

# The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES

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Weather  
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.	Snow
Tues., Jan. 10	51	30	13	
Wed., Jan. 11	47	28		
Thurs., Jan. 12	39	28		
Fri., Jan. 13	30	15	.03	1"
Sat., Jan. 14	28	12		1/2"
Sun., Jan. 15	32	14		trace
Mon., Jan. 16	26	10		trace

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## Over 100 roast & toast retiring police chief



Retiring police chief Dean Gilman and his wife, Mary Eleanor, have a laugh during a dinner in his honor held at the Heppner Elks Lodge last Tuesday night.

Over 100 people attended the dinner during which Dean was both "roasted" and "toasted" for his 39 years of service to the city.

## Area lumber mills anxious to learn outcome of lawsuit

Kinzua Corporation is one of several lumber mills in Eastern Oregon awaiting action on a suit filed by a group of environmentalists asking that road construction and timber harvests be stopped in roadless areas in Oregon's national forests.

A January 9 article from "The Oregonian," entitled "Mills await court resolution of forest roadless areas" contains a statement from U.S. Forest Service and industry officials stating that "North-east Oregon's sawmills and loggers face economic catastrophe as early as 1985 if the status of the state's national forest roadless areas isn't resolved."

The lawsuit, filed in December, 1983 by the Oregon Natural Resources Council, indirectly affects Kinzua Corp. because the company has timber contracts in roadless areas in the Umatilla National Forest.

Kinzua's General Manager Harry Kennison said the company presently has about 75 million board feet of timber under contract in roadless areas in the Umatilla National Forest. Kinzua has had several recent lumber sales from timber in the Umatilla National Forest, and have several other proposed sales in the roadless area "which look very attractive to us," Kennison said. The suit was filed in U.S. District Court, and according to "The Oregonian's" article, no action has been scheduled on the court's docket.

During 1978, a RARE II (Roadless Area Review Evaluation) study was conducted nationwide - the second of two such studies - to determine which areas should be classified as wilderness areas, explains Heppner District Ranger Ben Siminoe. All areas in the Heppner Ranger District were designated for resource development use in-

stead of wilderness, and the environmentalists were not pleased, he said.

Siminoe said the same problem has been solved in other states through legislation. There have been several wilderness bills for Oregon areas, but none have passed Congress.

Over 52,000 acres of roadless areas in the Heppner Ranger District are involved in the suit: Texas Butte, Hell's Half Acre, Kelly Prairie, Skookum, Potomus and Bologna Basin, Siminoe said.

Kennison stated that if the issue isn't resolved soon, or in the lumber industry's favor, Kinzua will probably have enough lumber to operate for

## Objections to school closure policy aired at board meeting

By JUDY MILLER  
ENTERPRISE EDITOR

Board members were asked to consider a third policy draft on school closures Monday evening at the January Morrow County School Board meeting held at Sam Boardman Elementary in Boardman.

Objections in wording in the draft concerning a public hearing for the board to hear oppositions to a schools closure as well as reasons in favor of closure were made by lone resident, Paul Tews.

The board agreed to reorder the draft for greater clarity and to also clarify who might vote in a district straw poll to be conducted before a final closure decision was made. The redrafted policy will again be considered at the February meeting.

In other business:

- The board hear a presenta-

tion promoting the Umatilla Educational Service District's (E.S.D.) instructional media services. Teaching aids such as films, charts, models, video tape equipment and much more are available to teachers for classroom use through the service.

Repair of school audiovisual equipment costing only the price of repair parts is also offered by E.S.D.

Equipment and personnel for the benefit of students with special needs can be provided as well. Consensus was the service is worth the \$63,500 the district is paying per year.

Regarding the proposed four percent state sales tax, Dist. Superintendent Matt Doherty said, "the sales tax issue has received the right number of votes to appear on the next ballot."

- Board consideration was given to the question of a

## Cattlemen taking action in response to review

Hundreds of calls have been coming to the Portland headquarters of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association in reaction to the editorial in the January 8 "The Sunday Oregonian," titled "Ranchers Riding Roughshod Over Public Resources," according to Donald Ostensoe, executive vice-president of the association.

