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Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., July 10	84	48	
Wed., July 11	90	50	
Thurs., July 12	86	45	
Fri., July 13	85	45	
Sat., July 14	92	47	
Sun., July 15	96	48	
Mon., July 16	98	59	

Major narcotics investigation brings arrest of 3 Heppner men

As the result of an undercover narcotics investigation in the Heppner area by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Morrow County District Attorney's Office and Heppner Police Department, three people were arrested on Grand Jury indictments.

The investigation has been ongoing for the last several months. Arrested in Heppner and the surrounding area were:

James Ray Steelman, 29, two counts of delivery of a controlled substance and Criminal Conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance—one count of delivery of a controlled substance. Total bail is set at \$15,000.

James Clarence Benson, 29, two counts of delivery of a controlled substance and Criminal Conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance. Bail set at \$10,000.

Nathan Ray Hammons, 30, two counts of delivery of a controlled substance and Criminal Conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance. Bail set at \$10,000.

All three were arrested Friday, July 13 in the Heppner area and are currently being held at the Umatilla County Jail in Pendleton. The investigation is continuing and further arrests are expected, said a spokesperson from the Sheriff's Office. The investigation is leading outside the county.

Filing deadline set Aug. 30

Filing deadline for nominating petitions is August 30 for Heppner City Mayor's office and for four city council spots.

The two-year city mayor position is currently held by Cliff Green.

One of the city council positions is a two-year term held by appointee Cara Costa since Joyce Winter's resignation.

One of the four-year positions has been vacant since Ron Forarr's resignation in May. The other two four-year positions are currently held by council members Warren Plocharsky and Les Paustian.

Resurfacing nearly complete

The Oregon State Highway Division has just completed an oil job on the seven mile section of Willow Creek Road just northwest of Heppner. The oil job began last Tuesday morning, July 10 and was completed, except for brooming, by Thursday afternoon, July 12. The brooming process involves sweeping the loose rock from the edge of the highway into the wheel tracks which helps to make a better wearing surface said Dar Brice, District 12 office manager for the State Highway Division.

The purpose of the oil job, he continues is twofold: first, to restore the seal on the road's surface which increases its skid resistance, making it safer to drive on when wet, and second to extend the life of the road.

The striping crew, he predicted will repaint the center line and fog line during the late summer or early fall.

Council hears request for water service

The Heppner City Council met Monday, July 16 for a regular meeting, rescheduled because a quorum was not present on Monday, July 2, the normal first Monday meeting date.

The following business was conducted, reports Marshall Lovgren, Heppner City Recorder:

A search warrant executed on one residence resulted in the seizure of a large amount of illegal fireworks, some drugs and drug paraphernalia. Methamphetamines (Speed), marijuana seeds, opium poppies, and cocaine were among the illegal drugs which were seized. Officers report that the cocaine was cut to 80

percent strength. Normal strength of the drug for street sale is 40 percent.

James Benson was also cited by Oregon State Police for possession of Protected Animal Parts (an Eagle claw and an owl claw.)

Charges are still pending on the illegal fireworks.

School board shocked at cost to repair septic system

Septic tank problems at lone schools could cost up to \$19,000 to have repaired, the Morrow County School Board was informed Monday night.

Meeting in Irrigon for its regular July meeting, the board heard from lone High School Principal Chuck Starr, who said he recently received

the estimate from a Pendleton engineer.

Starr said the septic system apparently stopped functioning during the spring, causing sewer backup at both the high school and grade school.

He said the present septic tank and drain field, which are located across the street from the high school near Willow Creek, are "pretty deep" and the increased rainfall this spring has raised the water table enough to stop the system from draining.

Starr said the High School tank had to be pumped three times last spring, and the grade school twice.

The Department of Environmental Quality was informed of the septic problem and has instructed the district on how to put in a new system.

School board members were shocked at the high price on the engineer's estimate, and told school administrators to explore other ways to correct the system.

Starr said the cost was only an estimate, but that the engineer recommended adding a 1,000 gallon dosing tank, two pumps and pressurized pipe to meet DEQ standards.

In other business, the board: hired the following teachers for the coming school year: Debra Christensen - grade 2, and Karen Clough - grade 1 at Heppner Elementary; Sheila Gilmartin-Needham - art at A.C. Houghton, Sam Boardman; Jay Harman - Industrial Arts at Riverside; Katherine Jurcich - music at Riverside and Sam Boardman; David Larson - grade 5 at A.C. Houghton; Sharon Morris - grade 3 at lone; Richard Sipe - Physical Education at Columbia Jr. High; and Terry

Starr - grade 6 at Sam Boardman.

—received resignations from teachers Scott Wilson, sixth grade at Sam Boardman; Caryn Schmidt, speech & language, Sam Boardman; Jim Kowalkowski, PE and health, Columbia Junior High and A.C. Houghton; and Ben Heape, industrial arts, Riverside High.

—heard a report from board members looking for replacement budget committee members, that they are not having much luck.

—heard a report and slide show presentation from Boardman physician Dr. Sam Pobanz about the effects of drunk driving in Oregon. Pobanz showed graphic slides of auto wrecks from drunk drivers, and urged board members as parents and responsible adults in the community to work towards educating the public on the ill effects of the drunk driver.

—learned that district principals will meet with new school superintendent Doyle McCaslin on July 29 and 30 to lay down long-range goals for administrators, students and other aspects of the "direction" of the district. McCaslin suggested that the school board get together for a similar session before the August meeting.

