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Weather  
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., April 17	59	40	.08
Wed., April 18	57	42	.65
Thurs., April 19	55	35	
Fri., April 20	60	35	
Sat., April 21	64	34	
Sun., April 22	64	41	
Mon., April 23	55	33	.10

rain and snow mixed

## Bunny visits annual Elk's Egg Hunt



Richard Bessey, 2, son of Herb and Norma Bessey of Heppner gets hug from a friend at the annual Elks sponsored Easter Egg Hunt in Heppner Saturday, April 21. A spokesperson for the event said that the number of children turning out for the hunt was considered good this year.

## Morrow Co. Court recaps busy month

The following report is from minutes taken from Morrow County Court meetings held every Wednesday:

Meeting called to order Wednesday, April 4, by Judge Don McElligott.

-discussed a contracting statement for \$1,500 on the Lexington Airport runway project with Dave Krunbein, contractor.

-appointed Commissioner Warren McCoy as a Board member to Columbia Blue Mountain Resources.

-Executive session on labor negotiations.

-moved and seconded a motion for the county to go for a bid on a central telephone system for south county offices.

-approved the purchase of a Ford Tempo for the state for the Planning Department.

-approved a motion to contract grounds upkeep at the Irrigon Annex for \$40 per month.

-executive session on pending litigation.

-approved the purchases of a carpet for the vault in the county clerk's office and a cabinet and bench for a court room built at the North Morrow Annex.

-approved a contract with Otto Burden, Morrow County Public Works Director.

Meeting called to order Wednesday, April 11, by Judge Don McElligott.

-discussed the moving of the Mental Health Dept. into a new office in Boardman with Dr. Joseph DeVito.

-agreed that Public Works Director, Otto Burden, will be furnished a car for business use only.

-approved an ordinance which prohibits the hindering or obstructing of Morrow Co. police authority, impersonating a police officer or filing a false police report. Violations may be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,500 or by

incarceration of not more than one year. (See OR MC-C-2-84, M-23112.)

-approved an amendment to the Morrow Co. personnel system ordinance.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Warren McCoy Wednesday, April 18. Judge McElligott absent for health reasons.

-waived a bid security or bond on a recent invitation to bid on a centralized phone system for south county offices.

-reviewed changes to the North Morrow Ambulance By-Laws with Mike Oths, county counsel.

-executive session-pending litigations.

-read the Morrow County Juvenile Dept. monthly report.

-recessed to view a rock crusher with Public Works Director, Otto Burden.

## Tarnasky resigns from Home Health Agency



Sheridan Tarnasky

Sheridan Tarnasky, administrator-supervising R.N. for the Tri-County Home Health Agency formally resigned to the agency board Tuesday, April 10. Her resignation will be effective June 1.

Tarnasky has been with the Home Health Agency for seven years and was instrumental in its formation in Morrow County. She says that nursing care provided in a home setting was a "dream that has become a reality." She emphasizes that she will probably always be involved, "in some way, with nursing."

Her decision to resign, she said was a difficult one, but she felt that it was "time for some new blood, for more people to be involved with the agency, and that she would like to have some time to spend with her kids."

She says that the agency is currently taking applications for the administrator position and will continue to provide home health care in the home.

## Officer joins sheriff's dept



Jim Hankins

Jim Hankins, 33, of Boardman, is a new officer on duty with the Morrow County Sheriff's department.

Prior to duty at Morrow County which began April 2, Hankins served five months as a corrections officer with the Union County Sheriff's office. He was a reserve patrolman at the Grants Pass city police department for three years. He also served with Jackson and Coos county sheriff's departments.

Hankins received a Bachelor of Science degree in criminology at Southern Oregon State College in June of 1983.

Hankins is a graduate of Grants Pass high school. He served with the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1972, serving in Viet Nam from December 1969 to August 1970. He received an associate degree from Rogue Community College at Grants Pass in June 1974.

He and his wife, Jeanette and their 10 1/2 month old son Bryon, are "looking forward to living in the Boardman area" because he says he "likes the small town atmosphere."

## Agent joins Swanson Ins.



Roland Ekstrom

Roland Ekstrom, 38, has joined Swanson insurance in Lone as an agent, owner Jim Swanson announced recently.

Ekstrom was born and raised on a farm in Lone, and most recently has been working in the insurance business in The Dalles.

His wife's name is Sally, and they have three children Shawn, 14, Codi, 9 and Lindsay, 8.

"It's good to be back in Lone," says Ekstrom who will be moving his family here when school lets out.

## Voters urged to check precinct cards

Morrow County voters will be receiving precinct cards from the County Clerk's Office in the near future, according to Co. Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth. Beginning this week, all voters will be sent cards which contain the following information: Name, Precinct, Party, Date that the person first registered, Districts in which the voter resides, date of birth, and polling place.

