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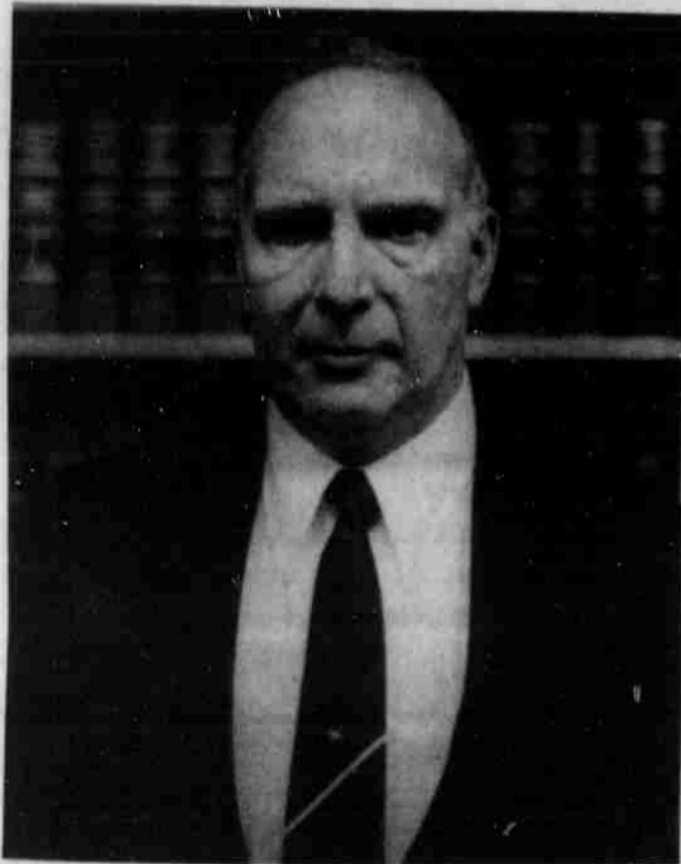
Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.	Snow
Tues., Jan. 17	27	8		
Wed., Jan. 18	24	14		
Thurs., Jan. 19	23	13		
Fri., Jan. 20	22	17		trace
Sat., Jan. 21	46	22	.11	trace
Sun., Jan. 22	50	39	.02	
Mon., Jan. 23	53	43	.03	

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Abrams announces candidacy for circuit court judge



Bob Abrams

Long-time Heppner and Morrow County Attorney Bob Abrams has announced his candidacy for Circuit Court Judge of Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Abrams, whose career includes 27 years of private practice in Heppner, will be seeking the position now held by Judge William W. Wells. Wells has announced he will not seek re-election to another term.

Abrams, 59, was born in Bellingham, Wash. Jan. 18, 1925. He graduated from Bellingham High before going on the Stanford University where he received a B.A. degree in 1948.

In 1952 he was awarded his law degree from the University of Oregon and from there

went on to become district attorney for Wheeler County from 1953 to 1957. He also served as D.A. for Morrow County from 1957 to 1961.

He has run a successful law practice in Heppner from 1957 to the present.

During his career, Abrams has argued cases before the U.S. Court for District of Oregon (1957); U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (1966); and the U.S. Supreme Court (1967).

His memberships include: Oregon State Bar, Sixth Judicial Bar, American Bar Association, American College of Probate Counsel and the American Judicature Society.

He has also served on various committees of the State Bar, including: Minor Courts, Economics of Law Practice

Committee, Local Government, Public Attorneys (chairman), Judicial Administration, Environmental Law (chairman), Trust Legislation, Administrative Law, Estate Planning Section and Executive Committee.

Abrams has also been active in community affairs such as Chancellor for Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, past president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, member of the Heppner Economic Development Corporation (Board of Directors 1983-84), and member of the board of directors for Blue Mountain Community College 1962-74, (chairman 1972-73).

He married his wife, Marion, in 1949, and they have five children.

Abrams says he is seeking the judgeship because, "I feel strongly that our legal system works and I can contribute to its effectiveness. More than 30 years experience in public and private practice qualify me to be an effective judge. I would like to utilize my experience in law on the bench and serve this area."

The circuit court covers Umatilla and Morrow counties and handles civil cases involving over \$3,000 as well as felony and some misdemeanor cases. The judge's term is for six years.

A manager for Abram's campaign has not been announced; however, anyone wishing to help circulate petitions to gather the necessary 500 signatures to have his name placed on the ballot is urged to contact Bill Kuhn or Ann Spicer at 676-9141 or 676-5033.

Filing deadline for the position is March 6, and the election will be held May 1.