"Our people are furious, angry, and disappointed because a distorted, unfair and prejudicial picture has been painted of the way cattlemen are earning their livelihood," said Ostensoe. The Oregon Cattlemen's Association, representing more than 3,000 ranchers of the cattle industry, generates more than \$1 billion to the Oregon economy, he added. The cattle industry is the largest segment of the state's number two industry, agriculture.

"The Oregonian" article reviews a book written by Denzel Ferguson titled, "Sacred Cows at the Public Trough." Ostensoe said that for a number of years Ferguson has been carrying on, not too factual or accurately, a vendetta against Western ranchers, making allegations which are unsubstantiated and inaccurate.

In part, the article states: "Ten years of research on the effects of livestock grazing on public lands in the West gave the Fergusons this picture of the stockmen's legacy: - 'billions of tons of topsoil needlessly washed from federal land, prompting massive taxpayer investments to contain the damage.

- 'destruction of fish and waterfowl populations through cattle-caused water pollution and loss of ground cover.

- 'poisoning of public land with thousands of tons of herbicides paid for by taxpayers to kill sagebrush thought to interfere with cattle.

- 'a publicly financed war against the original inhabitants of the range that in one 36-year period claimed the

lives of 23,903 bears, 7,255 mountain lions, 477,104 bobcats and lynx, 2.8 million coyotes, 50,283 red wolves and 1,574 lobo wolves.

Ostensoe said the association would offer a full response concerning this article to "The Oregonian" editorial page presenting the cattlemen's point of view.

The Oregon cattle executive said, "I regret 'The Oregonian' has chosen to defame Oregon's cattle industry during a period of severe depressed cattle prices and, for some, a financial crisis which already has forced hundreds of family cattle operations out of business. The majority of Oregon's ranchers are shocked, dismayed, and disappointed in 'The Oregonian's' position."

An executive committee meeting will be held in Portland on Friday, Jan. 20. At that time a response to the article will be discussed and submitted to "The Oregonian," according to Wayne Evans of Heppner, second vice-president of the O.C.A.

## Results of A.S.C.S. Comm. election announced

Results of a December 5 election of the Morrow County A.S.C.S. committee persons for 1984 have been announced by Judy Buschke, county executive director of the A.S.C.S. office in Heppner.

Named to committee posts in the mail balloting were: Douglas Drake, Heppner wheat rancher, committee member elected to a three-year term; Steve Hill, Lexington area wheat rancher, elected to a one year term and will serve as vice-chairman; and George W. Miller, who was elected last year for a three-year term will serve as chairman in 1984. Also elected this year were Clint Carlson, first alternate, and John Kilkenny,

second alternate. Buschke said farmer committees are in charge of local administration of national farm programs. At least one committee member and two alternates are elected each year. The farmer receiving the largest number of votes is elected to a three-year term, second largest, a two-year term if the position is vacant; third largest, a one-year term if the position is vacant and fourth and fifth largest, one-year terms as alternates.

Buschke said that last year more than 75 percent of all farmers in the county participated in one or more of the programs administered by the A.S.C.S. committee.

## Ione school plans Parent - Community Day

Ione Junior-Senior High School will be holding its annual Parent-Community Day on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Parents and members of the community are invited to attend school that day in place of students in grades seven through 12. Shortened classes will be held through the morning and early afternoon, followed by time for conferences with teachers.

Lunch will be available. Pre-registration materials will be mailed to parents the week of January 23 and will be available to the general community at the school and at local businesses, said a spokesperson.

## Urban growth workshop slated

There will be a workshop on urban growth for City Planning Commission members and City Council members. It will be held on January 23, at 8 p.m. at Heppner City Hall.

## Drama production postponed

By JUSTINE  
WEATHERFORD

The group of local citizens interested in producing dramas for the enjoyment of Morrow Co. residents have agreed not to offer their first show, "The Thurber Carnival," this Thursday and Fri-

## Koznek, Co. Court negotiate clinic's rental agreement

By MARY ANN CERULLO

The controversy over Heppner's South Morrow Medical Clinic's rental agreement may have been settled in Morrow County Court last Wednesday.

