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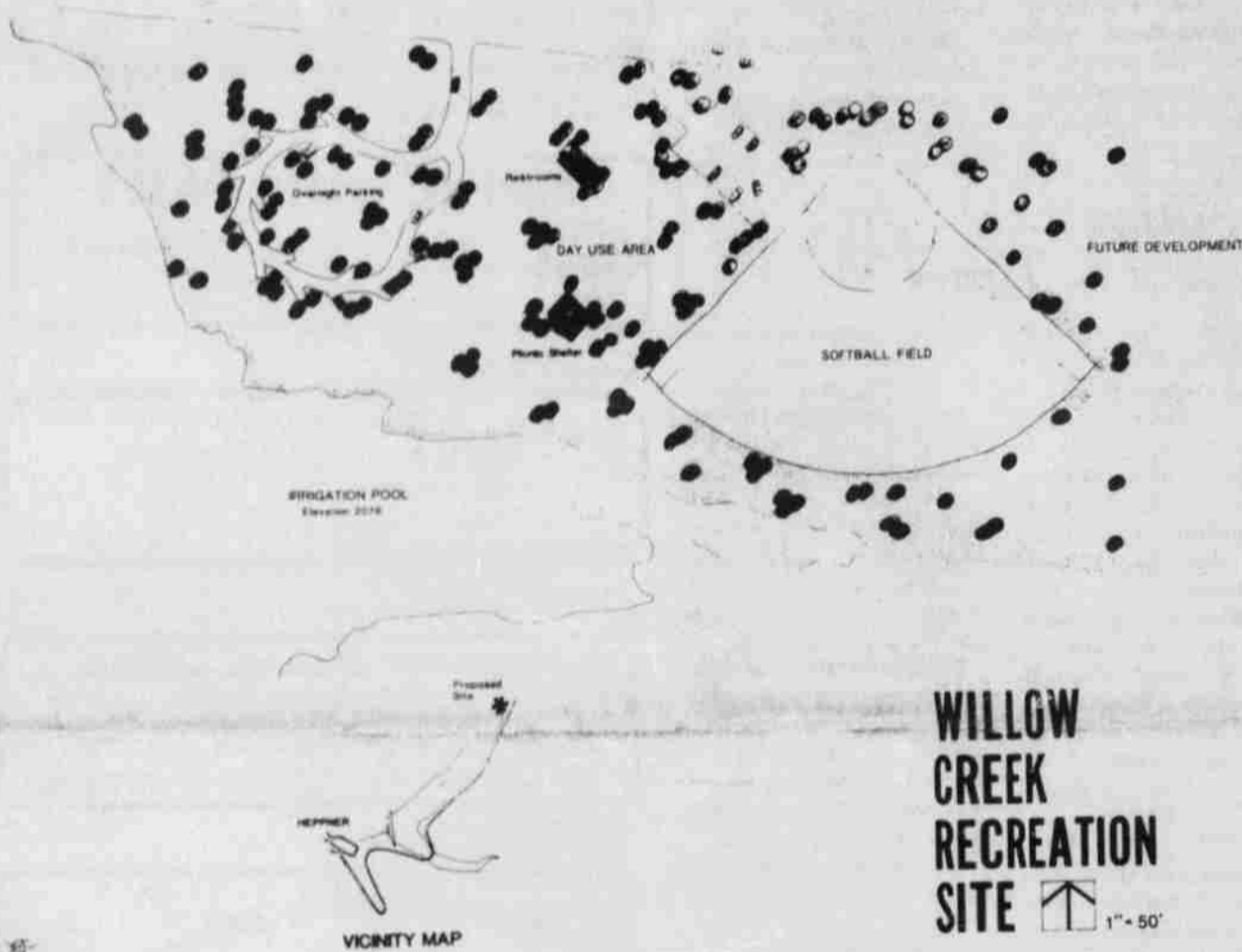


Weather
 by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Prec.
Tues., Apr. 24	46	32	.04
Wed., Apr. 25	49	29	rain and
Thurs., Apr. 26	56	26	snow mixed
Fri., Apr. 27	58	35	
Sat., Apr. 28	57	39	.12
Sun., Apr. 29	55	40	.07
Mon., Apr. 30	55	43	.11
Total precipitation for April was 1.93 inches. Normal is 1.90 inches.			

