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Weather
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Jan. 3	60	53	.01
Wed., Jan. 4	67	39	
Thurs., Jan. 5	63	39	
Fri., Jan. 6	56	26	
Sat., Jan. 7	58	28	.09
Sun., Jan. 8	48	28	Trace
Mon., Jan. 9	35	29	

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Murray's celebrate Heppner store's 25th year



Rod and Meg Murray

Rod and Meg Murray are celebrating their Heppner store's 25th anniversary this month. The couple bought Humphrey's Drug Store from Leta Humphreys on January 1, 1959. About 15 years ago the Murrays purchased the Red and White Store from Roy and Melba Quackenbush and Phil's Pharmacy from Jim Mevers to expand their store. When the store first opened, the Murrays employed about four people and Rod ran the

pharmacy, as he does now. The store carried gift ware then, as well as a variety of other merchandise, but now offers more home wares, more toys and has a complete Hallmark store. At present, the Murrays employ about 22 people, including part time help. One employee, Ruth Bergstrom, has worked at the store for 39 years, starting with Miss Humphreys and continuing when the Murrays took over.

The business expanded in 1963 when the couple opened a store in Condon, and about six years ago they added an Arlington store, which closed last year.

Through the years, the Murrays have remodeled their Heppner store in stages, added the liquor store and continued to add expanded lines of merchandise to better serve the people of south Morrow County.

Sudden thaw causes road closures

By MARY ANN CERULLO

A number of road closures were announced in Morrow County Court last Wednesday as a result of road washouts from the sudden thaw of over a week ago.

Judge Don McElligott listed the following roads as closed from washouts: Dixon-Smith, Lower Eightmile, John Bergstrom, Strawberry, Gabbert Road and Bergwin Crossing.

Traffic has been limited to one way only on Gooseberry, Dalzell, Brenner Canyon, Fuller Canyon and Baseline roads. All county roads are to have an eight ton load limit.

According to McElligott, the debris on the roads was to be cleaned up by Friday, Jan. 6, but the damage from the washouts may not be repaired for another week.

In other business, the court conducted the following:

— held an executive session under litigation.

— accepted a resignation from Ed Dick of Heppner from the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board.

— held an executive session under personnel.

(Executive sessions are

held to discuss personnel and other sensitive matters and are closed to the public. Members of the press can attend these sessions but are not allowed to report on the proceedings.)

Gentry replaces Lovgren at Western Heritage



Jackie Gentry

Western Heritage Federal Savings & Loan Association has promoted Jackie Gentry

to branch manager of the Heppner office.

Gentry joined Western Heritage in May, 1983. She is a 1980 graduate of Heppner High School and later attended Blue Mountain Community College, graduating with a certificate in general business.

She is a member of the Blue Mountain Association of Professional Mortgage Women.

Gentry replaces Christy Lovgren, who has accepted employment at Morrow County Grain Growers.

Economic Dev. Corp. to hold annual meeting

The Heppner Economic Development Corporation will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the Heppner Elks Lodge. The evening will begin with a no-host cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a

meeting at 7:30 p.m.

All members and interested persons are invited to attend and please R.S.V.P. at P.O. Box 103, Heppner, Ore. 97836, said a corporation spokesperson.

Hermiston Disposal, Inc. will collect garbage in Ione

Ione Mayor Linda LaRue read a petition to council members at a meeting Tuesday night, Jan. 3, that asked the Ione City Council to reconsider entering into a franchise agreement with Sanitary Disposal Inc. of Hermiston for garbage collection. The petition, which was signed by about 90 Ione residents, also asked that the issue be placed on a ballot before the voters if necessary, said Diana Starr, city recorder.

However, Starr said, the

petition was not considered legal because it did not conform to requirements set forth in the city charter. No representative of the petition was present at the meeting, she said.

Starr reported that at a public hearing held Monday night, Jan. 9, the council did pass an ordinance to enter into a franchise agreement with the Hermiston company, to take effect next day. Sanitary Disposal began service in the

Mail route driver narrowly escapes wall of water

An Ione mail route driver and her husband barely escaped from the pickup they were in when a four to five ft. wall of water came rushing across the road in the Eight-mile area last Tuesday, Jan. 3. Dorothy Stefani and her hus-

band, Art, were delivering the mail that morning in their four-wheel drive pickup when the gusher came through. Mrs. Stefani said as soon as the water reached the pickup the vehicle stalled and they hurriedly jumped out and climbed in the back. By that time, she said, runoff began pouring in from other nearby canyons and the wall of water was rising to eight or nine feet.

