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Weather

by the City of Heppner

High/Low/Precip

Tues., Dec. 28	27	20	T
Wed., Dec. 29	32	20	
Thurs., Dec. 30	26	21	
Fri., Dec. 31	26	22	
Sat., Jan. 1	25	22	
Sun., Jan. 2	37	24.06+	
Mon., Jan. 3	48	31 .05	

+ : ¼ in. melted snow.
Total precipitation for 1982 was 13.00. Normal is 12.96.

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1983 County Fair & Rodeo Court chosen



Princess Dawn Timms (L), Queen Lottie Laughlin and Princess Sylvia Ladd

Lottie Laughlin of Heppner was chosen to reign over the 1983 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo last Wednesday. Princesses on the court are Sylvia Ladd of Ione and Dawn Timms of Irrigon.

Queen Lottie is the 19-year-old daughter of Robert and Judy Laughlin of Heppner. She graduated from Heppner High School in 1981 and is currently a sophomore at Eastern Oregon State College in LaGrande, majoring in music.

The queen was a princess on the 1980 Morrow County court and has also been a pennant bearer for the rodeo. An avid rider, she has participated in 4-H for many years and enjoys riding on a cousin's ranch.

When asked why she wanted to be queen, she replied "Being queen has been the ultimate goal for me. I am glad I waited until I was older to try out for queen since the position carries a lot of responsibility. I love Heppner and Morrow County and now I can show and tell people everywhere."

Financial aid meeting planed at HHS

A financial aid meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m., at Heppner High School, and seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend, said a school spokesperson. The meeting will be held in room six.

Michele Portmann, counselor, will distribute forms and information necessary to file for financial aid. She will also discuss local scholarships that are available, college application procedures and senior requirements, the spokesperson said.

Those students who are unable to attend the meeting may obtain forms directly from Miss Portmann.

Princess Sylvia Ladd, 16, is attending Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton. Her parents are Elmer and Lorraine Ladd of Ione. Princess Sylvia served as a pennant bearer for the Morrow County court for three years and as pennant bearer for the Morrow County Junior Rodeo queen. She has been active in 4-H, taking a grand champion award in showmanship. The princess enjoys riding for pleasure, as well as competition.

Her future goals include becoming a free lance writer. She stated she wanted to be on the court because she enjoys meeting people and spreading goodwill about the county fair and rodeo.

Princess Dawn Timms, 15, is a sophomore at Riverside High School at Boardman. She is the daughter of Bryan and Sharon Timms of Irrigon.

She became interested in horses at an early age, competing in horse shows throughout the Northwest. She

has received several top awards in 4-H, as well as other horse shows. The princess served as a princess of the 1982 Appaloosa Horse Club.

The princess would like to become a veterinarian, or major in animal science.

One reason Princess Dawn said she wanted to be a member of the court was because she would like to make Morrow County known not for its small size, but for the people who live and work here.

Heppner city officials sworn into office Monday

Four councilmen, the mayor, police chief and city treasurer were all sworn into office at Monday night's meeting of the Heppner City Council.

Les Paustain, Bob Laughlin and Joyce Winter were all sworn into office as councilmembers. They were the incumbents.

Bob Ployhar, a new member elected in November, was also sworn in to replace Joe Miller on the council. Miller decided not to seek another term.

Mayor Cliff Green was

sworn into another two-year term by City Recorder Marshall Lovgren.

Green in turn gave the oath of office to Lovgren, Police Chief Dean Gillman and City Treasurer Mary Jean McCabe.

In other business, the council:

—elected Warren Plocharsky council president.

—expressed a desire to hear more about the Heppner Economic Development Corporation before becoming a member. Membership in the corporation is \$100. "I'd like to

hear what they're doing and what direction they're going in," said Councilmember Ron Forrar.

—learned that the city will not have to pay \$3,000 in engineering fees connected with construction of the city's new water system. At a previous meeting the council was told money for part of the project might have to come from the city's general fund, a payment unplanned for in the original planning of the project.

Deputy D.A. & County Court agree on \$5,000 settlement

By MARY ANN CERULLO

On Friday, Jan. 7, Harold McLean will step down from his post as Morrow County deputy district attorney.

After a lengthy negotiation during a county court meeting December 15, McLean agreed on a settlement of \$5,000. He also asked to be excused from his duties on January 7, which the court accepted.

Negotiations began when Morrow County Court received a letter from McLean concerning the proposed county counsel position. The letter stated that according to the county personnel policy, "a reasonable effort will be made to integrate those employees into another department if vacancies exist," when a lay-off occurs.

McLean claimed that the effort was not made when the

new county counsel position was made available December 8. Instead, the court appointed Mike Oths of Eugene who had been recommended by new District Attorney Richard McMerney.

"Harold grew a lot as an attorney here," said a courthouse spokesperson, "and we are sorry to see him go."

McLean is currently planning a move to Bend.

