this was one way to keep the 4-H program current and up-to-date with the needs of youth and adults."

Some committees work with extension faculty members in conducting workshops for leaders and in planning and conducting state-wide events for 4-H members.

Irrigon man accepted into Hereford Assoc.

Arnold R. McClure of Irrigon has been accepted into membership of the American Hereford Association, according to an announcement by H.H. Dickenson, executive vice president of the AHA. The American Hereford Association, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, is the world's largest beef breed

registry organization, having entered more than 18 million head into the records since it was founded in 1881.

The Hereford breed, one of the oldest in the United States, is well known for its ability to convert grass and grain to beef efficiently, stated Dickenson.

Lexington City Council meets, slates hearing

Lexington City Council met Tuesday, February 2 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The council will hold a hearing on March 2, 8 p.m., at Lexington City Hall, to discuss whether to vacate North Street. Discussion will also be heard on the right-of-way on F Street.

In other council business, bids were let on January 25 for the Arcade Street Bridge

construction project. A bid of \$88,917 was accepted from a private contractor from The Dalles, said Linda Jones, Lexington City Council recorder.

Total cost of the bridge will be \$125,324.47 said Jones. \$125,159.58 will be funded through federal funds and a special city allotment, which will leave the City of Lexington with just about \$65 to fund.