Economic Development Corp. ready to go

Possible loss of local control stalls plans for Park



WILLOW
 CREEK
 RECREATION
 SITE 1" = 50'

The Heppner Economic Development Corporation has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers since March 16, 1983 in an effort to establish a recreation site on the lakeside of Willow Creek Dam.

Jim Hayes, president of the Economic Development Corp. says that Morrow County now has all the labor and machinery lined up to construct the park (including \$126,000 in next year's county budget). The Corporation has been assuming that if it were able to provide funds or "in kind" services or machinery, then the Corps would match that contribution in building a park at the site.

At a meeting, March 31, 1984, Dick Weller of the Army Corps of Engineers office in Walla Walla informed the Economic Development Corp. that their current intention is to turn the area over to the Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife for development of a park area. Weller further stated that a master study of the area around the lake will need to be conducted by the Corps of Engineers, and that this would take approximately six months.

Hayes says if the park area is turned over to the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife there will be no significant return of tax dollars to the community and taxpayers. The only access that the Corps has planned to the lake is a boat ramp.

The plan which the Economic Development Corp. had proposed includes approximately 14 campsites, a restroom and a baseball diamond.

Originally the ball diamond was planned for softball only, but with the support of three organizations, Heppner High School, the Babe Ruth Baseball league and the City Soft-

ball league, plans have been altered so there would be enough outfield room for regulation hardball games. The three organizations have all indicated to the Economic Development Corp. they would be willing to help put in and maintain the diamond. Hayes points out that use by these organizations would generate recreational traffic

through Heppner which would be beneficial to certain types of businesses.

Hayes also quotes figures from the Forest Service showing average usage per day of existing parks from Memorial Day through the Labor Day camping season. Bull Prairie averages 62 users per day on weekends, and 31 per day on weekdays; Penland Lake

campground averages 40 users overnight on weekends and 15 on weekdays. County operated parks, Cutsforth and Anson Wright, have an average use of 14 campsites per day.

"In developing specific cost estimates, design drawings and commitments from both the County Court and the Army Corps of Engineers, we

were able to include and pass a tax levy for our part of the cost of this park project. In other words, everything seemed to be in place for the installation of the park this summer..." Hayes said in a letter to Senator Hatfield. "As the Corps had previously committed not only to financial aid but to engineering and design work as well, we were also led to believe far in advance that the properties in question, as well as additional properties adjacent to the lake would be leased to the county for recreational use."

He says that now, even if the county and Economic Development Corp. were to provide the entire cost for the construction, it could not go ahead with the project because it lacks the lease from the Corps for the government owned land.

Hayes said that the Economic Development Corp. is currently sending letters to legislators and to the Corps of Engineers Walla Walla and Portland offices in order to try to gain the lease.

"The Willow Creek Dam project has been controversial here in South Morrow County. We have endeavored with the recreation project to bring the local community into a positive involvement with the dam and the lake behind it. We have been able to acquire this magnitude of local support only because we would maintain local control," concluded Hayes.

New physician will come to Heppner



Dr. Gregory Lytle

"There is no doubt in my mind that myself, Dr. Wolff and Ken Dyball can handle health care in the area for 14 months," Koznek said.

(Dyball is a physician's assistant working in Dr. Koznek's office. "But we do need another physician here," he said. Lytle, who graduated from Woodburn High School in 1969,

and Willamette University in 1979, is married, his wife's name is Lori and they have one child, a girl named Heather who is 21 months old.

Assoc. of Treasurers meet in Boardman

The Spring Conference of the Oregon Association of Treasurers and Finance Officers (OATFO) was held last Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27 in Boardman. Attending the conference were representatives from 22 counties, the Department of Revenue, the Association of Oregon Counties, and the Morrow County Court.

Approximately 40 people attended the Thursday afternoon tour of the Portland General Electric coal fired plant and Ed Glenn's La Casa de Vin winery. Morrow County Treasurer Margo Sherer who was in charge of arrangements for the conference said that most were very impressed with the coal fired plant and that some scheduled individual tours of the Simpli feedlot.

The Friday program was highlighted by three speakers from the Department of Revenue who addressed the topic of revenues from taxes and by Bill Penhollow from

the Association of Oregon Counties in Salem who informed the treasurers about the revenues other than taxes.

Friday night a banquet at the Dodge City Inn was attended by 65 people and Sherer says that they were pleased with the meals and facilities.

