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Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Dec. 7	32	17	
Wed., Dec. 8	27	21	
Thurs., Dec. 9	25	22	
Fri., Dec. 10	26	24	
Sat., Dec. 11	26	22	+
Sun., Dec. 12	26	26	.23
Mon., Dec. 13	45	33	

+ trace, freezing rain

Development Committee incorporates



John Maas, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church (left) gives Kent Goodyear, treasurer of the Heppner Economic Development Corporation, a membership check on behalf of the church.

Maas said the church council agreed to join the corporation because as members of the com-

munity, they feel that Heppner's growth and development is important, and would also benefit the church.

Hope Lutheran is the first church to join the corporation.

The Heppner Economic Development Committee has been granted corporate status

by the Oregon State Department of Commerce, Corporation Division. The announce-

ment was made at a meeting last Wednesday by Economic Development Corporation

Board President Jim Hayes. The next step, Hayes said, is to finalize the bylaws and to file for tax exempt status.

The organization was formed several months ago after a group of concerned business people in the community recognized the need for economic development in the area. The purpose of the new corporation in part is to promote economic development in Heppner by attracting industry and manufacturing to Heppner, promoting tourism and promoting new and different businesses in Heppner.

Anyone interested in joining the corporation may do so by paying a one-time \$100 assessment to board members Ralph Limanen, 676-9961; Kent Goodyear, 676-5040; or Jim Hayes, 676-5818. Those wishing to join may also do so by attending the organization's annual meeting, which will be held Monday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

The following businesses and organizations have joined the corporation, reported Kent Goodyear, treasurer: Farmers Insurance, Gardner's Men's Wear, Murray Rexall Drug, Kinzua Corp., Hutch's Helper, Coast to Coast, Hope Lutheran Church, R & W Drive-In, Shoe Box, Columbia Basin Electric Co-op and Abrams and Kuhn.

Eugene attorney hired for county counsel position

By MARYANN CERULLO

Hiring an attorney for a county counsel position was a topic of a long discussion by Morrow County Court at their meeting last Wednesday, Dec. 8. Three candidates were listed as possibilities for the proposed position: Valerie Doherty of Heppner; Harold McLean, Morrow County deputy district attorney; and Mike Oths of Eugene.

The court approved that the county open the position of county counsel, to be effective January 3, 1983. Commissioner Dorothy Krebs abstained.

"The trend in the Oregon counties is to consider county counsel rather than hire an assistant D.A.," said Judge Don McElligott. "This way the county counsel will be on call for work for the county. Then when there are trials that come in conflict with the district attorney, we can have county counsel as prosecuting attorney."

Morrow County Court approved the hiring of Mike Oths at \$18,000 a year. Oths graduated from the University of Oregon's Law School in May 1982.

The court earlier learned that McLean has offered to work with the incoming dis-

trict attorney Richard McNeerney to help with the transition in that office. McLean will remain in the office until January 18.

In other business, the court: — decided not to fill Cornet

Green's position on the Morrow County Planning Commission. His resignation was received December 2 and will be effective December 31. The court's decision was made because they would like to

reduce the number of members to seven.

— approved a State Highway Throughway Agreement for the Boardman overpass crossing Interstate 84.

Ione students to present 'The Nutcracker' Dec. 22



Ione elementary students examine a hand carved wooden nutcracker similar to those made years ago in Russia.

Ione Elementary School students in kindergarten through fourth grade have been studying the old Russian folktale "The Nutcracker."

The students are planning to present their own musical version of "The Nutcracker"

on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m. at the Ione School cafeteria.

Mrs. Diana Kincaid, fourth grade teacher, explained the folktale to the students and told how the famous composer, Tchaikovsky, wrote music to go with the story

which is now performed as the Nutcracker Ballet. This ballet has become a Christmas tradition in many lands. As part of the lesson, students enjoyed viewing a filmstrip and listening to the music from the "Nutcracker Suite."

Cattlemen must promote beef use, says Ostensoe



Donald Ostensoe

He pointed out that beef has lost out to chicken and other meats, and has shown a drop from 160 lbs. of beef consumed per person per year in the U.S. in 1972 to just 78 lbs. in 1982. "When we have a drop like this it is very serious," Ostensoe said.

He said 250 cattle families will leave the business one way or the other in Oregon during 1982.

