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Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Nov. 9	37	23	.02
Wed., Nov. 10	40	25	
Thurs., Nov. 11	49	26	
Fri., Nov. 12	53	32	
Sat., Nov. 13	43	18	
Sun., Nov. 14	39	20	
Mon., Nov. 15	45	29	

## Economic Dev. Comm. elects board of directors, seeks incorporation

The Heppner Economic Development Committee met last Wednesday, Nov. 10, at R & W Drive-In in Heppner. Recommendations from the steering committee were heard, and a board of directors elected.

The steering committee suggested that the committee form a non-profit corporation called The Heppner Economic Development Corporation with a broad base of members and that a board of seven directors be elected. The directors' terms are to be three years each with staggered terms. Initial term length will be determined by drawing lots.

Directors elected to the board were Fred Toombs, Jim Hayes, Ralph Limanen, Bob Abrams, Kent Goodyear, Charles Hutchinson (Hutch) and Helen Riehl. At a board meeting last Friday, members elected Hayes as president, Abrams as vice-president and Goodyear as secretary-treasurer. Hayes reported that the board would meet once a week and meet with other members of the group once a month. The board is presently working on establishing bylaws, he said.

The directors will serve until a new board is elected in January at the group's first annual meeting. The date, time and location of the meeting will be announced later.

Herman Winter, Heppner attorney, drew up articles of incorporation and the amended document was to be sent to the state corporation commis-



Jim Hayes



Bob Abrams



Fred Toombs



Helen Riehl

sioner.

Charles and Linda Hutchinson, who attended a conference in Lincoln City Nov. 4-5 on downtown development, were to give a report to the group on Wednesday, Nov. 17. The conference was jointly sponsored by the Oregon Downtown Development Association and the Oregon Department of Transportation, Travel Information Section. The Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce provided \$300 for the couple to attend.

The purpose of the proposed corporation is to promote economic development in Heppner with secondary efforts toward development of the surrounding area. Anyone interested in local economic development is invited to join. All members will be charged a one-time \$100 assessment.

Meetings of the entire group are now being held on an on call basis. Anyone wanting to attend the meetings may be placed on a calling list by contacting one of the board members.



Kent Goodyear



Ralph Limanen



Charles Hutchinson

## Investigation of Ballot Measure 3 results called for

An investigation of voting results in eight Oregon counties, including Morrow, was called for recently by Oregon Taxpayers, the sponsors of Ballot Measure 3, the property tax limitation.

Confusion about placement of the measure on the ballot resulted in tens of thousands of Oregonians being unable to find it and vote. "We are asking Secretary of State Norma Paulus to investigate," Joe Hollman, state co-

ordinator of Oregon Taxpayers, sponsors of Measure 3, announced.

Our office has been flooded with calls from people who lost their right to vote due to this confusion, Hollman reported. He pointed out that 12 percent of the voters in Marion county did not vote on the measure—more than twice the number in Multnomah County—yet the Multnomah County vote overall was three times as large as Marion's.

Umatilla County voters tell us that Measure 3 was out of order—that their ballot order ran Measure 1, Measure 2, Measure 4—with three on the opposite page—resulting in one voter in six in Umatilla County failing to vote on it—compared with a normal two or three percent not voting over the state at large.

Other counties with strangely high numbers of people failing to vote were Malheur, 23 percent; Morrow,

21 percent; Grant, 12 percent; Crook, 8 percent; Wheeler, 8 percent; and Clackamas, 5 percent. A great many complaints were received from Clackamas County about difficulty in finding the measure.

"We will wait for a response from Mrs. Paulus' office before deciding how to move next to see that Oregon's voters are fairly and fully protected in their right to vote," Hollman added.

## Task Force on Battered Women expanding to Morrow County

The Task Force on Battered Women in Umatilla County is expanding the service to include Morrow County, and volunteers are needed to assist victims of family abuse. Deborah Cooley, director of the task force, said the agency recently received funding for a program in Morrow County from the state Domestic Violence Marriage Task Fund.

The Task Force on Battered Women is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides victims of domestic violence in Umatilla and Morrow counties with 24-hour crisis counseling, safe homes for women and their children, advocacy, emergency food and transportation and public education. The crisis line phone number is 278-0241. Out of town callers may call collect, Cooley said. The task force presently receives about 20 calls per month from Morrow and Umatilla county residents, she said.

Local volunteers would provide advocacy, assist women in finding community resources to help them, provide or

find safe homes for victims and provide transportation, as to a medical or social service agency. Cooley stressed that volunteers would be reimbursed for expenses. People who

provide temporary homes for victims are reimbursed for food costs, she added.

Cooley said the task force is also seeking groups and organizations who would like

to schedule a guest speaker to discuss domestic violence.

Anyone interested in being a volunteer or who would like to schedule a speaker is asked to contact Cooley at 276-3322.

## HHS Computer students place second at contest

Two second-year computer science students from Heppner High School placed second in a first Annual Husky Computer Contest held Saturday, Nov. 13, at Sherman High School at Moro.

Pat Struthers and Robert McMillan, both juniors, competed against teams from six other schools in the contest. The seven teams were presented the same five problems to solve with original programs within the two-hour time limit. Mountain View High School of Bend placed first. Heppner came in second and Crane High School placed third. Also participating were teams from Ione High School, Pilot Rock High School, Sherman High School and Hood River Valley High School. Heppner computer teacher Ralph Schubothe said, "Pat



Pat Struthers (L) and Robert McMillan typing a program at computer contest at Sherman High School

and Robert did very well, especially considering the other schools were represented by three-member teams." This is the third year that courses in computer science have been offered at Heppner

High School. Schubothe stated that the program is still in the developmental stage and probably will be for some time as the computer industry itself is constantly changing.

## Fire chief, assistant resign posts

At the October meeting of the Lexington City Council, Assistant Fire Chief Gary Munkers resigned his post on the department effective October 14. Munkers had been a member of the fire department for eight years and had served as assistant fire chief for all eight years, said the Lexington City Council.

Munkers' resignation follows by one month Fire Chief Ed Baker's resignation which was also effective October 14. Baker had been a member of the Fire Department for 15 years, chief for 12 years, and was the town's only certified fire fighting instructor, the council reported.

In announcing their resignations, both men sighted continued criticism of their leadership at the scene of fires by local citizens as the reason for their resignations. Both reported being in charge of suppression efforts at recent fires where criticism of their efforts was particularly harsh. Both stated they were unwilling to continue in their positions with the continued criticism.

In accepting the resignations, council members commended Baker and Munkers for the time and service they had given the fire department over the past several years. It was reported that the morale of the remaining fire department volunteers is low.

Council members expressed concern over the future of the cont. p. 4

## Local Scout groups contribute to Christmas lighting project



Local Scout groups with Gene Hall presented a check for \$717 to Linda Hutchinson, secretary-treasurer of the Heppner Merchants Committee. The funds will help offset costs of a Christmas lighting project. The Scouts raised the money selling tickets for a firewood raffle.

Even though Heppner merchants are contributing funds to replace old Christmas light hookups downtown, and the local Scout groups have donated \$717 to the effort, it is possible that the lights may

not be lit in time for the Christmas Opening next weekend. Fred Toombs, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op said needed parts for the new hookups

haven't been received. Toombs said the co-op has been in contact with the company several times and is hoping the parts will be sent soon.