

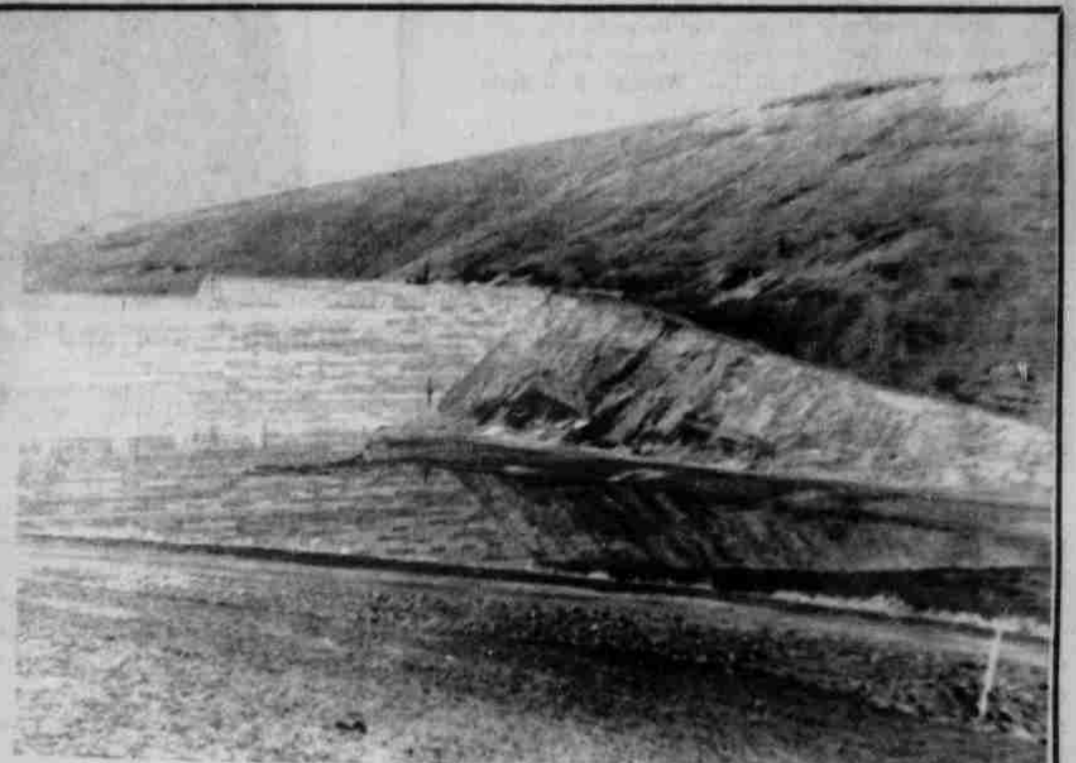


Workers closed the diversion pipe at Heppner's Willow Creek Dam last Wednesday morning.

Closing pipe



A KOIN T.V. cameraman and crew were on hand to film the closing of the pipe. They also interviewed members of the community and Mayor Cliff Green about the dam. The show, 'Northwest Illustrated', is to air Sunday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m., on channel 6.



The lake behind the dam begins to fill and shows a reflection of the dam structure.

Lake fills

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Weather
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Feb. 15	50	36	.02
Wed., Feb. 16	54	40	.02
Thurs., Feb. 17	55	42	.36
Fri., Feb. 18	45	32	.19
Sat., Feb. 19	51	47	.0
Sun., Feb. 20	51	47	.01
Mon., Feb. 21	55	22	.04

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HEPPNER, OREGON

Court receives petition requesting hospital changes

By MARY ANN CERULLO

On Wednesday, February 16, Joan Hughes of Heppner presented a petition containing 367 signatures to Morrow County Court.

The petition indicated a desire to have Dr. Joseph Gifford remain in the community instead of moving his practice to Prairie City on April 1. According to the petition, if the hospital loses Dr. Gifford, the county will lose money. When people leave town for medical attention they will also go to shop. The petition went on to charge that some changes should be made with the Pioneer Memorial Hospital board and administration. Hughes explained that the 367 signatures were collected from six stores over a week-end.

She questioned why the hospital board was appointed and not elected.

Judge Don McElligott explained that the hospital has been governed by an ordinance. According to the ordinance, the board is appointed by the county court and the board hires the administrator. The court accepted the petition and handed it over to the county clerk's office.

In other business the court:

— learned that a security door for the sheriff's department is expected to be installed in a week.

— accepted a bid from the state for a 1983 Dodge 1/2 ton 4

x 4 pickup at \$8,780.05 for the sheriff's department.

— accepted a resignation from Caryle Hoffman of Irrigon from the Pioneer Memorial Hospital board.

— discussed various possible computer systems for the

county with Greg Sweek, county assessor.

— discussed landscaping the grounds around the new Public Works Dept. and Road Shop in Lexington with Don Briggs, department director.

Four file for Port of Morrow Commission

As of Tuesday, Feb. 22, four men had filed for two four-year positions on the Port of Morrow Commission, reported the Morrow County clerk's office.

Those who have filed include Dan Kramer, a retired

tugboat captain from Irrigon; Leroy Gardner, a Heppner businessman; Larry Lindsay, a Morrow County farmer; and Jody Tatone, a Boardman restaurateur.

Gardner and Lindsay are both incumbents.

Heppner man elected to Fed. Land Bank board



Tad Miller

Edwin "Tad" Miller of Heppner was elected to a three-year term on the Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton's Board of Directors at the association's Annual Stockholders Meeting in Pendleton on February 16.

