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Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Jan. 31	43	29	
Wed., Feb. 1	50	27	
Thurs., Feb. 3	54	29	
Fri., Feb. 4	37	27	
Sat., Feb. 5	33	27	
Sun., Feb. 6	44	28	Trace
Mon., Feb. 7	56	28	Foggy

Total precip. for January was 0.46 inches.
Normal is 1.41 inches.

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P.M.H. staff gets preview

Lifeguard Medical Transport adds fixed-wing plane



Dr. Gregory Brown (center) explains how critical patients will be transported from one medical facility to another on Lifeguard Medical Transport system's new plane.

Dr. Clare Koznek, Physician's Assistant Ken Dyball and several nurses from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner viewed a new fixed-wing airplane operated by Lifeguard Medical Transport at the Lexington Airport last Thursday. Gregory Brown M.D., medical advisor for the aircraft, was on hand to explain the new service.

The aircraft, which is leased from Sun West Aviation of Ogden, Utah, is medically retrofitted and is staffed by a flight team which includes a critical care nurse and a respiratory therapist. The

plane will be used to transport critical patients from one hospital to another. The Lifeguard Transport system currently operates a helicopter in northeast Oregon and southeast Washington. It is primarily used for patients involved in accidents and for short trip transports. The plane will allow patients to be transported almost twice as fast, and will free up use of the helicopter for emergencies.

No money from tax levies is used to support the plane's operation. The funds will come primarily from patient

revenue collected from the flights, and also from St. Mary Community Hospital in Walla Walla, Wash. If patient revenue falls short, explains Marlene Krout, administrative vice-president of Lifeguard Medical Transport, which is based at the Walla Walla Airport. Dr. Brown stated that it is hoped that the plane will generate enough revenue to help offset costs of the helicopter, which is funded through tax revenue.

Cost per trip on the plane is \$200 for liftoff and \$3.50 per flight mile. In comparison,

cost per trip aboard the helicopter is \$200 for liftoff and \$4.00 per flight mile. Brown explained that after the plane lands, its medical team will travel to the hospital to check and ready the patient for transport. The patient will then be taken by ambulance to the airport and flown out. He stressed that the patient's family members do not fly with the patient on board the plane.

During the first stages of operation, Brown said he would accompany the medical team on flights.

New senior supervisor hired for Morrow Co.

The East Central Oregon Association of Counties - Area Agency on Aging announces the recent hiring of Carolyn Parcel to the position of Senior Services Supervisor of Morrow County. She replaces Lynnea Sargent who has held the position since it was established in April 1981. Sargent looks forward to her retirement in order to pursue other interests.

The position of senior services supervisor has in the past been a three-quarter time position; however, it has been expanded into a full time endeavor. Parcel will be responsible for providing and supervising the senior citizen and handicapped persons support service system as made available through the Area Agency on Aging. She will be coordinating a system of services and serve as a contact person for senior citizens within Morrow County. These major services include nutrition outreach, information and referral, escort, homemaker, medicare, legal and transportation services.

Parcel comes to Heppner from the Tigard area. She says she enjoys the charm and tranquility of a town the size of Heppner and looks forward to becoming an integral part of

the community by making a positive contribution to the quality of life for the senior citizens of Morrow County.

Those needing assistance or

Search for new P.M.H. administrator continues

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m., at the hospital. Hiring a

new hospital administrator will be discussed.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Ontario man joins Heppner City Police Dept.



Joe Mallea

Joe Mallea began working as a patrolman for the City

Police Department last week. Mallea comes to Heppner from Ontario where he was a local investigator. Prior to his employment as an investigator, he spent 10 years with the Ontario City Police Department, the last four as sergeant. He has also worked for Oregon Liquor Control as an inspector in the Portland enforcement division.

Mallea who was born and raised in the Jordan Valley has an associate degree in law enforcement from Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, and is a graduate of the National Crime Prevention Institute University in Louisville, Kentucky.

County acquires additional law enforcement services at no cost

Five officers of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Unit were deputized by Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth last Thursday offering Morrow County additional law enforcement along the Columbia River at no extra cost to the county.

The Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Unit is based in a field office in Hood River. It is part of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission which is based in Portland. The funding for the program is federal, under a contract with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. The enforcement activity is part of an overall management program assisting the four Treaty Tribes who have fishing rights on the Columbia River: the Yakima, Warm Springs, Umatilla and Nez Perce. The primary enforcement duty is to apply the individual Tribal Regulations to their respective tribal members. We strive to protect the fishing resource by preventing illegal fishing, maintaining peace on the mainstem Columbia River and safeguarding individual rights and liberties of those exercising their fishing rights, explains David B. Rogers, captain of the unit.

The enforcement unit has one patrol officers and five

dispatchers. The unit maintains 24-hour year-round patrol-dispatch activities. It works closely with several law enforcement agencies and belongs to the Columbia River Law Enforcement Committee.

