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Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Tues., Feb. 5	38	16	0	7 1/2"
Wed., Feb. 6	41	19	.11	6 1/2"
Thurs., Feb. 7	44	19	.50	6"
Fri., Feb. 8	40	25	.01	6 1/8"
Sat., Feb. 9	42	25	0	6"
Sun., Feb. 10	45	34	0	3 1/2"
Mon., Feb. 11	50	30	.11	1 1/2"

## Elks name scholarship winners



Jodi Padberg



Joe Jemmett

The Heppner Elks Lodge scholarship committee has selected six Heppner High School seniors to receive local scholarships. The two first place winners will receive a \$700 scholarship each of local funds and compete for Elks National Foundation Scholarship funds at the district level in Milton-Freewater February 17. Second place winners each receive \$350 scholarships and third place winners will be awarded \$200 scholarships.

Winners in the boys division include: first place-Joe Jemmett, son of Blaine and Nita Jemmett of Lexington with a G.P.A. of 3.7. Second place-Mike Bergstrom, son of Gerald and Rose Bergstrom, has a 3.4 G.P.A. and plans to attend Blue Mountain Community College and major in mechanical engineering. Third place-Steve Currin, son of Ron and Judy Currin has a 3.5 G.P.A. and plans to attend B.M.C.C. and major in agri-business.

Winners in the girls division include: First place-Jodi Padberg, daughter of Lee and Linda Padberg of Lexington. She has a 3.93 G.P.A. and plans to attend Oregon State University or Linfield College to major in medical technology. Second place-Stephanie Payne, daughter of Les and Phyllis Payne. Her G.P.A. is 4.0 and she plans to major in pre-medicine at Willamette University. Third place-Renee Struthers, daughter of Ed and Marie Struthers, has a G.P.A. of 3.98 and plans to major in biology or genetics at Linfield College.

Scholarship selection is based on academic scholarship, leadership, and financial need says local Elks Scholarship chairman, Jim Swanson. Each year the Elks National Foundation gives close to \$2 1/2 million in scholarship awards. The organization ranks second only to the U.S. government in amount of dollars given to students for education.

The six local scholarships were awarded from funds raised by the Heppner Elks Lodge. At district level, winners are awarded national fund money. The top four boys and four girls at the district competition in Milton-Freewater will receive at least \$1,000 in addition to the local money they have already won. The two first place winners in the district competition will then be eligible for statewide and then perhaps national competition.



Stephani Payne



Mike Bergstrom



Renee Struthers



Steve Currin

## Wheat experts address area ranchers at wheat seminar

Last Wednesday approximately 80 ranchers from Morrow and Gilliam counties met at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione for a wheat seminar sponsored jointly by Oregon State University Extension and Wheat Leagues from both counties.

Speakers from OSU and the Oregon Wheat Growers League addressed topics from seedbed preparation, seed grain quality, and plant growth and development, to quality and options for marketing grain.

"The Extension service does a good job of relaying information to ranchers in the Northwest about the latest crop research done at the universities," said Vailby area rancher Don Peterson.

This is the first time, at least in recent years, that the wheat seminar has combined the two counties said Bob Costa, of the Morrow County Extension service. The general practice has been to have the seminar on the same day in both counties with the morning program in Morrow County slated as the afternoon Gilliam County program and vice versa so that the speakers could attend both seminars on the same day. This year, because there were demonstrations planned which required setting up microscopes and other equipment, it was decided to have the program at one location.

Several speakers emphasized clean seed and good quality clean crops which have become a major concern with the advent of several new weeds such as goat grass, rye, and wild oats which lower the quality of the crop and with the concern of international buyers for high quality clean crops.

Ron Cook, OSU seed certification expert told farmers that "Quality seed doesn't cost, it pays." In an effort to keep fields clean of weeds and foreign grains, certified seed is one option.

"I've never taken a sample of seed wheat and laid it all out and counted



Farmers listen to evaluation of wheat seedlings

the seeds to see what I'm actually planting," said Don Peterson, "but that may be what we'll need to do to insure better quality crops in the future. Roland Bergstrom, a neighboring rancher, responded that buying from someone reputable whom you could trust for quality seed grain was also a good idea. Bob and Bill Rietmann agreed that while it is important to have good quality, clean seed, it's easier said than done, and that proper ground preparation prior to seeding was probably just as important to the quality of the crop.

Ranchers were invited to bring seedlings to the workshop for evaluation. Russ Karow, an OSU Extension Cereals Specialist provided information about seedling development which could help ranchers make better decisions on seeding

depth, herbicide use, the extent of winterkill to their crops, and re-seeding by understanding the structure of a wheat seedling and how it grows and develops. Instead of waiting to see if a field suspected of winterkill will grow, it is possible to take a few plants from the field and examine them to determine at an earlier time if it is necessary to re-seed a field. This could eliminate a rush later on to seed spring crops for some farmers.

"All wheat plants develop shoots, tillers, and roots in an orderly pattern that can be predicted by measuring average daily temperatures," explained Betty Klepper of the Columbia Plateau Conservation Research Center at Pendleton. Under stress, whether caused by insect damage, poor seed bed, lack of moisture, cold temperatures, or

The Heppner city council rejected a proposed dog pound Monday, saying the \$4,100 price tag was too expensive for the city to fund.

A council committee has been looking into the problem of loose dogs in Heppner, since a citizens group complained several months ago about packs of animals running in the city.

