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Weather  
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	High	Low	Rain	Snow
Tues., Jan. 15	43	21		
Wed., Jan. 16	31	21		
Thurs., Jan. 17	42	18		
Fri., Jan. 18	34	19		
Sat., Jan. 19	42	22		
Sun., Jan. 20	39	28	.25	1/4"
Mon., Jan. 21	36	28	.10	Trace

## Soroptimists present local Youth Citizenship Award



Jodi Padberg and Joe Jemmett

Heppner Soroptimists have named Jodi Padberg, daughter of Linda and Lee Padberg of Lexington, as the recipient of their local Youth Citizenship Award. Joe Jemmett, son of

Nita and Blaine Jemmett, Lexington, was named runner-up for the award. The students were selected by a panel of three judges from among eight applicants for the award.

Padberg will receive a \$100 savings bond and her application will be forwarded for regional competition. Jemmett will receive a \$75 bond.

The Soroptimist Youth Citizenship Award is not a scholarship but an "award of merit" to be used at the discretion of the recipient in any manner which will best further his aims and purposes. Each year 43 awards of \$1,250 awards are given to winners in the regional competitions. One \$2,000 Finalist Award is then given to one of the 43 regional winners, making the total award \$3,250 to the finalist who is announced in June.

Students who will graduate during the current school year and have not reached the age of 21 were eligible to apply for the award. Judging is based on the applicant's service in the home, school and community, dependability, leadership, and clear sense of purpose.

Jemmett said on his application that his most important activity (s) are "Church and tutoring. From helping others, I feel a sense of worth and satisfaction."

Padberg lists her most important activities as teaching Sunday school and participating in athletics because "I have grown strong emotionally by being a part of both. They have helped me become a leader and also be able to help others."

Padberg's list of activities include: a class representative; vice president of the H.H.S. student body for 1984-85; a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and Athletic Booster Club; chairman for the Junior-Senior Prom; girl athlete of the month; student of the month; four years of participation in volleyball and being named to the all conference second team in 83-84 and first team in 84-85; four years of participation in basketball being named to the all conference second team for 1983-84; and four years of participation in track qualifying each year for state competition; participation in the St. Jude's Hospital Bike-a-thon, and the Heart Association Hoop-a-thon; and selection to attend the American Legion Auxiliary sponsored Girls state at Eugene.

She has been a Sunday school teacher for three years, a vacation Bible school assistant, a Colt basketball referee and assistant coach, and has been active in 4-H and Wranglers.

## Tunberg joins SCS



John Tunberg

John Tunberg, 28, is the new Soil Conservationist with the Morrow County office of the federal Soil Conservation Service. He and his wife, Gail moved to Heppner early in December.

Tunberg has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Range Management from Washington State University and has had experience working as a range manager for the Bureau of Land Management in Carlsbad, New Mexico; the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Gallup, New Mexico, and the U.S. Forest Service at John Day.

He expects his job to focus primarily on erosion control in dryland wheat acreage.

"I like Heppner, it's a nice town," he says, "I expect to stay."

## District announces date change

The Morrow County School District has announced a change to January 30 for the academic challenge program "Reading In the Front Row," which will be held at Columbia Junior High School in Irrigon. The challenge program is part of the School district's program to meet the needs of Talented and Gifted students.

## Fillies set for showdown with No. 1 Umatilla

Friday night at Heppner High School, the H.H.S. girls basketball team will battle the Umatilla Vikings, top-ranked in the State, for a share of the lead in the Columbia Basin Eastern Division. The Fillies boast a record of 9-2, including 5-1 in the C.B.C. Umatilla leads the conference, and sports an overall record of 13-0.

Friday night's 6 p.m. showdown will mark a rematch of a game played two weeks ago at Umatilla, won in the closing seconds by Umatilla, 39-37.

Umatilla has earned its top ranking by utilizing its superior size and strength, featuring several players at or near six feet tall. Heppner has built its record on the basis of its shooting and quickness, employing pressure defenses with great success.

In the nightcap, Heppner's Mustangs will attempt to rack up its first CBC win, also against Umatilla. The Mustangs dropped a seven point game in the first match with the Vikings, and hold high hopes for that elusive first conference win.

Both the Mustangs and the Fillies

are also at home on Saturday night, against the visiting Wahkonka Eagles.

## Fillies move up

Heppner High School moved up to 8th in the poll of Class "A" Girls Basketball teams released this week. Three CBC teams made the top ten, including Umatilla and Sherman County at first and second.

The Fillies meet Umatilla this Friday at 6 p.m. at the Heppner gym.

TEAM	Record	Points
1 Umatilla	13-0	88
2 Sherman Co.	12-1	84
3 Neah-Kah-Nie	11-1	49
4 Corbett	11-1	45
5 Imbler	11-2	43
6 Regis	10-2	38
7 Monroe	9-1	30
8 Heppner	9-2	27
9 McKenzie	9-2	20
10 Pine Eagle	10-3	15

## Grabill celebrates 103<sup>d</sup>



Ida Grabill, on her 100th birthday, pictured at her home in Lone holding a birthday greeting from President Ronald Reagan.

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD  
Ida May (Hale) Grabill, who is being honored as the Resident of the Month at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, is, as far as we know, Morrow County's oldest citizen.

She was born in Lone, in Umatilla County, on January 28, 1892, the daughter of Milton and Mary Ellen (Sperry) Hale. Morrow County wasn't born until February 16, 1885, when the Oregon State Legislature created it out of the western part of Umatilla County.

