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Weather
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Nov. 27	50	40	trace
Wed., Nov. 28	53	32	trace
Thurs., Nov. 29	45	32	.07
Fri., Nov. 30	44	27	trace
Sat., Dec. 1	50	26	
Sun., Dec. 2	41	18	
Mon., Dec. 3	27	22	

Total precipitation for November was 2.27 inches. Normal is 1.49.

Help clean up dog problem by enforcing 1931 law

Morrow County Court says 'no'

By MARY ANN CERULLO
Morrow County Court responded negatively Wednesday, Nov. 21 to Heppner City Attorney Bill Kuhn's request for help with the city's stray dog problem.

The city's request came after a delegation of Heppner citizens voiced their concern at a recent city council meeting over the potential danger of having large stray dogs roaming on Main Street and near the elementary school. The court was asked if they would either authorize a dog impounding program or reactivate the county's 1931 dog licensing ordinance.

Having the ordinance already in place could save both time and money for Heppner if the county was willing to reactivate their licensing program, stated Kuhn.

"Is the county interested in doing anything (for the dog problem)?" Kuhn asked the court.

"Not at this time," replied Judge Don McElligott. "Not with our budget problems. If people come in and want us to, we will study the problem for next year's budget."

According to McElligott the Oregon statute requires that counties provide dog control only for rabid dogs. Kuhn disagreed that the statute was for rabid dogs only. He repeated the city's previous offer to the county, that Heppner would be willing to provide funding for a county dog program.

"At this time the county will opt out and ask the city to handle it with the exception of handling any rabid dog problems until the county receives more response from the people," said McElligott.

McElligott indicated that the court is currently organizing committees which will be designed to discuss major problems concerning inter-governmental relations with Heppner and Boardman and the other communities. The judge agreed to add dog control as one of the concerns.

Kuhn stated that Heppner City Council would now have to look into the matter to determine what city funds are available to organize their own dog impounding programs. (see related story.)

In other business the court conducted the following:

—agreed to hold a public hearing December 12 at 10 a.m. on a rate increase for Hermiston Sanitary

C of C to sponsor lighting contest

The chamber of commerce will once again be sponsoring its home Christmas lighting contest for Heppner, with the top winners receiving \$50 each.

There will be two categories of lighting judged: 1) indoor lighting as seen from the street, and 2) outdoor lighting.

First place in each category will receive \$50, second \$25 and third \$10.

Judging of the lights will be held on Sunday, Dec. 23, so be sure to have your display turned on and ready for the judges that night.

Chevron has new owner



Son Vinh purchased the Chevron station from Howard Buchanan and began operation November 27. Vinh will change the station's name to "Vinh's Chevron, but will keep services the same. Buchanan said he will remain as mechanic "until Vinh has a chance to find another certified mechanic," and plans to remain in Heppner through the winter. Vinh and his wife, Sen, have lived in Hermiston for 18 months, but are planning to move to Heppner. Although he has not owned a service station before, he has had experience with this type of business and is looking forward to serving Heppner. He says that he has "found nice people in Heppner."

Disposal which serves over 240 families outside the city limits of Irrigon and Boardman. A 50 cent increase per garbage can is proposed and a \$1.25 increase per dumpster.

Dog control program could cost \$5,000

It could end up costing the city of Heppner between \$2,000 and \$5,000 to set up a dog control program, the city council was told Monday night. Heppner has been having a severe dog problem recently with reports of dogs roaming the city in packs, and sometimes knocking children down at the school grounds.

City attorney Bill Kuhn told the council that it would only cost about \$500 to build a pound to keep the dogs, but would cost much more to operate it with an animal control officer over the years.

Following an October meeting of the council where numerous citizens complained about the dog problem, the council instructed Kuhn to approach the county court about dog control enforcement, since county laws cover the problem.

The court said it would not enforce dog control laws (see related story) so the problem came back to the city council. "The only way you can get the county to do it is sue the county," Kuhn said in response to a council-member question. "They didn't want anything to do with it not even if they would have no expense except the licensing procedure."

"It seems if the city of Heppner wants a dog control program it should do it itself," added Kuhn.

Mayor Cliff Green however, read a letter to lone Mayor Linda LaRue from District Attorney Richard Mc Nerney saying that the county was enforcing dog control there, and that anyone with a dog problem should call the D.A.'s office with a complaint.

Green said that all the county will do in that situation would be to send the sheriff out to a farm or ranch and give the farmer permission to shoot the dog. He said it was not the same type of problem faced by Heppner within the city limits.

The two to five thousand dollar figure Kuhn gave the council for operation of a dog control program came from figures supplied by the city of Boardman, which has an animal control officer and a dog pound.

Kuhn said the main cost was in manpower, as the pound only cost \$500 and the cost of a cage to put in the back of a pickup was minimal.

Mayor Green appointed a three-member committee to study the city's options on dog control.

In other business, the council: —gave Columbia Basin Electric and easement to run power lines to the city's new well, stipulating that the lines must be overhead, however.

