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Weather

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	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Tuesday, Feb 12	45	23		
Wednesday, Feb 13	41	25		
Thursday, Feb 14	47	30		
Friday, Feb 15	48	24		
Saturday, Feb 16	45	23		
Sunday, Feb 17	48	24		
Monday, Feb 18	48	27		

## Morrow County Centennial celebration culminates with evening gala



Heppner Mayor Cara Costa chats with Portland Mayor Bud Clark.

### Editorial —

#### This Bud's for Who?

Portland Mayor Bud Clark was in town Saturday night for an address to the Morrow County Centennial Celebration, and for those who expected a dog and pony show from the "unconventional" Rose City Mayor, they probably went away disappointed.

Sure, Bud gave his famous "whoop, whoop" (twice in fact), and he did take lots of snapshots with his ever present pocket camera, but he didn't expose himself to art (or anyone else), or do anything really very extraordinary.

After hearing about the man in the media, one wasn't sure what to expect from Bud Clark, but what we got was a Portland Mayor that mingled with the crowd, talked with all who approached him, and gave a serious speech on his Morrow County roots, and the plans he has for the future of Portland.

"I'm working on selling Portland as the city that represents the Columbia Basin area," Clark said. He pointed out that Portland is getting neither its share of the exporting and trading business of the Pacific rim, nor the convention business of the Northwest. Hardly the ramblings of an aging be-nickered yuppie, who's been poling his canoe on the Willamette River too long.

No, Clark sounded like the serious mayor of a large city. He has a plan for Portland. And if he can pull it off, they're sure to be singing "this Bud's for Portland" in the Rose City. Then the next tune we are likely to hear may well be, is this Bud for Oregon?

D.E.S

Keynote speakers from Portland and Monmouth, square dancers, musicians, awards, and much light-hearted reminiscing filled the evening Saturday, Feb. 16 honoring Morrow County on its 100th birthday.

Delpha Jones, chairwoman of the Centennial Committee welcomed the approximately 370 who had assembled to commemorate the county's beginnings. The Rev. Stuart Dick of Lexington led the crowd in a prayer of thanksgiving for a good county having provided 100 years of abundant harvests in an hour of famine and pestilence around the world.

As guests were served by members of Willows, Rhea Creek, Lexington, and Greenfield granges, the Boy Scout Troop 661; Richard Pettyjohn, Howard and Steven Swanson, and J. J. Shaw, presented the colors. Norita Marquardt of Portland sang the Star Spangled Banner while everyone remained standing. Betty Marquardt played the piano for both the national anthem and a unison singing of America the Beautiful.

Jones continued the program with introductions of the dignitaries at the head table including present county commissioners Jerry Peck and Irv Rauch and former commissioner Warren McCoy who was on the court when the centennial project began as well as former county judge, Paul Jones was also introduced.

Four of the county's five mayors were introduced: Mayor Don Eppenbach of Irrigon, Mayor Gale Grill of Boardman, Mayor John Ripple of Lexington, and Mayor Cara Costa of Heppner.

County Planner Deane Seeger was introduced as an aide to the centennial committee of Ruth McCabe and Delpha Jones. The program continued with the announcement by Jean Nelson, co-ordinator of the essay contest for junior high school students of the third place, \$5 winner, Jill Nelson, daughter of Ken

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## School board objects to \$3,000 fee

The Morrow County School Board raised objections Monday to a proposed contract from the county fair board requiring the district to pay \$3,000 per year for use of the fair and rodeo grounds for sporting and other events.

The district does not pay an annual fee now, and the contract between the two bodies hasn't been updated for sometime, fairboard member Merlyn Robinson said Tuesday.

The district objected mainly to the annual fee and requirements that the schools clean up the restrooms, grandstand, dressing rooms and field areas within 24 hours following use of the grounds, as well as stipulations that the district provide crowd control during games, and pay for electricity in a block building on the grounds during October and November.

In the past the district and the fair board divided certain costs for upkeep of the grounds; however, the fair board has found that its budget cannot keep up with the expenses for maintenance, and has asked the district for more help.

The district uses the grounds for football and baseball games, as well as physical education classes for the adjacent grade school.

Superintendent Doyle McCaslin said the district presently puts about \$3,500 per year into the grounds through materials and labor.

"This isn't a one-sided deal," Robinson said. "We want to be equitable to all sides and we feel we should have some reimbursement because our funds don't cover all the expenses in keeping up the grounds."

She pointed out that the fair board receives only \$35,000 per year from the state racing commission to put on a fair, and that it has been hit with several large increases in expenses in the last several years.

"This contract is negotiable and I think nothing can be said for certain until the two groups (fair board and school board) sit down and talk about it," Robinson said.

Heppner Elementary Principal Don Cole, whose school uses the ground extensively, told the board he would like to see things worked out equitably because, "we've always got along pretty good with them in the past, and it's best for everyone if we continue to do so."

In other business the board heard from Heppner Economic Develop-

ment Commission (HEDC) member Jim Hayes, who asked about the district's possible help in construction of a baseball field near Willow Creek Lake.

Hayes said the district might have use of the field for baseball games, and felt out the board on possible financial help from the district for its construction.

At present Hayes and the HEDC have been working on having several recreation facilities built at the lake, including a campground, swimming area and a ball field.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has said that it would fund 50 percent of the cost of construction facilities at the lake, Hayes said.

Two boardmembers responded to Hayes' request, with Bob Mahoney saying the field would be too far from town, and Jerry McElligott pointing out that the district is in the process of trying to get its budget passed, which does not include money for a ball field.