Ida attended school at Lone. On Christmas Day, 1902, in her mother's home in Oregon City, she married Thomas E. Grabill. The couple lived near Lone all the years of their marriage; Thomas' primary occupation was farming.

Four of their five children are still living. Their son Eugene of Lone died in 1984; their daughters are Anna Wright, Baker; Mary Bristow and Hazel Ellis, Lone; and Helen Keithley, Heppner—all are grandmothers now.

After the death of her husband in 1938, Ida worked for a short time for Roy and Betty Lieuallen in their Lone restaurant. She continued to live alone with assistance provided by her daughters until 1984, when at 102 years she moved to the nursing home.

Her granddaughter Mary Jean (Bristow) McCabe says that "She has always been very undemanding, kind and cheerful. She is a real Christian-never gossips, and has always had a remarkable sense of humor."

## Preliminary work continues on proposed county road

At a meeting last Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Port of Morrow Offices in Boardman, Chuck Starr, lone, was elected as chairman of the committee proposing that a road be constructed to provide a more direct route between Boardman and south-

## Chamber will not meet next Tues.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will not meet next Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Next Tuesday is the fifth Tuesday of the month, and the chamber had earlier decided not to meet during five week months. The next meeting will be Feb. 5.

## MCHS discusses Centennial plans

The Morrow County Historical Society met on Sunday afternoon at the Jones Ranch for a yearly potluck dinner. After the dinner a business meeting was held. Plans are being made by the Committee to mark more of the unmarked groves this spring.

A bit of time was given to the plans for the Morrow County Centennial Dinner and Celebration February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Heppner. The dinner is being prepared and served by the grange ladies of Willows, Rhea Creek, Greenfield and Lexington. The tables are being decorated by the same of the organizations in the County. A full evening of entertainment is being planned.

An election of officers was held with Delpha Jones, chairman-Harold Peck vice chairman and Ruth McCabe secretary. An invitation to meet in March in Boardman was accepted. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Don Eppenbaugh of Irrigon, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck, Mr.

ern Morrow County. Jim Hayes, Heppner was elected Vice-Chairman of the committee.

The committee, still in the early stages of its proposal, is requesting a survey of probable routes for the road. Proposed routes cut across land owned by Portland General Electric near a tract leased from the Boeing Company and managed by the Port of Morrow. The county must obtain permission from PGE and Boeing before surveying the land, and then will negotiate for the right of way once the project is approved.

Since the proposed road would have to be built as a county project, the Court felt that it needed major

and Mrs. Barton Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Vinson of Heppner, Ruth McCabe of Lone, and host and hostess Cecil and Delpha Jones.

## Boardman to furnish water for Port

The Port Commission and Boardman city council met in a joint session Monday, Jan. 14 to discuss the ports current water shortage. The city council voted unanimously to furnish the port with water.

It has been felt for some time that the port businesses should have a backup system and city officials and port representatives have been discussing using city water for that purpose, according to Boardman mayor Gale Grail. The ports artesian well is right now only capable of producing about 75 percent of the businesses needs. Resulting in shut downs in the plants. According to Grail it cost U & I approximately \$10,000 an hour for these shut downs. U & I experienced about 15 hours of shut down time in a two day period recently.

The problem lies in the well. It is not furnishing the amount of water it

involvement in the preliminary stages. Leadership in the project has shifted from the Port of Morrow to the County Court, said Acting Port Manager, Bob Miller.

## French tells appointments

Newly elected Oregon Legislator Raymond French has been appointed to the house committee on Human Resources and Labor, French announced last week.

"Those were not my first choices," said French, "but we have to take what we can get."

Commenting on the opening of the legislative session he said "several hundred" bills have already been introduced, but that the legislature has so far been devoting much of its time to deciding "the Pat Gillis matter", French said.

has in the past and the temperature has risen seven to nine degrees according to acting Port manager Bob Miller. Miller said they didn't know how long this will continue or if the problem will be alleviated. They have hired a well consultant to investigate.

The city of Boardman water line currently goes as far as Olsen road. The pipeline will be built from there to the plants - a distance of about 1500 feet. U & I will build the pipeline at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

The city's water system can produce in excess of 5,000 gallons per minute says Boardman city administrator Larry Walrymple. The city of Boardman uses about 1500 gallons per minute and the combined plant use is 2500 to 3000 gallons per minute during peak periods.

"We hope to have a preliminary working survey of a couple of potential routes and maybe some tentative cost estimates before our next meeting, March 6," concluded Miller.

Gillis was found to have submitted false education claims during his election. Gillis won the election and legislators have been deliberating possible punishment since the session opened.

"I'll be glad when we get that behind us and on with the business at hand," said French, who has invited constituents to call him at 378-8021 or write: Ray French, State Capitol Building Room 369 Salem, OR 97310.

French beat out Jesse Himmelsbach for the District seat in the November general election.

The plants have recently converted to gas boilers making the use of city water possible. In the electric boilers they were using the city's high mineral content water could not have been used, according to Grail. There will be some problems with the copper tubings the plants use, but it was thought by reducing the chlorine content of the city's water and mixing the city's hard water with the softer water from the port's artesian well the problems could be worked out. The city's water is now chlorinated 6 parts per 1,000,000 gallons but can be reduced to 2 parts per 1,000,000 and still be within state health department regulations.

The ports 684 foot well was installed in 1978. There are no answers yet as to why the loss of water and the increasing temperature according to port officials.