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## Weather

by The City of Heppner

High Low Precip

Tues., March 2	52	40	trace
Wed., March 3	51	34	.28
Thurs., March 4	49	30	.09
Fri., March 5	54	30	.02
Sat., March 6	56	30	
Sun., March 7	—	32	Trace
Mon., March 8	60	42	.02

## Boardman mayor and Heppner woman chosen as county's first citizens



Boardman Mayor Jerry Peck receives First Citizen award from Dr. Wallace Wolff

Boardman Mayor Jerry Peck and Theta Lowe of Heppner were chosen first citizens of Morrow County Monday during a Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Elks Lodge.

Honored for their work in public service and concern for their communities, both Peck and Lowe were presented with certificates from Dr. Wallace Wolff of the Chamber.

Oscar Peterson, a long-time

county resident who recently died was also honored. A certificate noting his many years of service to the people of Morrow County was presented to his son, Don Peterson.

Theta Lowe is a long-time resident of the county whose many volunteer activities include 25 years as a 4-H leader, many years as a department superintendent at the fair, secretary of Morrow County Senior Citizens Advisory Com-



Don Peterson accepts award for his late father Oscar Peterson

mittee, she is a volunteer at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, president of the Episcopal Church Women, managed the "lonely hearts" Thanksgiving dinners for many years and other activities.

Jerry Peck, who was honored as the county's first male citizen, was named for his work as long-time mayor of Boardman; he was also president of the Boardman Commercial Club, served eight

years on the Morrow County School Board and has been on other county committees and boards.

The twelve doorprizes donated for the drawing at the conclusion of the banquet and their lucky winners were: copies of the Chamber's book "Homesteads and Heritages" to Clifford Green and Henry Krebs; gift certificates for three pounds of bulk ice cream given by Heppner Bowl went



Theta Lowe also received Morrow's First Citizen award

to Ray Michael and to Mrs. Ray Michael; personalized stationery from Hutch's Printing was awarded to Earl Pryor; brass Pendleton Round-Up belt buckles given by the Western Heritage Savings and Loan were presented to Merlin Hughes and to Matt Doherty; Harriet Hall's ticket number gained her an electric cookie, canape and candy maker given by the Morrow County Grain Grow-

ers: Mrs. Clifford Green won the quilted comforter, also given by Western Heritage Savings and Loan; Pete McMurry gained the Myrtlewood bowl donated by Peterson's Jewelry; Lillian Boyce won a crystal vase given by Murray Drug Co.; and the final prize, a table garden in a round pottery container from Cole's House of Fashion and Posey Patch, went to Mrs. Merlin Hughes.

## 'Time to grab bootstraps'

Oregon's economy is not in very good shape. "And it's time we grabbed ourselves by the bootstraps and did something about it."

That was the message from Earl Pryor, Condon wheat farmer and member of the State Commission of Economic Development, in addressing a Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night in Heppner.

Pryor says Oregon's economy is over-dependant on the timber industry and it is now necessary to diversify if the state hopes to remain healthy. In addressing the first annual "Pot of Gold" banquet, Pryor laid out several steps the Economic Development Commission is taking to improve Oregon's economy.

He said a new fund, the Oregon Equity Fund, has been established to attract private capital for investment in small industries. The money would be used for small companies unable to raise funds through commercial banks, said Pryor.

"It will make long-term loans not necessarily backed by collateral. It would work in the gray area of firms with high risk, but the potential for profit," he said.

Pryor also said that \$250,000

has been approved to "market Oregon," or sell the state to industries wishing to locate here.

He also pointed to plans for an expansion survey of existing industries, more work in improving tourism (the state's number three industry), and more work in improving the educational system in Oregon to provide trained people for new industry which may come into the state.

Pryor also hit on the federal government, and the problems that have been caused in the agricultural industry.

"Agricultural prices won't be much better in the near future," he said. Especially with the "invasion" of government into the market, especially the foreign markets.

"It's been a vicious cycle. We produce more so we can take home less," Pryor said of the agricultural industry.

On Oregon's economy as a whole, Pryor seemed to agree with a bank economist, whom he quoted as predicting that the state's outlook won't improve until the second half of 1982.