Mrs. Bloodsworth stated that it is important that voters notify the Clerk's office if the cards are incomplete, or if information is in error. Some cards are incomplete because the voters registered prior to the time that some of the information was necessary for registration. For example, birth dates previously were not requested, nor were phone numbers.

In addition to incomplete cards, there will be the inevitable mistakes. The cards that are being mailed out are printouts from the County's new System-36 computer. All voter information needed to be transferred to the computer, and the registration cards are the end product.

Voters should examine the cards carefully when they receive them, and should notify the Clerk's office of errors. It should be carefully noted that April 25 was the last day to change party affiliation for the upcoming May primary.

To change any incorrect information, or to add missing data, on the present cards voters should call 676-9915 during business hours, and talk to Barbara, Claudine or Donna. Changes can also be made by mail, by sending them to P.O. Box 338, Heppner.

## Solar homes shown to school board



Lone Elementary students (left to right) Linda Morter, Shawn Hams, Jenny Martin and Brian Doherty give solar home presentations at a meeting of the Morrow County School Board Monday, April 16.

The solar homes were a project of Mark Jones fifth-sixth grade science class. Not pictured but also accompanying the group were Jim Holtz and Judy Jepsen.

## Aircraft downed, pilot unhurt

Wayne Seitz of Seitz-Currin Aviation was unhurt after his aircraft was forced down at about 8 a.m. last Sunday morning, April 22.

Seitz was applying an herbicide to a barley field in the Sandhollow area owned by his father-in-law, Kenny Turner. "A weather factor, a down-draft in the buttes," said Seitz, caused him to bring the plane down; he landed the plane

safely, but "a faulty fire extinguisher didn't prevent it from burning."

He landed about one and one-half miles from the Don Evans ranch. Evans and his son Wayne were the first to arrive at the plane which was already burning and a way from which Seitz was walking, unhurt. Don said that Seitz must have "done some very quick thinking in order to find the best possible place to

put the plane down in such a hurry."

As a result of the incident, Seitz says that "he hasn't lost faith in aviation and has another plane lined up and will be ready to go in a week or so." He would also like to assure his customers that other pilots with planes available now will be working for him to take care of current jobs which he has.

## Police chief warns of phone scam

Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun is alerting residents to a phone scam that is underway in the area.

Rathbun said that at least one person in Heppner has received a call from a man

asking for credit card numbers. According to Rathbun, the caller promises monetary prizes up to "\$3,000" if he receives the credit card number.

If the caller does not get the number, he hangs up abruptly, Rathbun said.

A person receiving such a call should hang up immediately. "Do not give your credit card number," he stressed.

## Local woman competes with EOOSC rodeo team

Maureen Healy of Heppner competed with Eastern Oregon State College's Rodeo Team Saturday, April 14 at the University of Idaho.

Healy's efforts were summed up by advisor Art Greer as good, solid and consistent as she won the breakaway, placed third in the barrels and fifth in the breakaway roping. This led her to place second in the

all-around narrowly missing a victory over Kyna Parker of Blue Mountain Community College.

Fourteen schools competed at the University of Idaho indoor area with 160 individuals signed up for the events.

Next the club heads south to Klamath Falls for the Oregon Tech outdoor rodeo, the first outdoor event of the season.

## Heppner Fire Dept. responds to afternoon fire

Three trucks and 12 firemen responded to a kitchen fire at 385 W. Union in Heppner Tuesday afternoon. Two trucks were returned to the fire hall.

According to Heppner Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine, the fire was caused when a toaster caught the wall on fire in the

kitchen of the home of Dave Eckman, Jr. Bob Ployhar, a neighbor, put the fire out. When the fire department arrived, they went in, got the smoke out of the house and checked to make sure that the fire did not extend into the wall said Burkenbine.

## Plan to attend Friday's Moonlight Sale

Most downtown merchants are gearing up for the Moonlight Sale to be held this Friday, April 27 from 7 to 9 p.m.

It had been hoped that a lot of organizations would sponsor sidewalk tables in the downtown area, because "the more people who are involved,

the more things there are to see and do," said Linda Hutchinson, secretary for the Merchants Committee. As of Tuesday morning, however, only three organizations had signed up to sponsor downtown activities during the sale hours.

The Merchants Committee will jointly sponsor the show-

ing of a Disney movie with the Heppner Lions Club. "Pete's Dragon" will be shown at 6:45 in the Scout Room on the second floor of the Elks Lodge. Cost of the film will be 50 cents per youngster. Lions will have popcorn and other goodies for sale at the showing.

Fur and Feathers 4-H Club has signed up for space in

front of The Shoe Box where they will sell surplus live bunnies. These are 4-H quality and may be raised for pets.

The Little League will hold a Bake Sale in front of Turner VanMarter and Bryant Ins. Co. They will also have old gear which no longer matches their uniforms for sale.