Also elected to three-year terms were Donald Hawkins of Pendleton and Robert Lazinka of Pilot Rock, announced Robin Fletcher, manager. Board President Richard Wilkinson of Heppner chaired the meeting.

Robert Hattrup, district director of the 12th Farm Credit District reported on the conditions of the bank and the accomplishments of the past year, said Fletcher.

Fletcher gave the year end report and Royal Raymond gave a report of the director's activities for the year.

Stockholders and their guests were entertained by Jim Bosley of KATU Channel 2 TV, who is the weatherman and meteorologist and co-host of "AM Northwest."

8-page supplement accompanies this week's Gazette-Times

The "1982 Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Report," an eight-page supplement, accompanies this week's Gazette-Times.

The district's annual meeting will be held Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., at the Lexington Grange Hall. Featured speaker will be Paul Rasmussen, soil scientist with the Agricultural Research Service in Pendleton. A slide program on fertilization requirements and placement of fertilizer on conventional, annual and no-till cropping systems will be shown.

Elks Annual 'one of the biggest ever'

Last Saturday, February 19, the Heppner Elks held their 86th Annual.

According to Rick Smith, club manager, approximately 500 people attended including

22 dignitaries from around the state. Seventeen new members were initiated.

"It (the Annual) was a lot bigger than last year," said Smith. "One of the biggest Annuals ever."

Heppner will be the place to be this St. Patrick's Day

Heppner will be the place to be this St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17. Festivities are being planned throughout the day and will offer something for everyone, Irish or not.

The day's events will start off with a slide show of Ireland by Matt Doherty at the Heppner Elks Lodge from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

KUMA radio station of Pendleton will be broadcasting live from the Elks Lodge, and plans are underway for a telephone conversation with

patrons from a pub in Ireland. From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. a coffee and brunch will be held at the Elks for \$4.50 per person.

From 2 to 4 p.m. everyone is invited to Farley Motor Co. for a 35th anniversary celebration with coffee and cake. From 4 to 5 p.m. champagne punch will be served at Farley's.

From 5 to 7 p.m. the annual Irish Stew Dinner will be served at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Several Heppner merchants

will be giving away script with purchases good for a cup of coffee at participating businesses that day.

KUMA plans to sponsor a contest and will announce the winners during the broadcast.

Heppner fifth, sixth, and seventh and eighth grade bands, as well as Ione's band are scheduled to play throughout the day.

Other plans are being made for this special day and details will be announced as they become available.

P.M.H. Foundation directors elect officers at annual meeting

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation general membership held an annual meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25, reported a foundation spokesperson. Gene Pierce of Heppner was elected to a three-year term as a director on the board, replacing Cathy Peck of Lexington, who moved from the area. Also, a report from the Audit Committee was accepted.

The foundation is a free standing non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to long term support of health care and education in our area and is duly incorporated under statutes of the State of Oregon, the spokesperson explained. The foundation was formed in 1981.

Its purpose is to provide an organization charged with the responsibility of supporting continuing health services provided by the Pioneer Memorial Hospital and to promote health related education. The Foundation will not be subject to annual hospital

budget restrictions, thereby providing a way for friends of the hospital to make a tax free gift or request to the community. No money generated by the foundation will ever be used for general operating expenses. Requests for grants will be considered by the foundations' board of directors, he added.

Concern was expressed at the meeting that the membership, which now totals 39, is inadequate for broad community representation.

Due to lack of a quorum, the meeting was continued to February, when the following directors were elected to office for 1983: President Larry Mills, Vice-President Gene Pierce and Treasurer Jim Bier, all of Heppner. Other board members are Treasurer Betty Brown, Heppner, Buz Clough, Arlington; Don Peterson, Ione; and Glenn Ward. The bylaws require that the hospital administrator serve

as nonvoting secretary.

Ward was elected to the board to fill the vacancy created by Mike Chacon's resignation. Chacon moved to Portland several months ago.

A grant application from the Hospital Auxiliary for \$268 to help pay the cost of a \$768 music system for the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home was approved.

A special board meeting will be called at a later date to consider a grant to the hospital for physician recruiting expenses as the amount involved was not known at this meeting time, the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson also reported that Larry Mills of Morrow County Grain Growers, Lexington, had donated space at M.C.G.G.'s Customer Appreciation Day Saturday, Feb. 12, for a booth to solicit Foundation memberships. The hospital auxiliary signed up 24 new members that day.

Co. Court receives Oregon's birthday cake from O.W.G.L.



Shanny Miller (center) and Martha Peterson of the OWGL Morrow County Consumer Programs Committee presents a 'Truly Oregon Cake' to Judge Don McElligott and Commissioners Warren McCoy (far right) and Irv Rauch (far left).

By MARY ANN CERULLO

To commemorate Oregon's 124th birthday, February 14, Shanny Miller and Martha Peterson of the Morrow County Consumer Programs Committee of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, presented the "Truly Oregon Cake" to Morrow County Court Wednesday, February 16.

"On behalf of the Oregon Wheat Growers, we would like to wish Oregon happy birth-

day with a "Truly Oregon Cake," said Peterson.

The "Truly Oregon Cake" was so named because it was made from Oregon's cake flour. It also uses maraschino cherries and walnuts which are two other major agricultural crops in Oregon. The cake recipe used by the Wheat Growers for the donated birthday cake is the official 1983 OWGL Cake Baking Contest that will be held throughout Oregon this fall at local county fairs. Full details of the

contest may be obtained from the Morrow County extension office, stated Betty Carlson, chairperson of the OWGL Consumer Programs Committee.

After the cake was sampled by courthouse employees, the remainder was donated to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home.

For cake recipe see p. 3