Kahl, Holloman elected to economic dev. board

Two new board members were elected to the Heppner Economic Development Corporation during the group's second annual meeting held last Wednesday night at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Bob Kahl and Joyce Holloman will both serve three-year terms on the board. Outgoing board members were Bob Abrams and Joan McDonald.

President Jim Hayes told the members and others interested in economic development about the corporation's activities during the past year. Two of the group's activities included supporting two candidates from south Morrow County, Leroy Gardner and Larry Lindsay for the Port of Morrow Commission; and helping Terry Voltz get started in T.J.'s Camera.

Presently, Hayes said, the corporation is sponsoring a telephone survey which is being conducted by high school students to determine if the area needs additional medical services. The group is also studying the need for a jail facility; is studying the Lexington airport and commercial property surrounding the airport; is working to promote tourism, trying to locate a retail outlet or building in the burned out area on Main St.; and is working to develop a recreational site at the Willow Creek Dam Site.

Hayes showed the group an artist's conception of the recreational area which includes campsites, picnic area and a softball field, which could possibly be changed to a hardball field, he said. He explained that the Army Corps of Engineers and the community would share the costs to develop the site, which involves about nine acres including the ball field. He said the corporation became involved in developing the area to keep

local control.

Hayes said the recreational area would require a minimum of maintenance, and the installation of an underground sprinkler system is being considered. Water at the site, which will come from the city's water supply, will be available at one centralized location, he explained.

"We feel this will benefit the entire community," Hayes said.

The tourism area the corporation is trying to promote ranges from the Columbia River to the Blue Mountains. Hayes told the group, Glen Ward, Heppner wildlife biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, gave a slide presentation of outdoor recreation places in

that area, including the Willow Creek Dam, Cutsforth Park, Penland Lake, Bull Prairie Reservoir, the John Day River, the Baker Valley mining area, Anthony Lakes and other areas offering camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, and other outdoor sports and recreation.

In other business during the meeting, Charles Hutchinson gave the treasurer's report. He stated that the corporation presently has 28 members and each had paid a \$100 membership fee. Costs for printing stationary and envelopes, advertising costs for promoting the Port Commission candidates and other expenses totaled about \$300, but with added interest, the treasury's



Bob Kahl

balance is \$2,617. Anyone interested in joining the economic development corporation may contact Jim Hayes, Hutchinson, Kent



Joyce Holloman

Goodyear, Fred Toombs, Holloman, Kahl or Ralph Liman. The \$100 membership fee is a one-time fee, and is tax deductible, Hutchinson said.

Exploratory well to be drilled Natural gas co. gets go-ahead from County Planning Commission

At a January 16 meeting of the Morrow County Planning Commission, the commission approved two conditional use permits to allow the first exploratory gas and oil well to be drilled in the county, announced County Planner Deane Seeger.

Voters to elect school district directors, committee members Mar. 27

An election of directors to fill vacancies on the Morrow County School District Board and advisory committees will be held March 27 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the regular polling places, the school district has announced.

Vacancies on the district board are Zone II, Irrigon, a four-year term; Zone V, Heppner, a four-year term; Zone IV, at large, a four-year term. Robert Byrd is the current director from Zone II, Jean Bennett is the Zone V director and Pauline Winter is the at large director. Jean Bennett has indicated she does not intend to run for re-election, said a district spokesperson.

Advisory committee vacancies to be filled for the Heppner-Lexington committee is Position No. 1, currently filled by Dean Robinson by appointment to replace Karen Stack; Position No. 2, currently filled by George Koffler, and Position No. 7, presently filled by Ed Struthers. These are all three-year terms.

Open for the Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee is Position No. 4, currently filled by Joan Doherty. This is a three-year term.

Open for the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee is Position No. 1, currently filled by Jack Strege; Position No. 6, currently filled by John Wenzel, appointed to complete the term of Lovella Conboy. Both are three-year terms. Also to be filled is Position No. 4, currently filled by George

The drilling site, located on the Jerry Dougherty ranch north east of Heppner, will occupy one and one-fourth acres of land. The drilling will operate on a 24-hour a day basis with a crew of five to six men, Seeger said. The well depth is scheduled at 10,000 ft.

Kenney by appointment. This is for a one-year term to complete the term of Burrell Cooley.

Filing deadline for petitions is 5 p.m., February 16. Petitions may be obtained at school offices or the district office in Lexington. The petitions must be filed with the County Clerk along with the

Charles Stenson, engineer for Oregon Natural Gas Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Northwest Natural Gas Co., stated that in all likelihood, four members of the crew would probably be housed in Heppner.

acceptance of candidacy. Signers of petitions for district board candidates must reside in the district and be registered voters. Signers of petitions for advisory board candidates must reside in the attendance area served by the position and be registered voters. District board petitions

Seeger said the drilling operation will be under the regulatory control of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mining and the Morrow County Planning Department.

