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Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., April 19	73	42	.12
Wed., April 20	68	47	.21
Thurs., April 21	63	38	.04
Fri., April 22	63	46	.02
Sat., April 23	60	41	.10
Sun., April 24	58	35	
Mon., April 25	55	37	

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Drago appointed as new sheriff



Roy Drago

Morrow County Court appointed and swore in Roy Drago of Boardman as Mor-

row County Sheriff last Wednesday. He will serve as sheriff until January 1985.

Drago, 53, has been a Morrow County sheriff's deputy for the north end for three years and before that spent eight years as a patrol sergeant in Coos Bay. A veteran

of the Korean war, he originally comes from New York where he was with the city police for three years.

When asked if he will stay in Boardman, Drago replied, "Some people have told me that I should move down here

(Heppner) if I make sheriff, but why should I? It seems to me that Boardman is just as much a part of the county as Heppner."

County Court approves computer bid

By MARY ANN CERULLO
Bids were opened by Morrow County Court last Wednesday to provide the county with a computer system by July 1, 1983.

Two bids were received, one from IBM Corporation and another from Computer Products Unlimited, Portland. Both were accompanied by a maintenance agreement with IBM for \$700 per month.

After reviewing both bids into the afternoon, the court made a split decision. For \$71,427 they agreed to purchase a Central Processing unit and system printer from IBM. The court also agreed on the desk top printers and work stations from Computer Products Unlimited for \$27,610.

"Hopefully everything will be here by the end of May and at least the auditor will be working on it by July 1," said Greg Sweek, county assessor.

In other business the court unanimously approved the appointment of Roy Drago, Boardman, as Morrow County Sheriff. (See related story.)

"There has been a revamping of the department and deputies have been assigned to priority areas," said Drago. "So right now there's four deputies in the north end and two in the south."

Drago had been a Morrow County deputy working out of the north end until he was asked to act as sheriff when Larry Felsch resigned on March 18. His appointment will last until January 1985.

Local Little League players to raffle radar range



Bernice Lott and Little League players Scott Johnston (left) and Bobby Krein, and T-ball player Rick Koffler (front), display the Amana

Radarange that Lott's Electric donated for a raffle. Tickets sell for 50 cents each and proceeds will go toward the purchase of a ball park fence.

Charges brought against Hermiston man after high speed chase

A two hour high speed chase ending in Stanfield resulted in a series of charges being brought against Edward Vern Strahm, 28, of Hermiston by a Morrow County sheriff's deputy Sunday night.

According to the sheriff's department, a vehicle was seen weaving across the center line on Umatilla Meadows Road. Deputy Rob Meakins pulled the vehicle over which was being driven by Strahm at 9:18 p.m.

Meakins reported to have

smelled alcohol on the driver's breath and a field sobriety test was done. He then requested that Strahm accompany him back to the sheriff's department in Heppner.

"Strahm went to his car, swore at Meakins and took off at a high rate of speed and the chase was on," said a Morrow County sheriff's office spokesperson.

During the chase Meakins' radio reportedly went out and when a county dispatcher was

unable to make contact, two other Morrow County deputies and two state patrolmen were called for assistance.

According to the deputy's report, the chase ended in Stanfield at 11 p.m. where Strahm was taken into the Stanfield police station. His charges included Reckless Driving, Driving While Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Attempting to Elude a Police Officer and Knowingly Concealing a Firearm Within a Vehicle.

Heppner spring concert schedule

Spring music concerts and a "Gong Show" have been planned at Heppner schools with band, music and chorus students from kindergarten through seniors in high school participating. There will be no charge for any of the events.

Following is a concert schedule:

On Friday, May 6, the kindergarten through fourth grade music students will perform at 1:30 p.m. in the junior high gym. A 50¢ number, "Here We Go Looby Lou," "Ma Ma Paquita," and first grade dancers are scheduled to entertain.

A "Gong Show" will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, at the junior high gym. Performers will be junior high band and chorus members. The show will feature all kinds of acts: some comedy routines, as well as numbers on a more serious note.

Emcee will be Steve Curtis and judges are to be Jim Bier, John Sporseen, Paul Stringer and Michele Portmann.

On Tuesday, May 24, high school band, chorus and swing

choir students will give a performance at the high school gym beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Choir members will entertain with a Beach Boys' song, "Five Foot Two" and others.

Band numbers will include "Blue Ridge Overture," "Toccata," "American Sea Rhapsody," "Longer," and highlights from "E.T."

On Thursday, May 26, 7:30 p.m., at the junior high gym, fifth through eighth grade band and music students will give a concert.