Eppenbach, Peck to vie for Dem. nomination for Co. Commissioner



Don Eppenbach



Jerry Peck

Two democratic candidates for Morrow County Commissioner came to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting last Tuesday, to campaign for the coming election May 15.

Don Eppenbach, mayor of Irrigon, and Jerry Peck, Mayor of Boardman, will be running against each other to determine who will face incumbent Republican Warren McCoy in the November general election.

Eppenbach said many of the things north county people want, the south is against, and vice versa.

"I would like to be more involved with more aspects of the county, and the best way I

know how to do that is run for county commissioner," he said.

Eppenbach says Morrow County has a plan that needs to be implemented now. Including introducing new business, improving tourist trade and improving streets and roads.

Jerry Peck, who has been mayor of Boardman for the past seven years, says he has the experience to be a good commissioner.

In addition to being a lifelong resident of the county he has served on the school board and many committees and commissions within and outside the county which would be beneficial.

IHS names Valedictorian, Salutatorian for 1984 graduating class



Howard Leavitt

The 1984 graduating class of Ione High School has named Howard Leavitt Valedictorian and Mike Douglas Salutatorian.

Howard Leavitt is the son of Nancy Leavitt of Boardman and Rodney Leavitt of Manassas, Virginia. He has made his home for the past three years with Dana and Tonya Heide-man at their ranch near Ione.

Leavitt is a member of the National Honor Society and served as vice-president his junior year and secretary during his senior year.

He is president of the Boys Letter Club and vice president of the senior class.

Active in sports, Leavitt played tailback and defensive corner back on the varsity football team for four years. He was voted first team tailback and second team corner back on the 1983 Big Sky All Star Team.

He played JV basketball one year and varsity for three years. He has competed for four years in track specializing in the triple long and high jumps.

He plans to work for one year after graduation from high school and then enter college.

Mike Douglas is the son of Larry and Sue Douglas, ranchers north of Ione.

Douglas has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years; he is serving as vice-president this year.

He is active in sports and has played varsity football for three years. He played baseball his freshman year.

For three years, Douglas has participated in JV basketball and in track for which he holds school record for the 1,500 and 3,000 meter events.

Douglas plans to attend either Mt. Hood or Blue Mt. Community College and major in mathematics.

Ione High School Baccalaureate services are scheduled for Wednesday May 23, 7:30 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ. The graduation ceremony will be at the High School Gymnasium, Thursday, May 31, 8 p.m.

Candidate French addresses C. of C.



Ray French

Ray French, Heppner rancher and candidate for the

Oregon Legislature, District 59, says he's not looking for a steady job in running for office.

"I believe the sessions last too long", says French who has been running an active campaign to fill the spot vacated by the resignation of Max Simpson.

"I'm not looking for a steady job and I'd like to go down there, get the job done and come back."

French was speaking to a recent luncheon meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, and he said in traveling across the 59th district he has heard one common complaint from the people.

"People say they go down to Salem to testify, and the legislators don't listen. They get up and leave, or aren't there at all." Well I'm going to listen," French promised.

He says the top issues of concern among people he has talked to while campaigning are land use planning and taxes. "The only way a sales tax might be acceptable to me is to lock one of the other taxes down so they can't raise it," he says.

French also said he would work hard to represent Eastern Oregon interest in the Legislature. "People in Portland need to know that a lot of the wealth in the Portland area comes from the Eastern part of the state. We need to convince them that we need servicing, and I think I can do that."

French says the Heppner area has a lot of tourist opportunity that is "untapped", and says "I would like to see Heppner get its licks in."

"When I go to Salem I will be working for you. I'll be listening to what you want," he says.

Barrel Club starts season

The Heppner Barrel Club will start its season May 8, 7 p.m. and run every other Tuesday announced a spokesperson for the club.

Running will be at the Morrow County Wrangler's Arena again this year. A big turnout is hoped for.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Munkers, 989-8488.

Breakfast this Sun.

The county commission needs someone who understands city problems as well as the farmers problems," says Peck. He said one of his priorities is to seek improvements in the county road system.

A Men's Breakfast is scheduled for 8:30 Sunday morning, May 6 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. The Rev. Ed Watts said that everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

Forrie Burkenbine is in charge of arrangements and may be contacted for further information. There is no charge for the breakfast.