"Many of these are forced sales, because they just can't make it," he said.

"All of agriculture is sick and in serious trouble, and some people just don't realize the seriousness of the problem."

Ostensoe said there is presently a glut of beef on the market which is keeping prices down.

However, he did say good signs show that output will drop in the next six months, and retail food prices are expected to increase three to six percent in February. "Inflation and interest rates are going down also," he pointed out.

"We have to do everything we can to tell people what a bargain they are getting in beef. We must gear in agriculture to what the consumer needs. We have to do more than just produce, we must market also."

As part of the marketing effort, the National Livestock and Meat Board has spent over \$6 million on advertising the virtues of beef in the media over the past year. And Polly Owen, the Oregon representative on the board told the cattlemen that the national advertising is working.

"Consumption is going down in this country. We have an outstanding product, but we have to become more marketing oriented," he said.

"We have to unite at this time to protect and expand the red meat market," she said. She also told the group that the Oregon Cattlemen's Association hired an advertising agency in San Francisco, Calif. to produce radio, television and newspaper ads extolling beef, and that the ads were admired by the national organization.

She said the national board is also working on research, marketing research, nutrition study and fair presentation of agriculture in the school system.

"Oregon is far ahead of the rest of the country in many areas of the beef industry," Owen said.

Other activities at the banquet included several awards to businesses and individuals.

The Farm City Banquet is a joint gathering of the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce and the Morrow County Cattlemen's Association.

The chamber presented Heppner Bowl and Hutch's Printing Co. awards for improvements made to their businesses.

Brock Tucker was presented with an award for Conservation Man of the Year.

Ruth McCabe, longtime 4-H worker and director of the Make It With Wool Contest, was named Morrow County Extension Woman of the Year.

Irvy Rauch was awarded for his longtime work as a 19-year member of the county school board. It was said Rauch attended 98 percent of the board's special, regular and budget meetings during his

term.

Rod Taylor won first place in the 4-H FFA Overall Steer Award, with Roger Henry taking second and Kevin Hughes, Theresa Lindsay, and Alex Lindsay taking third, fourth and fifth respectively.

Tim Hayes won the Champion Lamb Rate of Grain Award, and Joe Taylor won Champion All-Around Hog Award.



Brock Tucker (L) accepts Morrow Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year Award from a Pioneer Implement Corp. representative at the Farm City Banquet Friday night.

Heppner Lions Club to vend fruit boxes

The Heppner Lions Club will be selling boxes of oranges and grapefruit in town on Saturday, Dec. 18. Members will begin door-to-door sales at 10 a.m. and hope to complete the project by 3 p.m.

"The fruit will be choice grade, suitable for holiday gifts," said Lions Club

spokesperson Bill Helphinstine. Whole boxes will be available for \$12, one half box for \$7 and one-fourth box for \$4. The fruit can be sold separately or mixed. Boxes weigh about 40 lbs., with 88 oranges or 48 grapefruit per box, he said.

Proceeds from the sale will

be used to reduce the \$6,300 debt to the Heppner Swimming Pool solar heating project. The heating system was installed at the pool last summer.

Those living out of town or who will not be at home on the 18th may place phone orders by calling 676-5049.

Heppner man elected to executive comm. of O.C.A.

Wayne Evans of Heppner was elected district vice president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association at an annual meeting in November, announced Donald Ostensoe of the association, Evans, a newcomer to the executive committee, will represent Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler and Sherman counties. Replacing Buck Coe of Maupin, Evans was one of four new district vice presidents elected at the 69th annual meeting, held in Portland.

O.C.A. President Sam De-



Wayne Evans

Christmas Bucks offered by many local merchants

Many Heppner merchants are now offering a special discount through December 18. "Christmas Bucks," coupons good for one dollar off

purchases of \$10 or more, are available from 24 participating merchants. Coupon use is limited to one coupon per purchase.

Christmas Bucks are one of

several Christmas promotion features are being offered this holiday season, and are a good way to prepare for the holidays at a savings.

Mr. & Mrs. Santa to return

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus are planning a return trip to Heppner this Saturday, Dec. 18. They are to arrive at the Post Office at 2 p.m.

Children may want to take advantage of this late chance to tell the North Pole visitors their Christmas wishes.