No start up date or drilling time has been announced yet, Seeger said.

require 25 valid signatures and advisory committee petitions require 10 valid signatures.

Anyone interested in obtaining a petition should contact the school office in their area or the district office in Lexington, the spokesperson concluded.

Morrow County Court plans several new projects

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Wednesday, Jan. 18, was a day for planning new projects for Morrow County Court.

Connecting Eighth Street in Irrigon to Highway 730; the Wilson Road overpass on Interstate 84 at Boardman; and a

new runway and lighting system at the Lexington Airport were among the plans discussed.

In connecting Eighth Street to Highway 730, the court felt there would be better access to the Port of Morrow. At the same time, the court discussed drawing up a bid proposal for the Wilson Road overpass project. The overpass is to provide a more direct route to Boardman from South Morrow County. This also would benefit the Port of Morrow, the court felt.

County Court officials indicated that they were expecting some economic growth in the north end of the county within the next few years, making some of their new plans necessary.

"It's (the Port of Morrow) the second most active port in the state of Oregon and we're going to need some more access to it," stated Judge Don McElligott in response to the court's new plans.

Also discussed was the final construction of the new 4,355 ft. runway at the Lexington Airport. To accompany this new project, the court began making plans for a new runway lighting system for night landings

According to the judge, the proposed lighting system, called Radio Control Lighting would save the county from having to keep runway lights burning 24 hours a day. The new system would kick on when contacted by radio from an approaching plane. The system is reportedly the same one used by the Pendleton Airport.

By the end of the morning, the court approved a Federal Assistance Pre-application for Morrow County Airport Improvement, an Airport Lighting Operation Agreement, an Airport Statement applicable to the lighting project, and a Department of Transportation relocation of Real Property Acquisition Assurance for the Eighth Street project.

In other business, Morrow County Court: - discussed forming a weed control district in Morrow County with Dick McElligott. - reported that Rene Siminoe of Heppner has been appointed to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, filling Ed Dick's position. - reported that Cecil Jones of Lexington and John Bristow of Ione have been reappointed to the County Planning Commission.

P.M.H. nurse arraigned

A nurse who had worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner from September until December last year was arraigned in Morrow County Circuit Court on charge of alleged Second Degree Theft and Possession of a Controlled Substance, reports Morrow County District Attorney Richard McNeerney.

Christine Harding, 29, of

Hermiston, who worked as a registered nurse at the hospital, is charged with taking Demerol between December 19 and 20, McNeerney said. The incident was reported by the hospital to the Heppner City Police Department.

Hospital administrator Byron Smith said Harding's employment at the hospital ended in December.

Juvenile Services Comm. to hold public meeting

The Morrow Co. Juvenile Services Commission will hold a public meeting on Feb. 1st at 7 p.m. at the Town Square Building in Boardman.

All members of the community are invited to attend and make recommendations regarding programs to be

funded by the J.S.C. in the next fiscal year, said a group spokesperson.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity for interested persons to ask any questions they might have regarding the programs currently being sponsored by the J.S.C.

Eastern Oregon Wheat Seminar to be held in Ione

By BOB COSTA
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Morrow County

The popular Eastern Oregon Wheat Seminar will make its annual journey to Morrow County on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

The program will be held at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 9 a.m. and a no-host lunch will be served by the ladies of the grange.

The program will include a discussion of wheat diseases by Paul Koepsell, OSU Extension Service plant pathologist. Russ Karow, OSU cereal crops specialist will talk about wheat variety-disease resistance relationships and grain storage and aerating stored grain. Paul Rasmussen, A.R.S. soil scientist from the Pendleton Experiment Station, will discuss fertilizer placement and other fertilizer research. Tom

Whitson, OSU weed control specialist, will discuss the identification and control of wheat field weeds. OSU extension economists Jim Cornelius and Tim Cross will talk about computer applications and information management for wheat producers. Bruce An-

drews, of the O.W.G.L., will talk about international market development.

Everyone is invited. The program is sponsored by the OSU Extension Service and the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association.

Reservoir at dam to be raised in February

Depending on progress made on grouting the Willow Creek Dam structure, the flow gates may be closed as soon as February 9, allowing the reservoir to fill to an elevation of 2,063 ft., a spokesperson for the Corps of Engineers announced Tuesday.

Doug Dugger, public affairs officer of the Corps Walla Walla District, said the Corps

would like to try to maintain an elevation of 2,047 ft at the lake, depending on rainfall, evaporation, ground seepage and other factors.

The water level will be raised to an elevation of 2,063 ft., he said, so that some of the backed up water can be released later for irrigation use and other purposes.