Economic Development Corporation to hold first annual meeting Monday

The first annual Heppner Economic Development Corporation meeting will take place next Monday, Jan. 10, at the Heppner Elks Lodge. The evening will begin with a no host social hour and buffet

from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The business meeting will get underway at 7:30 p.m.

Two guest speakers are scheduled to make appearances at the meeting: Tony Barnhart of Pendleton, East

Central Association of Counties executive director, and Joe Burns, president of the Hermiston Economic Development Corporation and secretary of E.C.O.A.C.

Also, a new board of direc-

tors will be elected at the meeting.

The non profit corporation was formed last fall, in part to bring new and diversified businesses to the area, to create economic growth.

Anyone interested in the organization may join by paying a one-time \$100 assessment.

Those wanting to learn more about the corporation or who would like to join the new enterprise are welcome to attend the meeting.

The board asks that those planning to attend the buffet send notification to: Heppner Economic Development Corp., P.O. Box 103, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

New D.A. sworn in Monday



Richard McMerney

Richard McMerney, 33, of Irrigon, was sworn in Monday as Morrow County district attorney by County Judge Don McElligott.

McMerney, winner of the position in the May 1982 primary election, replaces Ann Spicer of Heppner.

HHS Drama Class to present 3 one-act plays next week

Theater goers are asked to mark their calendars for next week, January 11 and 13, for an evening of one-act plays to be presented by Mrs. Rawlins' Heppner High School drama class in the school cafeteria at 8 p.m.

The varied bill includes a short, short satire, a mystery and a comedy-drama, as well as special instrumental music by Don Christensen and Kitty Coon, music instructors at the

school. The first play, "If Men Played Cards as Women Do" features Danny Fortenberry, Gary Riley, Steve Curtis and Greg Orr, whose card party supplies plenty of laughs, said a class spokesperson.

The mystery, "Cynthia," shows Sylvia Marston (Leah Cooper), a young nurse bride-to-be who receives notes and phone calls threatening her life. Her friend, Lillian Harris (Carla Miles), wants to help

her as does the housekeeper, Mrs. Roberts (Sandra Wattenburger). But all are in the shadow of "Cynthia," murdered before the play begins, and whose picture dominates the scene. Cynthia's devoted cousin (Mary DeSpain) doesn't want Sylvia to marry. The new nurse (Missy Turner) turns up some surprises herself. The audience has many clues as to "who-done-it" until the surprise ending.

The longest play, "The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit" by Ray Bradbury is a serious comedy about six young Chicanos in a Los Angeles ghetto who together buy one suit. As each takes his turn wearing the wonderful suit, amazing things happen, moving to a climax which shocks and moves both the characters and the audience. The cast includes Steve Curtis as Gomez, David Florea as Martinez, Greg Orr as Dominguez, Dan Fortenberry as Villanazul, Tom Hamman as Vamenos and Gary Riley as Manulo. Extra parts are well played by Joanna Bown, Mardel James, Wes Marlatt, Ken Curtis, Glenn Smith, Vicki Adams and Annette Wilgers.

Backstage crews are all members of the drama class, the spokesperson said.

Ticket prices are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for students, with pre-schoolers and senior citizens free.

G-T publisher elected '83 Chamber president



David Sykes

David Sykes, publisher of the Heppner Gazette-Times, was elected president of the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of

Commerce at a meeting Tuesday. He will replace Bob Harris, who served as president during 1982.

Ron McDonald, owner of Ron McDonald Chevrolet, Heppner, was elected first vice president, and Harley Sager, loan officer at First Interstate Bank, Heppner, was elected second vice president.

Christy Lovgren, manager of Western Heritage Savings and Loan, Heppner, was appointed secretary-treasurer for another year.

Sykes, 31, has owned the Gazette-Times for the past two and one-half years. He was second vice president to the Chamber in 1982.

Heppner law firm to open Boardman office next week

The law firm of Abrams and Kuhn, Heppner, has announced that it will be opening an office in Boardman on Monday, Jan. 17.

The firm will hold a grand opening that day to meet the people of Boardman and become acquainted.

The office, which will be located in the Town Square, no. 19, will be staffed by Ann Spicer, Bill Kuhn and Robert Abrams. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Senior partner in the firm, Bob Abrams, has been practicing law in Morrow County for the past 26 years.

His partner, Bill Kuhn, and Bill's wife, Ann Spicer, have been in practice in the county for the past five years.

Spicer was Morrow county district attorney for the past two years. Abrams is also a past district attorney.

Spicer and Kuhn are both graduates of Lewis and Clark College, and Abrams is a graduate of the University of Oregon Law School.

Appointments for the attor-



Bob Abrams (L), Ann Spicer and Bill Kuhn

neys include membership on the State Bar Assoc. Ethics Committee for Spicer; Executive Board of Debtor-Creditor section of the state bar for Kuhn, and member of the Administrative Law Commit-

tee of the bar for Abrams.

Abrams also teaches a class in judicial practice for Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

The firm will handle many types of general law practice

including: real estate, estate planning, criminal law, domestic relations, business, agriculture and taxes.

The Boardman office phone number is 481-5433.