—heard from Fire Marshall Forrie Burkenbine who said that permits for open burning are available

—learned that Morrow County was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the State Parks Board for the improvement of Cutsforth Park.

—appointed Deene Seeger, Morrow Co. Planner, as director of grants programs for parks.

from him for people who wish to burn. Permits are now required. Burkenbine also said that anyone wishing to burn in a barrel must clean the area 10 feet around the barrel, and use a 20-gauge steel screen across the top.

—heard from the city crew foreman Earl Papineau, who asked people not to cut up wood, or stack wood chips on the street where debris may be washed down the sewer system. He said the bark chips from people cutting up firewood in town is causing problems by plugging up the sewers.

CBEC Board signs wheeling agreement

The Columbia Basin Electric Board of Directors signed a "wheeling agreement" with the Kinzua Co-generation Company in order to supply a path over the C.B.E.C. system from the Kinzua generator to the Bonneville Power Administration system at their November 29 meeting said Fred Toombs, C.B.E.C. Manager.

The agreement has been signed and sent to Kinzua for execution and delivery of energy to the purchaser continued Toombs. The Board's authorization is subject to review by the staff and legal council of the four parties involved in the agreement: C.B.E.C., B.P.A., Kinzua Generating Company, and P.G.E., the ultimate purchaser. However, the agreement is the climax of many months of negotiation and legal processing said Toombs. Although C.B.E.C.'s charges to Kinzua are nominal, the benefit of having an alternate power source cannot be measured in dollars. Not only is the diversity of employment at the Kinzua mill a plus for the community, but because of the Heppner power source, future plans to reconstruct the electrical facility between lone and Heppner will not leave consumers without power while work is being done.

"C.B.E.C. is pleased to have been a part of the project and we look forward to working with Kinzua and wish them every success," said Toombs.

In other business, the Board: —discussed the Washington Public Power Supply System and the progress of the WPPSS connected lawsuits.

—provided the 1985 budget which Toombs says is probably the largest budget in several years because the C.B.E.C. is anticipating revenues in 1985 of almost \$4.4 million. He said that anticipated expenditures for electricity which the co-op must

Post Office lauded as C of C unveils sign



Pictured above are left to right: Chamber of Commerce members George Koffler, Jim Hayes, Gerald Pierson, Heppner Postmaster Ken Nairns, and Chamber members Justine Weatherford and Harley Sager.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce unveiled its new congratulatory sign Tuesday, and at the same time honored the post office on the opening of its new building in downtown Heppner.

The sign, which says "Congratulations, we're proud of you" will be placed around town in front of various businesses to show the Chamber's appreciation for efforts of the local business community.

The post office will have the sign displayed in front of its office for efforts in rebuilding, which followed

the devastating fire of May 1983 which destroyed several buildings on the downtown block of Heppner.

"We want to encourage people and businesses in those efforts which improve or vitalize the business community in Heppner," Chamber President Harley Sager said. He added that the sign will be used to recognize new business openings, remodelings or other efforts by local business people.

Smith elected chamber president



Doug Smith

Doug Smith of Heppner has been elected the 1985 president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Smith replaces outgoing president Harley Sager.

Smith, 57, is the owner of Heppner Bowl, which he purchased in 1981. He was first vice president during 1984, and has been a member of chamber since he came to Heppner.

In other Chamber elections Gerald Pierson, Manager of The Bank of Eastern Oregon, was named first vice president, and Birdine Tullis, Morrow County Extension agent, was elected second vice president.

St. Patrick's Day planning underway

The St. Patrick's Day committee held its first meeting to start to "get organized" for the 1985 Irish celebration. A housing committee headed by Jerry Hollomon has already begun to scout the area for available housing. Those who might be willing to rent extra rooms, campers, etc. are asked to contact Jerry Hollomon, 676-5542.

Organizations and individuals who are interested in helping with the celebration may contact either Jim Farley or Charles Hutchinson or attend the next committee meeting at noon, January 10, 1985 at Kate's Pizza and Pastry in Heppner.

Balloon business changes hands



Jimmy Records

Another option for cheering someone up might be to order a bouquet of balloons delivered by this winsome clown. Joan Records purchased Rainbow Balloons from Cara Costa, December 1, and will be offering the new service in addition to the same types of bouquets which were previously offered.

Water power activity to challenge 5th -6th graders

The second Morrow County School District Academic Challenge Program activity for this year is scheduled for December 6 and 7 at the district office in Lexington announced a spokesperson for the program.

Participating students will learn about water power, the renewable power source that provides the Northwest with 80 percent of its electricity.

Students will discover basic water principles through prediction and experimentation. Other activities will include learning how fish get over the dams and how water power is turned into electricity.

The instructor for this activity will be Lynn Vandercamp from the staff of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland.

The activity will be organized as a laboratory experience providing in depth treatment of the topic of water power. The activity will emphasize hands-on problem solving techniques. Process skills will be stressed. In addition, students will have an opportunity to use equipment often not available in their own schools.

The activity will be organized with a separate two-hour session for eligible students for each grade level in the Challenge Program as follows:

Local coordinators for the Challenge Program are arranging the details for transporting students to this activity.