"We're all going to suffer. We're going to have some pain before it gets better," Pryor said.

## St. Pat's Day celebration promises fun for everyone

Will the oldest, shortest, most red-faced, stingiest, crookedest Irishman in Morrow County, that was born in the County of Donegal and drives either a Chevrolet or International please step forward. You are the winner of \$30.06—and a crooked two by four.

It is unlikely the same Irishman will win all of these and other prizes being offered during Heppner's St. Patrick's Day celebration March 17, but there will be plenty of fun for everyone.

The day's activities will include a radio talk show to be hosted out of the Farley Motor showroom, from 10 to 11 a.m., a real live leprechaun at Ron McDonald Chevrolet, music by the Heppner Junior High band and various sales and specials by Heppner Merchants.

Also on tap for St. Patrick's Day is a stew feed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church starting at 5:30 p.m., and a breakfast at the Elks Club from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Six Irish families who settled in Morrow County many years ago will be receiving special recognition this St. Patrick's Day.

For those who wish to look their Irish best, hats will be sold for \$1.25 at many of the businesses around town.

Also for those coming down town, there will be free parking behind the Les Schwab Tire store while you enjoy the festivities.

## Les Schwab manager transferred

The manager of Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner, Kevin Rountree, has been transferred to a store in Corvallis.

Rountree, who has been with Les Schwab in Heppner for five years, come in as assistant manager and was later promoted to manager.

## Road closure announced

The lower end of Rhea Creek Road at Jordan, will be closed for bridge repair from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, said Don Briggs of the Public Works Dept.

## Census Bureau to gather data in Morrow County

The U.S. Bureau of the Census will conduct a regular survey on employment and unemployment in Morrow Co. during the week of March 15-20, according to Leo C. Schilling, director of the bureau's regional office in Seattle in a recent news release from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

In addition to the usual questions on current employment, the March survey will include others concerning the work experience, income and place of residence of household members last year and whether they have moved since March 1981.

Households in Morrow Co. are part of the sample of 71,000 across the country scientifi-

cally selected to represent a cross section of all U.S. households.

The monthly survey is conducted for the U.S. Department of Labor and provides a continuous record of activity in the labor force. The January survey indicated that of the 108.9 million men and women in the civilian labor force, 99.6 million were employed. The nation's unemployment rate was 8.5 percent, down from 8.8 percent in December.

Information supplied by individuals participating in the survey is kept strictly confidential by law and the results are used only to compile statistical totals, the news release concluded. 30

## PGG to hold annual meeting Mar. 20

The annual membership meeting of Pendleton Grain Growers, Inc., will be held Saturday, March 20, at the Pendleton Memorial Armory. The meeting will include a no-host cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a buffet

dinner for members and their guests. The business meeting will follow with the 1981 financial report and reports from President Bill Etter and PGG General Manager Don Cook, said a PGG spokesperson. Terms of at-large directors

## Lexington Grange to sponsor informative panel discussion

Members of the Lexington Grange will sponsor an informative panel discussion, Monday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Lexington Grange Hall.

Morrow County School Superintendent Matt Doherty and possibly other members of the school board will be available to explain the proposed 1982-83 school budget, to be presented to the voters in a

March 30 election. The proposed budget shows a 13.5 percent increase over this year's budget, from \$6,063,734 to \$7,135,691.

Morrow County Judge Don McElligott and possibly other county representatives are also scheduled to appear at the meeting to explain the proposed county budget, also to be presented to the voters March 30. The county's voters

will be asked to approve an operating levy outside the six percent limitation. Morrow County's current tax base is \$367,990 and has been unchanged since 1940. A new proposed tax base is in the process of being established.

A discussion is also planned concerning the proposed building of a county jail, said a grange spokesperson.

## Columbia Basin advises on bogus tree trimming

If you are approached by a tree trimming contractor wanting to trim tree limbs away from power lines, Columbia Basin Electric Co-op officials advise that you contact them first.

