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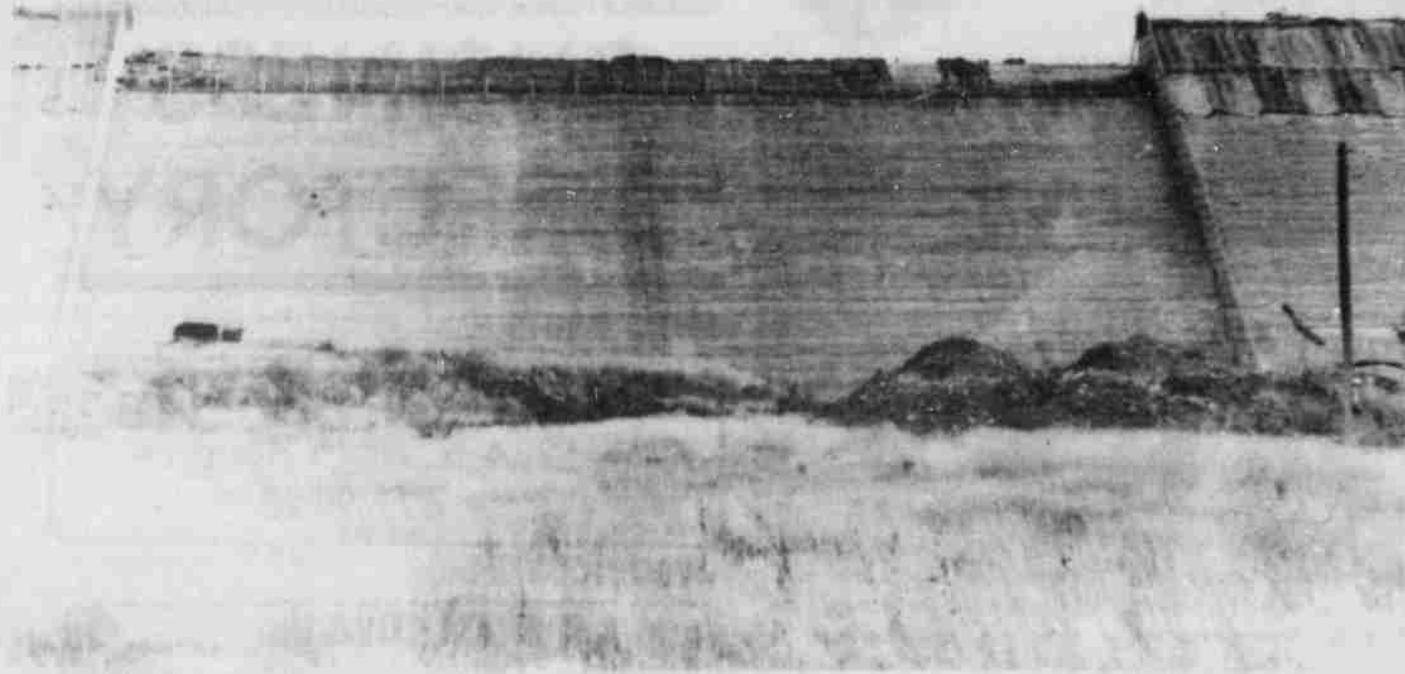


Weather
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., July 12	83	56	
Wed., July 13	87	47	.10
Thurs., July 14	70	46	
Fri., July 15	71	42	
Sat., July 16	78	49	.02
Sun., July 17	82	51	.10
Mon., July 18	80	51	

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Willow Creek Dam to be dedicated



Heppner's Willow Creek Dam will be dedicated Saturday afternoon

Heppner's Willow Creek Dam will be officially dedicated in a ceremony this Saturday, July 23, at 1 p.m. The dedication, which is open to the public, will be held at Hager Park near the base of the dam.

The ceremony will start off with a presentation of colors by the Heppner American Legion Post No. 81. Judge Don McElligott will give the welcome and Heppner Mayor Cliff Green will introduce guest speakers.

Opening remarks will be given by Brigadier General James W. van Loban Sels, commanding general, North Pacific Division of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield will give the dedication address.

The Heppner Legion Post will close the ceremony with the retirement of colors, and the Corp of Engineers will announce plans for tours of the dam, to follow directly.

School Board advised on public relations

The Morrow County School Board was given some advice Monday night, on how to improve public relations during budget elections.

Ron McDonald, a Heppner businessman, came to the board to protest what he sees as "game playing" by the district when it comes to the budget.

McDonald said the district is losing credibility with the voters because it is padding the budget for the first election, and then cutting out fat for a second election if the budget is defeated.

McDonald recommended that the board lay out "a bottom dollar budget" the first time, and tell the public specific programs that would be eliminated if the budget were to fail.

