

# The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



Weather  
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., July 26	80	55	
Wed., July 27	81	59	
Thurs., July 28	83	50	
Fri., July 29	88	55	
Sat., July 30	95	64	.02
Sun., July 31	100	58	.01
Mon., Aug. 1	93	53	

Total precip. for July was 70. Normal is 1.31.

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HEPPNER, OREGON

## Heppner couple frustrated with city-county red tape

A local couple's frustration in dealing with county and city red tape boiled over Monday night at a Heppner City Council meeting.

Speaking out over their six-month effort to move a house to the cemetery hill area near Heppner, Dan and Sandra Vanlieu told of long delays, unanswered phone calls and "a runaround" between the city and the county planning departments.

The couple bought the house from Terry Thompson, off a site which is now underwater behind Willow Creek Dam, and had the house moved on the hill near the new Willow Creek Road.

They began in January to work on obtaining the necessary permits to hook up water, sewer and electricity to the house.

The permits have been obtained, but the city will not give water service to the house until the structure is okayed by the County Planning Commission.

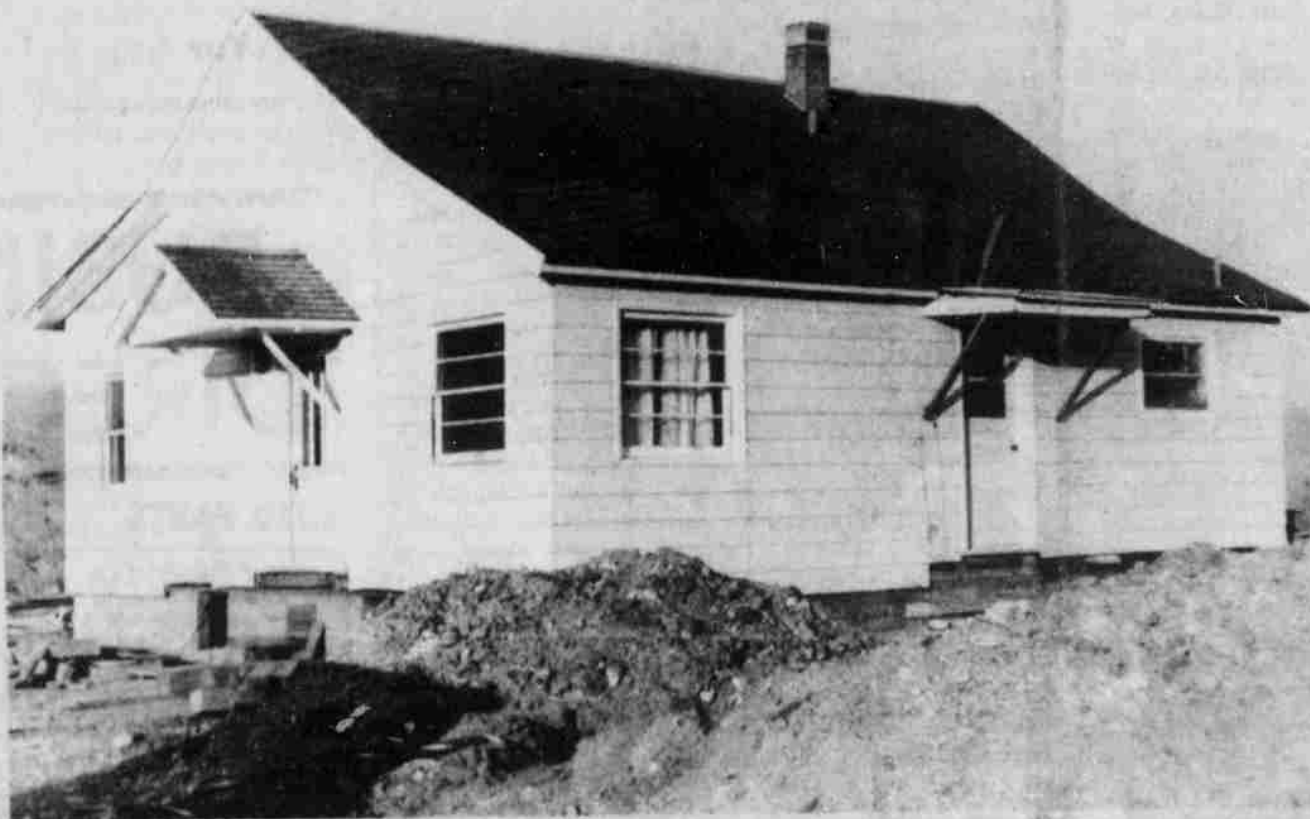
Monday, Mayor Cliff Green told the Vanlieus he has not received the proper notification from the county.

"I'm getting tired of this runaround," said Sandra Vanlieu. She told the council she and her husband have been bounced back and forth between the county and the city for the past several months, with neither acknowledging responsibility for okaying the home.