The officers patrol in 4-wheel drive vehicles, sedans, a 22' jet boat and 20' motor boat. During the main season they also make daily helicopter patrols. The units patrol area is in the Zone 6 region, which is from Bonne-

ville Dam to McNary Dam. Rogers asked the sheriff of each county in the Zone 6 region to deputize the officers so that they can provide more law enforcement services. Rogers also offered the sheriffs the use of his men, boats and vehicles for emergency or other use.

The five officers deputized were: David J. Rogers, 29; Michael W. Cardinal, 31; Danny L. McVay, 35; William R. Sawyer, 29; and Richard S. Casey, 35.

South Morrow Youth Comm. meets

Getting youth representation and adult participation were topics of concern at a January 30 meeting of the South Morrow Youth Commission. Several students from Lone High School and Heppner Jr. High attended the meeting as did principals from both schools, reports a commission spokesperson.

John Edmundson, assistant to the superintendent of the Morrow Co. School District answered questions regarding alcohol, drugs and school policy and stressed the importance of parental backing of school policy.

An Alternatives Committee

was formed, to be chaired by Mike Douglas, Catholic youth advisor, to find new and different activities for Morrow County youth.

The committee heard reports from Aloha DeSpain, law enforcement committee chairman, and Stuart Dick, chairman of the Education Committee.

A community meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m., at the Heppner High School cafeteria, at which time a movie, "Epidemic: America Fights Back," will be shown to the public and committees will report on various activities of the commission.

Cost of proposed Willow Cr. recreation area discussed

By MARY ANN CERULLO

The Heppner Economic Development Corporation and the Corps of Engineers met with Morrow County Court last Wednesday to discuss a 50-50 cost sharing agreement for the Willow Creek Recreation Area project.

Construction of the park has been estimated by the corps to cost \$216,000. The county is expected to provide \$118,000 of that and hopes to cover a majority of it with payment in-kind.

The corps asked the court to establish what projects the

county intends to provide through payment in-kind so a report could be drawn up and submitted to the Corps of Engineers' central office for approval.

Dick Weller of the corps warned the development corporation and county court that approval of the report could take several months but once approved, funding would become available.

"Your chances for funding from the corps is much better before September 30 while money is still coming out of the construction fund," said

Weller. "When the (Willow Creek) dam's budget begins coming out of operations, you'll (the county) be taking your chances for federal money."

Weller explained that after September 30, money to operate the dam will be coming from an operations fund which has a tighter budget.

Dick Weller and Lee Turner of the corps agreed to provide the development corporation with their specs on labor and materials to help them plan what they will provide for payment in-kind. The de-

velopment corp. and county court agreed to meet during the next week to draw up their plans.

In other business, the court: — heard complaints from a delegation from Lone who stated they weren't happy with the way the Lone City Council handled the recent garbage collection controversy.

— discussed drawing up an ordinance on road closures and load limits to help enforce state penalties on violations with Mike Oths, county counsel.

Education costs for handicapped to be slightly higher next year

Costs for the required education of handicapped children will be only slightly more next year than in the current year, according to Matt Doherty, Morrow Co. School District superintendent.

The proposed budget for 1984-85 will again include funds to provide programs for handicapped children through specially trained teachers and specialized equipment, materials and facilities. Special programs are provided for speech and language handicaps, remedial reading, educable retardation and other learning disabilities. The district also budgets to provide special help for physically handicapped and the visually or hearing impaired through cooperative agreement with

other districts or with Umatilla County Educational Services District.

Funds for special help for the handicapped are received from both state and federal sources but the largest share of these costs are born by the local taxpayer. A total of \$295,000 is included in the proposed budget to fund the program during the next school year.

Aid to handicapped children by school districts is a requirement of both state and federal law and has done a great deal to provide an equal educational opportunity for these handicapped children, Doherty said.

Because of the small teacher to pupil ratio required for these specialized

programs, as well as other costs such as extra transportation, programs for the handicapped are more costly than regular programs, Doherty concluded.

New phone books to be delivered soon

Delivery of the new telephone books will begin Thursday, Feb. 9 in south Morrow County. Distributing the books again this year will be Mr. and

Mrs. Mel Allen of Lexington and Mrs. Marilyn Robinson of Heppner. The delivery will take approximately one week, Mrs. Allen said.

Appreciation Day to be held Sat. at M.C.G.G.



Lee McCarl with prizes

The Morrow County Grain Growers will hold its annual Customer Appreciation Day this Saturday, Feb. 11, at the main offices in Lexington. The day will start off at 8 a.m. with a free pancake breakfast, running until 12 noon. The public is invited.

Factory representatives from many major farm supply companies will be on hand to discuss products and answer questions.

There will also be an opportunity for you to win one of the many door prizes to be given away, including: a kerosene heater, large tool box, truck box, IH toys and a G.E. toaster oven. There will also be many dealer prizes given away.

If you would like to sample some delicious treats, there will be a variety of demonstrations by The Wheat League, Oregon Wheat Commission, Morrow County CowBelles and the Morrow County Extension Service staff.

A variety of equipment will also be on display, including: The Calkins Cultivator with the all new hydraulic drive, the Steiger Panther, the International Harvester Hillside Combine (the world's largest), as well as other tractors and trucks.