A man in the Condon Fossil area has reportedly been

telling residents he has been hired by Columbia Basin to trim tree limbs away from power lines and then charging them for the services. Columbia Basin office manager Jerry Healy said the man has not been hired by the co-op and is in no way affiliated with it. Healy said Columbia Basin

does its own tree trimming when tree limbs are apt to cause problems with the lines.

Co-op manager Fred Toombs said Columbia Basin will not be responsible for any charges paid by consumers to unauthorized persons claiming to work for the co-op.

## District Court Action

Lewis Wayne Ball, 43 of Portland entered a three year diversion agreement March 3 after being indicted Nov. 9, 1981 for Criminal Non Support in Morrow County Circuit Court, said Morrow County Deputy District Attorney Harold McLean.

Under the agreement, he is to make a scheduled series of payments toward his support arrearage. Further proceedings were stopped for the period of diversion and criminal charges will be dismissed at the end of three years if Ball complies with the conditions of the diversion agreement.

John Walter Wells Jr. of Waverly, Ohio was sentenced March 5 in Morrow County Circuit Court after being arrested November 2, 1981 and indicted for Burglary in the

First Degree. Wells was also indicted Nov. 9, 1981 for Theft in the First Degree by Deception. He pleaded guilty to Theft in the First Degree and Burglary in the Second Degree. A charge of Theft in the Second Degree was dismissed, said McLean.

Wells was sentenced to custody of the Oregon State Corrections Division - suspended, was placed on probation for three years on the theft charge and two years on the burglary charge, 120 days in the Umatilla County Jail with credit given for time previously served, must pay a \$250 fine for burglary, make \$350 restitution to Morrow County for court appointed attorney's fees and must make \$100 restitution to theft victim, McLean said.

## IHS students available for work Mar. 19

The Ione High School student body will be having a work day on Friday, March 19, to raise funds for student body projects. Students will be contracting with people in the community and surrounding areas to work for six hours that day at a minimum rate of \$3 per hour.

Those students who secure contracts will be excused from regular classes. All other students will be expected to attend school as usual, said a school spokesperson.

People interested in hiring a student for that day should contact the high school office, 422-7131.

## County awards shop bid to Portland contractors

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Morrow County Court awarded the bid for the new county maintenance shop to William Lonigan Associates of Portland last Wednesday, March 3.

Lonigan Associates was the lowest of seven bids at \$92,750. The highest bid was \$110,155.

According to Don Briggs, director of Public Works, construction for the metal shop is to be completed in June of this year. The site for the shop will be on five acres of land in Lexington which was donated to the county last year by Virginia Rosewall, in memory of her husband, Clarence.

Lonigan and Associates also made a bid of \$11,600 to complete the interior of the 6,720 square foot shop, but Briggs said the court would seek local contractors to finish the job.

Howard Pettyjohn was awarded the bid for plumbing at a total of \$1,826. The high

bid totaled at \$3,750.

In other business the court: — scheduled to meet Wednesday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m. with members of the budget and revenue sharing committees to prepare a new tax base to present to the voters March 30. The proposed tax base must be submitted to the county clerk by March 18.

— agreed to allow the Morrow County Search and Rescue Posse use of Cutsforth Park for a one night training workshop.

— accepted City-County Insurance Services as the county's insurance carrier. The court's action is expected to save the county more than \$8,000 on its \$30,000 insurance bill.

— heard the February minutes.

— heard the Road Report from Don Briggs.

— announced that the state is currently working on state highway 74, widening the road and taking out approximately twelve curves between Lexington and Ione.

## Lexington City Council meets

Lexington City Council held a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 2. The council conducted the following business:

— an amendment was read and approved to change the city's water ordinance.

## Ione City Council meets

Ione City Council met Tuesday, March 2 for a regular monthly meeting. The following business was conducted: — the council approved a zoning permit request from Roy Taylor Jr., to place a mobile home at Second and Cherry streets.

— denied a zoning permit

— held a hearing and agreed to consult an attorney on whether to vacate North Street and to determine the right-of-way on F Street.

— agreed to change the council's meeting night to the first Wednesday of each month.

request from Elmer Holtz to establish a used car dealership at his residence on Second Street.

— agreed to hire two high school girls in conjunction with the Student Work Day on March 19 to clean the city hall building. (see related story.)