Blame for the long delay was laid mostly on County Planner Dean Seager.

"Have you ever tried to get ahead of that man? 'He is never in,'" said Sandra Vanlieu.

Harold "Shorty" Peck of Heppner was with the Vanlieus and has apparently been helping them with the home. "That's the runaround we've been getting for the past six



Owners of home on Cemetery Hill are having hard time with city-county planning departments.

months and I can't see any sense in it," he told the council. "The house is there on the foundation and ready to go."

Peck said he has had a hard time getting in touch with Seager. "I'll bet we called Irrigon (where the county planning office is located) 50 times, and that runs into a lot of money."

Peck said he has also visited with the county judge on three occasions trying to get some action out of Seager.

Seager had mailed a letter to Mayor Green; however, Green said it was not enough to allow the city to provide water to the Vanlieus.

"As far as I can tell, Dean Seager has not done his work, and now he's trying to cover his tracks with this letter."

Contacted Tuesday morn-

ing, Seager said the whole thing has been a "compounding of misunderstandings."

"We've been trying to tie up all the loose ends on this," said Seager, who added that the Vanlieus did not have all the necessary paperwork done when making application for permit to the county.

For all practical purposes, "This is really the city's baby," said Seager, pointing out the property is within the urban growth boundary and therefore not the County Planning Commission's responsibility.

"I'll take this to the Planning Commission next Monday, but they won't take action, they'll tell me to just take care of it. It's an administrative matter," he said.

"I'll take whatever adminis-

trative action is necessary to satisfy the city," he said.

"Normally the person making application has to take care of all the paperwork, but I'm going to help them out and see that everything gets done," said Seager.

Meanwhile the Vanlieus were told to wait a little longer. "I'm getting tired of this runaround," said Sandra.

In other business, the council:

- heard from Charlene Papineau, wife of city crew foreman Earl Papineau, who asked that the city keep its policy of giving compensatory time off to employees instead of overtime. Mrs. Papineau said the crew works harder and the city operates more efficiently when the crew receives comp time instead of overtime.

- received notice the city's engineers, Baratt-Harris and Assoc., are closing down their Portland office and will no longer be the city engineers. The city will begin looking for a new firm immediately.

- granted liquor license application renewals to The Elks Lodge, Court Street Market and Bucknam's Tavern.

- learned that the boiler at the city swimming pool burned up recently, but was told by Mayor Green the city has boiler insurance. Cost of the damage was over \$6,500, with a small part coming from the city.

- scheduled a special meeting August 28, 7 p.m., to consider hiring an engineer to handle the up-coming well drilling project.

## Polygraph purchase clarified

By MARY ANN CERULLO

In explaining the recent purchase of a polygraph by Morrow County Court, Judge Don McElligott stated this week that should the licensed county polygrapher, Detective

Sergeant Verlin Denton, move from the area, he will buy back the lie detector at the purchase price of \$4,125, minus \$300 per year in depreciation, instead of Denton purchasing the machine at \$300 per month as earlier reported.

The county sheriff will have

two vehicles reconditioned instead of making a new purchase this year. This will save the cost of a new car plus the savings that will be made will make up the cost of the polygraph, concluded McElligott.

## Swim team to sponsor Swim-a-thon August 15

The Heppner swim team will sponsor a Swim-a-thon Monday, August 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Heppner Swim-

ming Pool. Following a Swim-a-thon at 6 p.m., a Fun Day and Challenge Meet that was scheduled for July 31 will be held. The July 31 meet was cancelled because of bad weather.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Swim-a-thon can pick up pledge sheets at the swimming pool. Sponsors will be asked to pledge an amount per lap swam with a maximum of 200 laps per swimmer

## Lightning causes grass fire

Lightning was the cause of a grass fire between Heppner and Lexington last Saturday night that burned about 30 acres of pasture land.

The fire broke out at about 11:30 p.m. on land owned by Claude Graham, and leased by Dexter Miles.

Fourteen members of the Heppner Fire Department turned out to fight the blaze, which took about three hours to contain, said Heppner Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine.