Her husband saw the Morrow County Road Department crew working just down the road and yelled to them for help. Norris Dooney and Bruce Bergstrom brought the grader they were using to the pickup and the Stefani's crawled onto it and escaped, she said.

Dooney steadied the vehicle with the grader while Bergstrom crawled into it to retrieve mail that was on the seat, but was unable to get the items on the floor because the pickup kept sliding. Mrs. Stefani said, Steve Peck and Bill Mackey who live in the Eight-

mile area also came to the scene to help with Peck's tractor.

Peck recovered the pickup the next day when the water level had gone down. Mrs. Stefani said the vehicle, which was a total loss, was found upside down, the windows were broken out and the cab was crushed and filled with mud.

"Art might have been able to get out of the water, but I really don't think I could have," Mrs. Stefani said.

Ione Post Master Margaret Lindley said she searched the area for several hours and was able to find no remnants of the missing mail. She suggests that if people feel some of their correspondence could have been lost in the accident it would be wise to re-mail.

"We feel real fortunate that the Stefani's escaped with their lives, the fact that they saved most of the mail is remarkable," the postmaster said.

Physician's assistant employed in Heppner



Ken Dyball

practice medicine. The physician's assistant will be working with patients in Koznek's office as well as in the hospital and emergency room. He has attended six military medical schools as well as the U of W and has 17 years of experience in the medical corps, he says.

He will be performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, can order and interpret x-rays, can perform minor suturing, can evaluate and treat minor fractures and can act in emergencies and handle emergencies in an emergency room setting. He can also issue prescriptions and can act independently if Koznek is gone. Dyball's services are still available at Koznek's office and at the hospital when the doctor is not available; although Koznek will be available by phone for consultation.

Koznek explained that since major surgery cannot be performed at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, the addition of a physician's assistant will allow him to assist an operating surgeon at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston with his office's cases and not leave his patients in Heppner without available medical services while he is gone.

Dyball explained that the physician's assistant program has been in existence for over 18 years to aid in medical coverage in rural areas with limited physicians' coverage. All 50 states employ P.A.'s he

said. Dyball and his wife, Karen, and their children Jeremy, 13; Scott, 12; and Janell, three, are living in Heppner.

"I'm very pleased to be here, I feel very much at home here," the P.A. said.

Meeting to plan Rolling Hills Run scheduled

A meeting to plan Heppner's annual Rolling Hills Run will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m., in the Heppner Junior High home ec room,

announced Liz Curtis, a spokesperson for the event.

Anyone interested in working on the run is invited to attend, she said.

School board to consider policies at Jan. meeting

A regular meeting of the Morrow County School Board is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m., at Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman.

The Board is expected to consider a plan to bid school buses, and changes in the district plan to invest surplus funds, said a school district spokesperson.

The Board is expected to consider policies for school closure and the evaluation of teachers, which have been

discussed at previous meetings.

The board will also start preliminary plans for next

year's school calendar.

All meetings are open to the public.

Telephone survey to be conducted in local area

The Heppner Economic Development Corporation will be making a telephone survey of south Morrow County residents to determine if the area needs additional medical ser-

VICES. The calls will be made between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Everyone's cooperation will be greatly appreciated, said a corporation spokesperson.

History book delivery nears completion

By DELPHA JONES

Most of the Morrow County History Books have been delivered. Anyone who has paid for a book but has not yet

received it is asked to call either Delpha Jones or Ruth McCabe. We sincerely hope that we have not left anyone out during the delivery.

O.W. Cutsforth donates gun collection to county museum



Orville Cutsforth shows the gun collection he recently donated to the Morrow Co. Museum. He is holding the two 1843 Colt 45 pistols, the pride of the donation.

O.W. Cutsforth of Heppner has recently made a large contribution to the Morrow Co. Museum in Heppner by officially donating his gun collection, which has been on display there for many years.

The collection includes 13 guns in all: a Savage 22 high-powered rifle, a Savage

250-3000, two Savage 303 British rifles, a Savage 30-30, three muzzleloaders, an 1870 handmade German gun with 16 gauge shotgun barrel and a 24 mm rifle barrel, a 45-70 caliber rifle that Cutsforth made in the early 1970s, a Savage 300, and highlighting

the collection, two 1843 Colt 45 pistols.

Each gun in the collection is engraved with the OC Bar brand.

Cutsforth said the value of the collection has been assessed at \$8,500 by a firearms expert.