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Weather
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	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., March 27	56	38	.19
Wed., March 28	53	34	.37
Thurs., March 29	53	31	
Fri March 30	55	37	.03
Sat., March 31	53	34	.02
Sun., April 1	56	34	.01
Mon., April 2	57	34	

Total precipitation for March was 3.64 inches. Normal for March is 1.19 inches.

Run or walk this Sunday at the Rolling Hills Run



Jerry Hollomon with Walk-Run t-shirts on display at The Shoe Box.

It's not too late. Participants may register at local stores up until one o'clock Sunday April 8, the starting time for the Rolling Hills Run. Both a 3.1 mile walk-run and a 6.2 mile run will begin at Heppner elementary school and loop up and back along the Heppner-Piolet Rock Highway finishing at the Heppner City Park. Walkers are encouraged to enter as well as runners.

stressed a spokesperson for the walk-run.

Area merchants have released the list of door prizes to be awarded in the grade school multi-purpose room at 2:45 after the run.

Morrow Co. Grain Growers - flashlight; Del's Market - six-pack of juice, V&G Tavern - V&G burger; LeBush Shop - shawl; The Shoe Box - four pair running socks; Murray's

At Heppner City Council meeting

Parents request fence at Hager Park

Several parents living across from Hager Park in Heppner, asked the city council Monday night that a fence be built along Willow Creek which flows through the park. The parents are worried that children playing in the park may fall in the swiftly flowing creek and be drowned.

"I think Hager Park should be fenced," said Marie Lane, a nearby resident. "Either by the corps (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), and if they don't do it have the city council consider it."

Lane said if a little kid gets down in there to the creek and has an accident, "then it will be too late."

Mayor Cliff Green said he would approach the Army Corps of Engineers, which has

said it will fence property upstream closer to Willow Dam, and see if they might do it.

Green said if the city were to take on the project "it would effect the budget."

Les Paustian, a councilmember who has worked on this year's budget says the city is trying now to cut about \$85,000 to stay within a six percent increase and avoid the need for an election.

Jerry Healy, a parent who lives across from the park, said the people may want more services, and accept a budget outside the six percent limit.

Still time to win at Western Heritage



There's still time to enter to win a Magnavox Stereo during Western Heritage's 50th anniversary open house.

Just come to the Western Heritage office in Heppner and place your entry. You could also be the winner of a stereo cassette, with winners for these prizes drawn daily.

Open house lasts through this Friday, says Jackie Gentry, manager.

Those who have already won cassettes include: Carolyn Holt, Janice Smith, Ivy Welch, Dona Buchana and Geri Martin.

Grand prize drawing for a Magnavox stereo will be held Friday afternoon.

Board selects finalist

The Morrow County School board has narrowed its list of candidates for superintendent down to one finalist, it was reported Tuesday.

The board met with five candidates March 25 and selected one person, whom they are now negotiating with.

"They expect to have an announcement by the middle of next week," said present superintendent Matt Doherty. "They are negotiating the final details now."

Doherty will be retiring as Morrow County superintendent at the end of this school year.

A spokesperson for the event reminds everyone that trophies will be awarded to the first male and female finisher in the 10k, and to the oldest man and woman overall finisher in the run. First, second and third place ribbons also will be awarded in each age group.

The event is being sponsored by the Morrow County Education Association. Proceeds from the run will benefit the solar heating project for the Heppner swimming pool.

For further information or registration, contact Karen Dubuque, Rolling Hills Run Project, P.O. Box 652, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Council begins annexation process

The Heppner City Council began the process Monday night of annexing about 13 acres of private property located near the cemetery into the city limits.

The property belongs to Bobbie Angell, who requested the annexation mainly so she could have city water provided to the property. Angell has been to the city council several times, as well as to the planning commission.

Her first attempts to have city water provided to the shaped property which borders on the new county road,

the cemetery, Larry Mills property, and the Corps of Engineers road at the top of cemetery hill, was not well received by the council.

After several months of talking to the city Angell decided to apply for annexation.

Monday the council discussed annexation of the property and the future development of the cemetery hill area.

"Is it good for the city, and does it fit with the city's comprehensive plan?" Mayor Cliff Green asked the council. Pointing to other areas a-

round Heppner that have been developed and not added to the city, Green said annexation may be a favorable idea.

"To some extent we're going the way of bigger cities. People are moving to the suburbs. Fifty percent of the business owners on main street don't even live within the city limits," he said.

Green pointed to Blackhorse Canyon, Heppner Condon Highway and other areas developed near the city which are not in the city limits.

"That's (Cemetery Hill) an attractive area," said coun-

cilmember Les Paustian, "people are going to want to live there. It's near a road and that's important to some people."