"Don't play games with the budget, or the public," McDonald said. "Tell the voters what is going to happen if the budget fails."

McDonald recommended that specific extra curricular activities be named as being cut if a budget fails. "I feel the school board members should make it a hard choice to make (for the voters)."

He said he worked during the last election to have the budget passed in Heppner, and "felt betrayed" when the district cut funds and then

replaced them. "It didn't make a bean's worth of difference to the tax rate," he said.

On other points, McDonald said the board should make sure the new superintendent "has a proven track record in dealing with different groups of people."

(Present Superintendent Matt Doherty has resigned, effective January 1, 1983).

The district is very large and there are many different groups in the district, McDonald pointed out.

Representing the Heppner Merchants, McDonald told the

board that employees of the district should be urged to shop locally, because it is local businesses that pay the taxes which support the schools.

In other business, the board:

— awarded bids for propane fuel for the next year to Heppner Nor-Gas. The low bid by Nor-Gas was 63 cents per gallon. Next lowest bid was from Cal-Gas of the Tri-Cities for 68 cents per gallon.

— elected Jerry McElligott president of the board and Joe Stevens vice-chairman for the coming year.

— accepted the low bid of \$11,701 for a 15-passenger van from Myrick Chrysler Dodge, Hermiston.

— voted to reject all bids received for a new superintendent's auto.

— accepted resignations from teachers Vince Wilson and Miriam Munck. Jane Rawlins announced she was retiring.

— appointed Marilyn Putnum and Barbara Hayes to the budget committee.

— granted a one-year leave to Gordon Meyers, lone, for him to go to school.

Now everyone can participate

'Heppner Daze' turns into street market affair

Heppner's annual July Sidewalk sale, "Heppner Daze," has turned into a Saturday street market and everyone can participate now. The all-day event will be held Saturday, July 30.

Main St. will be blocked off from Central Market and the Bank of Eastern Oregon to Les Schwab's and First Interstate

Bank. No parking will be allowed in the blocked off area.

Several organizations and clubs have announced that they will have booths at the sale. Individuals are invited to come and sell their crafts or other items.

Those interested, or those who want more information,

may call Andrea at Gardner's Men's Wear, 676-9218.

The Heppner Swim Team will have a duck tank and plans are underway for more fun. The names of people who will brave the duck tank seat as well as more information on the day's events will be published next week.

Postal Service asked to proceed with plans

Heppner Postmaster Ken Nairns said Monday that the Postal Service will rebuild in Heppner — in the same location on Main St. where the last Post Office was. The last Post Office building burned down along with several other business buildings in a May 4 fire. The Post Office building was leased to the Postal Service by the Heppner Investors.

The U.S. Postal Service has stipulated that they won't rebuild there unless an alley behind the Main St. location is provided, and is owned by the city. The Postal Service is also requiring that there be enough room for four Post Office employees to park, and a drive through from Main St. to the alley is created. The alley is presently owned by business owners and the Heppner Ma-

sonic Lodge.

In a letter sent to Dave Sullivan, field engineer of the Postal Service's Seattle, Wash. field office, Heppner attorney Herman Winters, a member of the investment group, stated that the landowners are willing to deed the title to the city for a public alley, and assured him that there was enough room for parking. He also wrote that there was no opposition from the Heppner Planning Commission to establishing a drive through, and asked the Postal Service to proceed with planning a new building.

Nairns said he expects to hear from Sullivan soon. He also explained that the drive through would be one way, from Main St. to the alley.

Labo-Lex Exchange Program gets underway

Morrow County is ready for the arrival of the Japanese Labo-Lex exchangees, and two girls are ready to depart for Japan.

Announced Birdine Tullis of the Morrow Co. extension office.

Liz Curtis, Labo coordinator for Morrow County, has notified all host families that a bus carrying their guest will arrive in Boardman at 12:30 p.m. on July 26, and in Heppner at 1:30 p.m. that same day. Families in north Morrow will greet their guests at the Dodge City parking lot; those in the Heppner area will meet the bus at the city park. Ten families will be on hand to greet the arrivals.

Kimberle Wright of Heppner and Sheri Piper of Lexington will be on their way to Japan this Thursday, July 21, where they will be greeted by Labo staff and friends who have visited in their homes last year as part of the Labo exchange.

The Labo exchange is carried out yearly between Japan and the United States.

This year only 11 Oregon 4-H'ers will travel to Japan with a chaperone.

The 4-H'ers pay their own expenses for the travel, but spend their time in host family homes. The Morrow 4-H Council subsidizes each in the amount of \$150 to help with expenses of the trip, Tullis said.

Medical clinic purchase proposed

By MARY ANN CERULLO

The purchase of the medical clinic on N. Thompson St. in Heppner was proposed to Morrow County Court by Dr. Clare Koznek last Wednesday.