Wayne Bourrie brought plans for an eight foot by 24-foot structure to the council last Tuesday; however, councilmembers felt the pound was a little too elaborate for the city.

Some sort of structure has to be built, however, to house captured dogs the required three days before they can be destroyed. State law governs the time interval and the

type of structure necessary to house the animals.

City attorney Bill Kuhn told the council he would check on the state requirements and report back.

Floyd Wilks, a member of the dog control committee, said the council may be able to make a decision after hearing the state laws at the next meeting. "We can't just throw up a pen and call it good. It has to be legal," he said.

In other business at the meeting, the council:

-voted to have all two hour parking limit signs around town taken down. The city enforced the two hour limit for awhile, but decided last Tuesday to abandon the law (except on special occasions).

-decided that the city will pick up blue cross premium payments for the families of city workers. It has already been paying insurance payments for the workers themselves.

-voted to increase Police Chief Doug Rathbun's salary up to the level of Dean Gilman's when he retired as police chief.

-heard that Larry Bowman will resign from the city planning commission and that John Shaw is considering resigning. Mayor Cara Costa asked for citizen input on possible replacements for the two.

-denied a water hookup request to Bobbie Angell on Cemetery Hill and will look at the request again once the city's urban growth boundary is completed for planning purposes.

-heard that the first budget committee hearing for the city's 1985-86 budget will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21.

-heard that there may be a 50 percent cost sharing from the state for the town's courtesy car if the city will sponsor the request. Attorney Kuhn will investigate the city's legal position if the request were made.



## I's fish'n

Jim Tolan, (right) Hermiston, tries his hand at ice fishing on Willow Creek Lake Sunday.

The long period of below freezing temperatures this winter has frozen the entire lake to a depth of between six and eight inches.

Good catches have been reported, and the fish are said to be in good shape with the meat "nice and firm."

Fishermen are using axes, chisels, and even chain saws to cut 12 to 18 inch holes through the ice. Most have been fishing near the bank on the Balm Fork, or 40 to 50 feet offshore of the boat ramp.

With the current thawing trend, Glen Ward of the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife warns that the ice is soft and deteriorating; it may still look frozen but is probably not safe to walk on.

## Lindstrom outlines port goals for County Court

By MARYANN CERULLO

Steve Lindstrom, a former Ione resident, presented himself to Morrow County Court Wednesday, Feb. 6 as the new manager of the Port of Morrow.

Lindstrom, who has been on the job since February 4, told the court his immediate plans and goals for the port. The main problem to tackle is the water and effluent systems, he said.

"I'm aiming to establish a cost effect utilities program," Lindstrom said. "Our immediate obligation is to our existing clientele and our second job is some housekeeping."

"Eventually on down the road this year, I want to be able to present a complete marketing package," he continued.

"Anything you need from the county...we'll try to help in any way," responded Don McElligott, Morrow County Judge.

In other business the court conducted the following:

-reviewed proposed Senate House Bills that may be of concern to Morrow County with County Counsel, Mike Oths.

-discussed closing a portion of Paul Smith Road out of Boardman to motor vehicles.

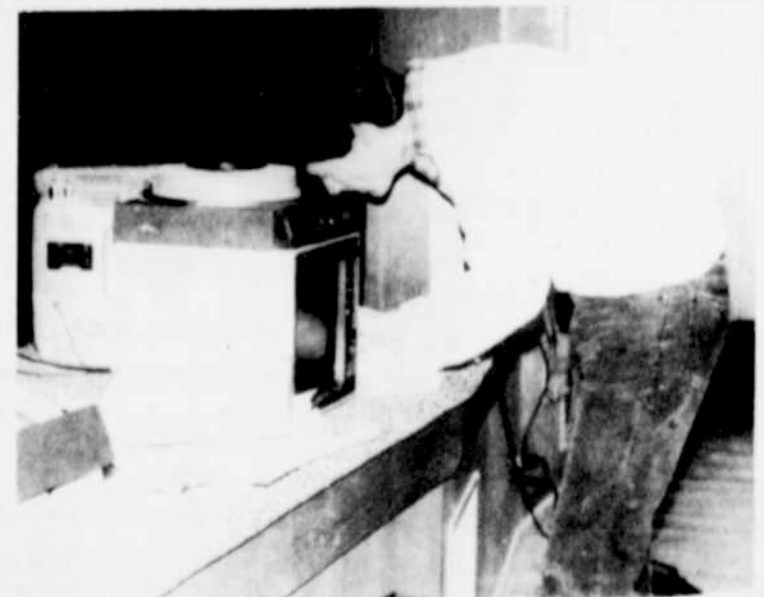
-approved an intercounty agreement with Multnomah County for juvenile detention facilities at \$5,000 per year.

-discussed the sewage rate charged by the City of Heppner for the county fairgrounds.

-heard a request from Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago to form a new position entitled Relief Dispatcher, three-fifths time. The cost would come from 911 funds. Currently the chief dispatcher has had to cover for dispatchers who are on sick leave, vacation leave or training and this puts a hardship on her when two dispatchers are out, the sheriff explained. No decision was made.

## Load limit placed on county roads

The Morrow County Public Works Dept. has announced that effective immediately, an 8-Ton load limit has been imposed on all county roads.



Ron Cook, OSU seed certification specialist prepares for first session after noon break.