—awarded a bid to purchase a 1985 Chevrolet pickup from Sherrell Chevrolet, Hermiston, for \$7,266.35. Other bidders were Pendleton Ford Mercury Lincoln, \$7,735; Rohrmann Motor Co., \$7,439.12; Myrick Chrysler Dodge, \$7,595; and Myrick Chrysler Dodge (second bid) \$7,398.

—elected Jerry McElligott, lone, to a second year as board chairperson and Joe Stevens, Boardman, two a second term as vice-chairperson.



Residents at nursing home enjoy picnic

Jesse Furlong (left), Marvel Jones, and Getta Cox picnic, Monday, July 16. Renee Siminoe (standing) was one of the auxiliary members who helped plan the event.

County Courthouse may receive national recognition

The Morrow County Courthouse will receive national recognition for its architectural significance if plans for a nomination of the building to the National register of Historic Places continue to progress.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register makes property owners eligible to be considered

for Federal grants-in-aid for historic preservation through State Programs. Listing also provides protection through comment by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on the effect of federally financed, assisted, or licensed undertakings on historic properties.

All nominations to the National Register are made by the State through the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer. Federal agencies may also nominate proper-

ties under their jurisdiction or control through designated Federal Representatives.

The National Register is maintained by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior under authority of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. It is a list containing districts, sites, archeological sites, buildings, structures, and objects of national, state and local significance.

The National Register is a mechanism which ensures that existing

cultural and historic resources which may be affected by federally licensed or funded projects are considered in the federal planning process. The Register, therefore, is one tool in a planning process which attempts to take into account such resources prior to expenditure of federal tax dollars or the issuance of federal licenses which will change the local environment. Simply put, listing in the National Register is federal recognition that a property possesses cultural and historic values which should be considered worthy of preservation.

With the aid of a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office, the Morrow County Commission has enlisted the services of a Pendleton architectural firm, James Lynch and Associates, to research the style and construction of the Courthouse and prepare a nomination to the National Register said a spokesperson for the firm.

A prominent Oregon architect, Edgar Lazarus, designed the Courthouse in 1902. Mr. Lazarus is most well known for his design of the Crown Point Vista House in the Columbia Gorge, although many of his buildings are quite noteworthy.

The eighty-one year old building was completed just three months

before the disastrous Willow Creek Flood of 1903. It was one of only a few Heppner buildings that completely escaped damage from the raging water.

Research into the history of the Courthouse began last month with the architects visiting Heppner for two days, photographing the building and gathering information from numerous local citizens. They report a need for the citizens of Heppner and Morrow County to assist with the research effort. Specific needs are old photographs of the interior of the Courthouse, prior to the 1940s, photos of the exterior north and east sides prior to 1940 and any photographs of the building under construction in 1902-03.

Should your family photo albums contain any photographs, as mentioned above, you are encouraged to call James Lynch and Associates, AIA, in Pendleton, collect, at 276-8625, to describe your photos. If they are selected for inclusion in the National Register nomination, they will be carefully handled, copied and returned to you by insured mail assures a spokesperson for the firm.

Anyone providing photographs that are used will receive credit in the nomination, for their assistance.

Interim pastor arrives at Hope-Valby parish



Hans Nordmark

The Rev. Hans Nordmark, his wife, Kathy, and 15-year-old son, Chris, have arrived at the Hope-Valby parish where the Rev. Nordmark will serve during the interim between the Rev. John Maas and the hiring of the congregations of another permanent pastor.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in pre-theology at the University of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada then attended Luther Seminary also in Saskatoon. He has served on the staff of Camrose Lutheran College, Camrose, Alberta, has spent five years on the road working for the Canadian Bible Society, and has served churches in Canada, North Dakota, Gold Beach, and Madras. Two years ago, he took a sabbatical year after serving the parish at

Madras for 12 years. Since then, he has served an interimcy at a church in Tacoma. He says that when the right opportunity and the right church extends a call, he will again accept a Church, but at this time, "I don't know where and when that will be."

The Rev. Nordmark says that so far the most exciting part of his ministry was the five years he was with the Canadian Bible Society. He worked with all denominations and says it afforded him a "broader, deeper understanding of the Church which broadened him to accept and to understand a wide variety of people and a wide variety of expressions of faith."

The work a pastor does is similar to what a lot of other people do, but there is always one difference, a pastor is motivated by the Gospel, the Good News. Anyone who would go into the ministry for any other reason than a sense of Divine call is crazy, he says. "The only legitimacy of ministry is ministering to people on the basis of the Gospel."

His role in the Lutheran Parish here, he explains is basically to act as a bridge, filling the gap until another pastor is called. His initial impression of Heppner and south Morrow County is that the "people are open and friendly, trusting."

Dance to honor Princess Bridgett

Princess Bridgett Greenup's Rodeo Dance has been rescheduled for this Friday, July 20 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Morrow County Fair Pavilion. Music will be provided by the band "Citadel" featuring Bridgett's cousin Matt Greenup. Cost will be \$3 per person.

This dance will be the last in the series leading up to rodeo weekend when two nights of music and

dancing will be provided August 17 and 18. The rodeo is a non-profit production and the dances provide an extended promotion of the fair and rodeo. "The previous two dances together have been able to pay for themselves and that is the most that we hope for," says dance director Don Christensen, "all ages are welcome to attend."