The court requested the clinic's appraised value from the county assessor, Greg Sweek. Sweek gave the sum of \$75,347 for the building and \$14,800 for the land as of 1981 when it was last appraised by the county.

Koznek told the court he was not interested in the 1981 figures.

Sweek assured the court that the assessed value of the property for 1983-84 was ex-

pected to drop, although he was unable to give any figures.

"Why don't you sit down and figure out what you consider a bonified offer and we'll look at it," Judge Don McElligott told Koznek.

Koznek agreed to meet with the court again to continue discussing a possible purchase, as well as a new lease agreement for the interim.

According to Mike Oths, county counsel, the clinic must be put up for public bid before any sale is final.

In other business the county court:

— learned that the district

fire marshal has labeled a county-owned house on Quaid Street in Heppner as a fire liability and stated that it should be burned down. Heppner Fire Chief Forre Burkenbine proposed that the house be used as practice in a fire school. Co. Court agreed to look at the property before making a final decision.

— adopted the operating bylaws for the county museum in Heppner.

— designated Oths to research costs for liability insurance for the museum.

— discussed the bylaws for the North Morrow Medical Clinic.

Local cowboy wins \$6,345 by taking 2 all-around titles

Heppner cowboy Ron Currin has won two all-around titles during the past two weeks. The first win came at the Emerald Empire Rodeo held in Eugene July 9 and 10. The second came July 17 at the Salinas, Calif. Rodeo, which is ranked as one of the top 10 Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Assoc. rodeos in total payoff.

Currin won the steer wrestling average and placed third in team roping with Dave Eareinman of Rufus at Eugene, and came home with \$2,045.

At Salinas he took third in the steer wrestling average (on four head) and placed twice in calf roping with two third place wins. There he received \$4,300, a hand tooled trophy saddle and a silver trophy.

This week Currin is at Salt Lake City, Utah and will compete in the Cheyenne Frontier Days in Cheyenne, Wyo. July 23 through 31. Here cowboys

compete for more than \$370,000 in prize money, the most of any P.R.C.A. regular-season P.R.C.A. rodeo.

Fair & Rodeo Parade entry forms available

Entry forms for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade are now available and everyone is invited to participate, says Harley Sager, parade chairman.

All individuals, businesses, clubs and organizations may enter.

Sager says entrants may want to feature this year's fair theme: "New Ideas from Old Trails," but it isn't necessary. He said he anticipates a large number of out-of-area entries,

and hopes that many local people will participate.

Entries will be judged just before the parade starts, the morning of August 27. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded.

To obtain an entry form, contact Sager at First Interstate Bank in Heppner, 676-9163. He asks that they be returned by August 20 so he will know how many entries to expect, but late entries will still be accepted, he said.

Hansell to chair L.C.D.C.

The seven-member Land Conservation and Development Commission (L.C.D.C.) elected new member Stafford Hansell of Boardman, to be its chairman for the next year last Friday. Hansell succeeds D. Lorin Jacobs of Medford in that position, according to Eldon Hout of L.C.D.C.

Although a relative newcomer to the commission, Hansell is no stranger to Oregon's comprehensive land use planning program, which requires all cities and counties in the state to develop plans meeting the Statewide Planning Goals.

Last year Hansell chaired Governor Atiyeh's blue-ribbon Task Force on Land Use in Oregon, the group whose recommendations for streamlining the program the governor introduced in the 1983 Legislature in House Bill 2295. That bill, the major land planning reform bill of the session, has passed in both houses of the Legislature and now needs only the governor's signature to become law.

In appointing Hansell to the commission earlier this year, the governor cited Hansell's long and distinguished career in state government. Since serving in the State House of Representatives for 17 years, the last eight of them as co-chairman of the Joint Ways & Means Committee, Hansell has been continuously active in a variety of state executive positions and on state and national boards and commissions.

Hansell's election to the L.C.D.C. chairmanship is expected to set a pragmatic, no-nonsense tone for the commission's reviews of the city and county comprehen-



New L.C.D.C. Chairman Stafford Hansell talks with Governor Vic Atiyeh as Clyde Hamstreet, another new member, looks on.

sive plans which the state has not yet acknowledged, Hout said.

"Commissioner Hansell is one of the most seasoned and best connected veterans of Oregon politics," commented James F. Ross, director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development. "He's known for a direct, open approach to the resolution of policy disagreements. I don't foresee him letting the commission or the department start to relax now that we're

entering the final phase of the comprehensive plan acknowledgement process," Ross said.

Anne Squier of Portland will continue to serve as the commission's vice-chairperson for the next year, having been re-elected to that position on Friday.

Other members of the commission are Tom Walsh, Portland; Jon D. Dowers, North Bend; J. Roger Hamlin, Corvallis; and Clyde A. Hamstreet, Newport.