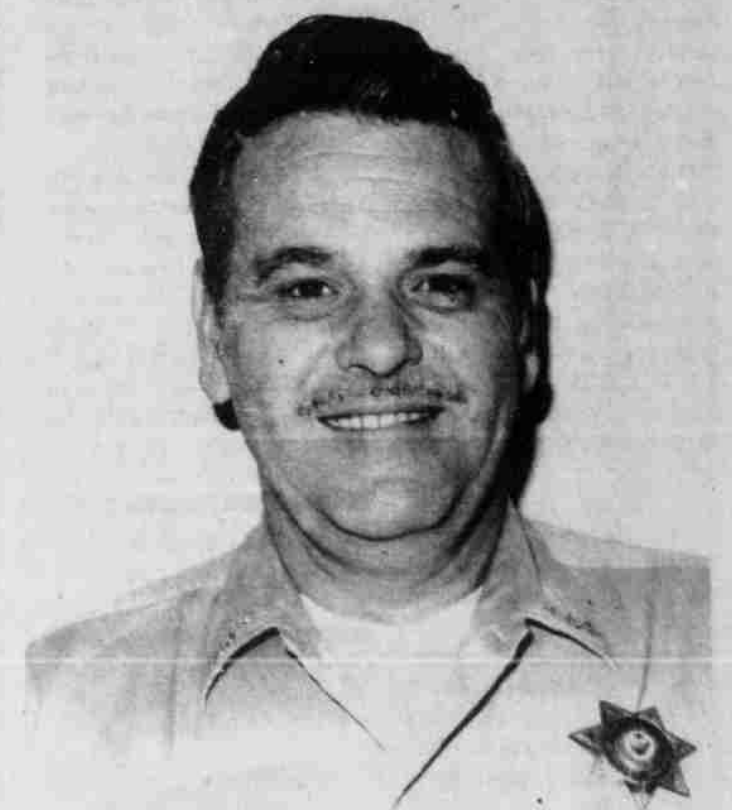
## W.C.C.C. barbecue postponed

The monthly family barbecue scheduled for this weekend at Willow Creek Country Club has been postponed, announced a club spokesperson.

The barbecue will be held Sunday, August 14.

More details will be announced next week.

## New city police officer enjoying life in Heppner



Ron Collins

The newest addition to the Heppner City Police Force, who has been here only about two months, likes Heppner so well he plans to retire here.

"I really like the town and the people here," said officer Ron Collins.

Collins, along with his wife, Bonnie, and their daughter, Laura, 20, moved to Heppner in May from Bend. The couple has three other children: Donald, 26, of The Dalles; Theresa, 24, of Grandview, Wash.; and Ron Jr., Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina.

After retiring from the Marine Corps in 1973, Collins

went to work with the Bend Police Reserves. Later he was employed by Deschutes County as a corrections officer before going into fulltime law enforcement with The Dalles Police Department in 1975. After working in security for a time in The Dalles, he went to Bend for a short period, and then on to Heppner.

Collins, 47, said he and his wife like smaller towns and their friendly people. They enjoy camping and boating, and he said they plan to get involved in bowling this winter if time permits.

## Ione man killed in accident

A 19-year-old Ione man was killed Friday morning when the motorcycle he was riding crashed into a pickup that was being backed up on Highway 74 near Lexington.

James Michael Bilyeu was pronounced dead at the scene, near milepost 35 between Ione and Lexington.

The accident apparently occurred when Michael Scott Balfe, 20, of Lexington, was backing up the 1966 Chevrolet he was driving to turn into a side road when Bilyeu ran into the vehicle.

Balfe was cited for alleged illegal backing up.

## School dist. announces Sept. 6 opening date

Schools in Morrow County School District will open on September 6 following Labor Day weekend.

All school buses will run on regular routes and the school cafeteria will serve on the first day of school. Dismissal will be at 1:30 p.m. that day.

Parents of new students are urged to contact local schools

in order to receive pre-registration information.

New teachers report to the district on August 29 for orientation. All teachers will return on August 30 to September 2 for inservice and preparation of classrooms.

The last day of school for students will be June 6.

## Former Co. deputy D.A. awarded



Harold McLean

Former Morrow County Deputy District Attorney Harold McLean of Bend has been selected for inclusion in

the 1983 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America", announced Doug Blankenship, chairman of the board of advisors of the program.

"The Outstanding Young Men of America Program recognizes the achievements and abilities of men between the ages of 21 and 36. These men are being honored for their outstanding civic and professional contribution to their communities, their states, and their nation," Blankenship said.

These men were selected from nominations received from senators, congressmen, governors, mayors, state leg-

islators, university and college presidents and deans as well as various civic groups, including the United States Jaycees which also endorses the Outstanding Young Men of America program.

The criteria for selection include a man's voluntary service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation.

McLean, along with other Outstanding Young Men throughout North America, will be featured in the annual awards publication.

## Extension agent says —

## Local harvest delayed but yield should top last year's

This year's wheat harvest, delayed by unusual rain and cool weather, is quite a bit behind schedule, compared to previous years, but there doesn't seem to be any quality problems, Morrow County Extension Agent Bob Costa says. He did report, however, that some farmers in the Hinton Creek and Eight Mile-Goose-

berry areas have had some hail damage, some of it severe.

The extension agent predicts that this year's yield will be better than last year's, but won't top 1981's record 47 bushels per acre on dryland and 95 bushels per acre on irrigated land. Last year's

average was 34 bushels per acre on dryland and 86 bushels per acre of irrigated wheat.

Costa said farmers in the south part of the county have quite a bit of crop left to harvest, while those in the north and central part of Morrow Co. are winding things up.