A public hearing on the proposed annexation will be held at the next city council meeting May 7, at 8 p.m. The hearing will start the process for annexation which will also have to be approved by the city planning commission.

The council also discussed the possibility of annexing a larger area on cemetery hill to accommodate possible future growth there.

Sheriff, area pastors cooperate to serve community

A pastor arrives at the scene of an accident with a law enforcement officer. This may sound strange, but it is one of the functions of the new chaplaincy program operating for three weeks now through the Morrow Co. Sheriff's Department.

Morrow Co. Sheriff Roy Drago first suggested the need for such a program to Ministerial Association president, the Rev. Ed Watts. The underlying premise is that ministers are better trained than law enforcement officers to handle

some sorts of problems, such as family disputes, death notifications, personal crises, and trauma causing accidents.

Both Sheriff Drago and the Rev. Watts report that their own experience has been that people sometimes take a dim view of law enforcement officers and are resentful toward them because they are considered threatening. The presence of a pastor changes attitudes because the clergy is generally considered non-threatening, non-biased and helpful.

The program is set up on a voluntary basis with one licensed minister on call through the sheriff's department for a period of one week. There is also another pastor on call as backup in case the first is unavailable. Volunteers rotate their service. Other law enforcement agencies also have access to the pastor on call through the sheriff's department.

John Cahill, a representative from the Vernonia, Oregon, chaplaincy program met with 11 area ministers and Sheriff Drago last Wednesday,

March 28 to discuss some of the successes of the program there and to help them get the program going in this area. He said that their law enforcement agencies have noted officers have not left the law enforcement profession because of traumatic events in which they have been involved.

Additional training in emergency procedures, weapons, operation of the radio emergency medical training will be available for the pastors, reports the Rev. Watts, but he

stresses that Sheriff Drago intends to use the Chaplaincy program primarily in the areas of their pastoral expertise so as to prevent conflicts and possible problems with confidentiality in shared cases.

The Rev. Watts says that "Part of our roll as pastors is to help the community and the chaplaincy program enables us to minister to members of the community other than our congregations in a different way than in the past."

Local businesses relocate

Open house set April 6 & 7

Heppner Auto Parts, Inc. and Heppner Cylinder Head will be holding an open house this Friday and Saturday April 6 and 7 in their new location at the old creamery building announced Bob, Aloha and Chris DeSpain, owners of the two businesses.

A full schedule is planned; beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, donuts, cookies and punch will be served. Later in the day, from 3-6 p.m., hors d'oeuvres and champagne punch will be served also, Saturday morning, April 7 will continue the open house with donuts, cookies, punch and coffee. The open house will culminate with the door prize drawing at 11 a.m., Saturday.

The DeSpains encourage everyone to come in and sign up for the door prizes which include a floor jack, a jack stand, a battery charger, a hydraulic jack, a 1/2" socket set, a wrench set, an extension cord, a "cab caddy" for a pickup, a gas can and more.

Special guests on Friday will be Tom Zagurski, general manager of the Portland NAPA distribution center and Sandra Johnson, the NAPA Distribution center representative for the Heppner store. NAPA helped design the new store and also as a service, provided the manpower necessary to move inventory and stock the new shelves.

Also on hand during both days of the celebration will be the full-time employees of the auto parts store, Ted Toll who has worked there for 11 years, Ron Bowman who has been with the store four and one-half years, and the DeSpains.

Bob and Aloha DeSpain bought Heppner Auto Parts in the building next to Central



The crew at Heppner Auto Parts, Inc. who will be on hand during the two day open house this weekend: Ron Bowman; Aloha and Bob DeSpain, owners; and Ted Toll.

Market from Pete and Mary McMurry in January 1971 and have continued the business with a major change in 1983 when a computer was added for bookkeeping and total inventory control. Before buying the store, the DeSpains lived in Arlington and had the Franz bread route. They have three children, Robert Lee who lives in Brownsville, Ore., with his family; Chris, who has the cylinder head shop; and Merry, who is in high school in Heppner.

Chris DeSpain opened the Heppner Cylinder Head shop in January 1977 in the old location of Heppner Auto Parts, Inc. With the move he gained 1,000 sq. ft. for his business. "We should be more organized and categorized here than in our old shop," he says.

He designed his own shop after visiting several large machine shops and studying how things went through the

loading dock, the "dirty side" of the shop and then through the assembly side of the shop.



Chris DeSpain with the seat and guide machine which installs seats and guides in integral cast heads at Heppner Cylinder Head.

Post office announces new hours

Ken Nairns, U.S. Postmaster in Heppner has an-

nounced that the post office will no longer be open until 5 pm Saturdays.

New hours at the post office will be 9 am to 1 pm Saturdays.