Dr. Clair Koznek, physician at the clinic, and his wife, Doris, came before the court in response to a letter from county council, informing them that the clinic's rent was increasing to \$600 in February. Koznek is currently paying \$450 per month.

"One of the reasons we are here is that we feel the jump from \$450 a month to \$600 a month is excessive," Koznek told the court.

He went on to explain that he had understood that the rent was to be renegotiated in January before any changes were made.

"I had hoped that I would get the same arrangement as Dr. Gifford had had. It was also my understanding that the building (clinic) was there to attract a physician," said Koznek.

"As it stands, the cost of \$600 is not in line ... I don't think that any other physician occupied that building and paid any more than \$450 a month," he continued.

"The equity established in the clinic by Dr. Gifford should be taken into consideration," said Doris Koznek.

"Are you interested in purchasing the clinic?" asked Judge Don McElligott.

The interest is there, I won't say it isn't, stated Koznek.

He explained that because of finances, including the addition of a new physician's assistant the purchase of the clinic cannot be immediate.

McElligott suggested that the rent for the clinic could be put toward purchasing it.

"I wouldn't be opposed to applying part of the rent toward purchasing it (the clinic)," commented Commissioner Irv Rauch.

"We were told that the county court would be generous, and a rent of \$160 per month was overly generous ... but then it jumped to \$450 ... No repairs had been done to the clinic when we moved in," said Mrs. Koznek.

McElligott admitted that repairs should have been made.

"Obviously we have to com-

promise," stated Rauch, "If we raised the rent to \$500 could you live with it?"

"Well, if forced to," Koznek said.

McElligott then offered to bring the clinic "up to snuff" in addition to the \$500 a month for a year.

"We do consider you an asset to the community," the Judge told Koznek.

After taxes, the return on the clinic would be \$345 at \$500 per month, figured Commissioner Warren McCoy.

A tentative agreement was made between Koznek and the court with a time limitation to be settled at a later date. The agreement is to include Koznek providing the janitorial services, the county to upgrade the clinic's interior, and the rent will be raised to \$500 a month.

"Joe Gifford had built up equity in it (the clinic). All I want to do is pay on what's owed," stated Koznek after the meeting. "If I can just buy the thing we can get this entire problem out of the way," he concluded.

In other business, Tom Weiburn of Blue Mountain Electric met with county court to discuss a billing statement for rewiring work he is doing for the County Road Department.

## C.B.E.C. warns customers of high electric bills

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op this week warned of a large number of customers that may receive unusually high power bills in the month of January.

The high bills are the result of an extremely cold period during mid and late December. The bills for this period are not mailed until February 1 because of meter reading dates.

## Baby where are you?

The first baby to be born at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner in 1984 has yet to make an appearance. No one knows who he or she will be

Fred Toombs, C.B.E.C. manager, states that review of individual accounts tied with billings for wholesale power from Bonneville Power Administration indicated that almost all bills will be higher than normal.

In addition to the cold snap, all users are reminded of the rate increase that went into effect with the December billing, Toombs said.

but one thing is for sure, P.M.H.'s first baby of 1984 will be welcomed by many gifts of cash, gift certificates and other prizes.

## New officer joins local police department



Gary E. Bingham

A new police officer, Gary E. Bingham, 32, has joined the Heppner City Police Department. Bingham, who started his new job January 12, comes to Heppner from North Bend on the Oregon Coast. There he

was a reserve police officer for almost four years, the last three as sergeant. He also worked as a part-time dispatcher in North Bend.

The new officer was born in Coos Bay and has always lived in the bay area, except from 1970 to 1978, when he was in the U.S. Army. Later he served with the National Guard for four years while in Coos Bay.

Bingham's family, his wife, Jenny, and daughters Sherry, eight, and Joann, four, plan to move to Heppner in a few months.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, bowling, golf, softball and racquetball.

"I really like it here," he said.