The seventh and eighth grade choir will sing pop music and the fifth grade music class will sing "light and lively" tunes.

Fifth grade band numbers will include "Skip to My Lou," "America March" and others. "Soul Rock," "Minuet and March" and "Fosterama" are three of the numbers that the sixth grade band will play.

Seventh and eighth grade band members will play highlights from "Fiddler on the Roof," the theme from "Chariots of Fire," "Salsa Rock" and "Soul Explosion."

Center promotes Mackey

Neola Mackey has been recently promoted to Emergency Food Coordinator for South Morrow County, announced a spokesperson for the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Mackey has been a volunteer at the center for a year and a half. She will be at the center Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays to help those in need of emergency food.

"Food is needed for this program," she said, "All donations are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated."

No-till popular with some local farmers

No-till seeding is finding increased popularity among some county farmers this year, with nearly 2,000 acres being seeded as compared to only 20 last year, says County Extension Agent Bob Costa.

More farmers, especially in the higher elevations, are going with annual cropping, where the drill is particularly effective, he continued.

Two drills are presently being used. One is owned by the Morrow County Grain Growers, the other by Miller & Sons of Heppner.

"It saves at least two passes with tillage instruments and one pass with fertilizer," says Costa in explaining the advantages of no-till drills.

He said because of the larger amount of rainfall this spring, some of the farmers in

Local Little League players will begin a raffle ticket selling campaign for an Amana Radar Range at the Heppner Moonlight Sale this Thursday night. Ballplayers will be set up for ticket sales in front of Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance. Ticket cost is 50 cents each.

All proceeds will be used to purchase materials for a ball park fence at a new field at the base of Willow Creek Dam. Estimated cost of the materials is \$4,000, said a league spokesperson.

The present Little League field at the fairgrounds in Heppner will be used this season, she said, as the new diamond won't be complete until next year.

Tickets will continue to be

sold after Thursday on a door to door basis in the local area.

The two players who sell the most tickets will receive \$10 and \$5 prizes, the spokesperson said.

The winner of the radar range, which was donated by Lott's Electric, will be announced Wednesday, May 25, 6 p.m., at the Little League Field.

Organizations to sell goods at Moonlite Madness Sale

Several organizations will be selling goodies and a movie will be shown for the kids during this Thursday's Moonlite Madness sale.

Heppner merchants will be opening their doors to moonlite wanderers from 7 to 9 p.m. while the Heppner Lions will entertain their children at the old post office with a Three Stooges film entitled, "GI Wanna Go Home" and two short cartoon features.

"The whole show will last an hour," stated George Koffler, club president. There will be a \$1 charge.

The TOPS club will be selling burritos next to Gardner's Mens Wear and the V.F.W. Auxiliary will be selling pies and other baked goods in front of the post office.

Local Cub Scouts, who have been selling peponi sticks door to door in Heppner, Lexington and Ione, will be selling

any remaining sticks during the Moonlight Sale in front of Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance.

The United Christian Youth Fellowship will be selling elephant ears on Main St. Proceeds will benefit the Heifer Project, a self-help program to help people throughout the world raise cows, according to the Rev. Mike Sheridan, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

Install new officers

Lions hold 9th annual charter night



Pictured during the installation of officers are from left to right: Bill Taylor, district president; Bill Kuhn, president; Dave Tharp, treasurer; Bill Helphinstine, Board member; Lonny Watne, tail twister; John Edmundson, Lion tamer; and Larry Cerullo, corresponding secretary.

The Heppner Lions held their ninth annual charter night celebration Saturday, April 23 at the American Legion Hall.

Installed as new officers for 1983-84 were Bill Kuhn, president; Dave Tharp, treasurer; Larry Cerullo, corresponding secretary; Terry Hughes, recording secretary; John

Edmundson, Lion tamer; Lonny Watne, tail twister and Board member Bill Helphinstine. Bill Taylor, district president, swore each officer in.

In another part of the evening, Bill Kuhn was named as Lion of the year and new members, Don Christensen and Dave Tharp were wel-

comed. Jim Wishart, guest speaker, was awarded as a 15-year member.

Winner of the drawing for the two free tickets to wherever Eastern Airlines flies was Dick Sargent of Heppner.

Ron McDonald and a band called "The Brave" provided musical entertainment for the evening.



higher elevations are putting in crops annually, thus finding more use for no-till.

"It provides them with

another option. They can try a cropping pattern where they take advantage of each year's moisture.

"So far it looks pretty good, but it's a little early to tell," said Costa. "We've still got a lot to learn (about no-till)."