In other action, the board tabled a request from Tom McConnell for use of the old Lexington school as a library. However, because of a mixup on which room was being requested the board tabled the request until later. McConnell said he had between three and four thousand books to put in the proposed library.

heard a request from County Commissioner Irv Rauch, asking that the district kick-in \$2,000 for water control construction on a road leading down from Heppner High School. Rauch said the water is running down the road and a diversion needs to be built. He said the county would also pay \$2,000. The board took no action.

heard from Gary Olson, a teacher presently working with 18 students in the Boardman area involved with the district's new Project Help.

Olson said the program is aimed at students who have, or are considering dropping out of school and is designed to get them back into the school system. The district has rented office space in the post office building in Boardman where the students meet.

reminded the board that the district budget hearing has been set for March 4. The budget election will be held March 26.

heard from John Edmundson, who said the district would have to forfeit \$120 of state money because a non-certificated substitute teacher

was hired at Boardman for two days. "No one can work for the district without a certificate, said Edmundson, "and when we found out our mistake we blew the whistle on ourselves." The forfeiture represented the amount of money the teacher was paid.

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## Good cause brings Heppner artist to soap box

Cork Norene is not only a locally prominent artist, but also is well known for her ability to stand on a soap box now and then — if it's for a good cause. And Norene has found such a cause in "Artists in Education," a program in which visiting artists and crafts people are placed in the schools for the education, and delight of the students.

"Artists in Education is a concern for me as well as my friends in Art Club and community members," said Norene. "We're looking towards a better and more well rounded individual. Not all of us, unfortunately, are athletes. A few are good in both (athletics and the arts). For those who have other needs, I would hope someday schools would use more arts with the other programs they now offer."

Norene, a graduate of the Morrow County school system, is one who has done an effective job of combining athletics, scholastics and the arts. A member of the 1946 Gilliam County Rodeo Court and the 1947 Morrow County Rodeo Court, Norene also played interscholastic volleyball in high school and was a junior lifeguard at the Heppner Pool during the summer.

Of her involvement in the arts, Norene says "I work in all media. Learning to 'see' is my number one priority. I'll always and forever remain a student. I never tire of learning more and something new and different."

"An artist is usually hardest on his own work," she added, "and that's how it should be. Never really being completely satisfied and striving for betterment is very important. You're always pleased when something you've done pleases someone else. You've told it well and that's what counts."

"I try for originality in my work ... this allows me to even arrange a

photograph to be compositionally correct for my canvas and not have an exact likeness. That's the privilege an artist has ... by so doing he can give or create a feeling of greater depth or distance to his work."

The original of the painting pictured above is displayed at the museum in Heppner. The original, done in 1878 by Olive Bush Swaggart, depicts the battle at Willow Springs (Battle Mountain, an historical site) at the headwaters of Little Butter Creek. "I've become involved with the picture," said Norene, "her (Swaggart's) handling of the medium, story, everything I had, as a youngster, made a cattle drive one summer through the same area, sleeping out and knowing the story from old. So it's been a challenge to me seeing if I can capture her style ... When finished I'll revert back immediately to my own style."

"I do very little copy work," she continued, "and the small amount I do is legally right up front. It's a fully accepted practice as long as the artist gives full credit to the

original artist, signing their (the original artist's) name first, followed by his own signature."

Norene, who says she likes working alone, also enjoys the freedom "to change from one medium to another, simply to give myself a break ... It allows me to free up more, have more fun, if you will."

Norene comes from a rich heritage of the arts. Her grandmother, Cora Eichinger, a graduate of the Minneapolis School of Music, wrote music, lyrics and poetry. The famous "Western" artist, E.B. Quigley, was a family friend of Norene's parents "for over 50 years" and was Norene's "mentor." "I knew 'Quig' all my life," said Norene. When he had a dude ranch in the Yakima Valley Quigley went with my father on roundups and he based his art on those times." Quigley, who passed away last year, spent his last years on the Tony Vey place. Quigley's work is displayed at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland and at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. Norene's mother, Ruth Nutting, her husband, Jim Norene,

her daughter, Tracie Bunch, and her daughter's family are "all involved in the arts in some manner. We try as a family unit to be supportive and helpful of each other's talents in the way they 'see'."

Unfortunately, according to Norene, the "staring artist" stereotype is more truth than fiction. "Any money we derive from our art is immediately put back into more lessons, supplies, tools, etc. So it's mostly output," concludes Norene. "I do every so often save up and then try to buy a small piece of some other artist's work for our home and office, and by so doing support them as well as enjoy the object of art."

Area art aficionados will have the opportunity of doing both this Thursday, Feb. 21, starting at 8 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Heppner. Morrow County Arts and Crafts members will display art for sale and the Heppner-Ione Branch of AAUW will present a slide show on Northwest women artists. Refreshments will be served and the community is invited to attend.



Cork Norene, Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts president and AAUW member, poses with her commissioned copy of an original by Olive Bush Swaggart. Norene, along with other local artists, will be displaying her work at a show February 21 starting at 8

p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. The art show and slide program of Northwest women artists the same evening is sponsored by the Heppner-Ione branch of AAUW in conjunction with Oregon Arts Week.

### Police Chief issues warning

PARENTS ..... We have recently had some indications in our area which I deem important enough to cause me to issue this warning. Parents, know where your children are at all times. If you have already advised them not to talk to or go with strangers, instruct them again.

If they report any incident to you, LISTEN and praise them for confiding in you. Watch out for each other's children. Cooperate with your neighbor. If you have any information, please, contact me.

Douglas C. Rathbun  
Chief of Police

The Police Chief's reminder is the result of an incident last Thursday

morning involving a boy who was waiting for his school bus on the Hinton Creek bus route. A man

driving a pickup reportedly stopped and told the boy that he had missed his bus and offered to give him a ride to school. Because the boy ran back home, his mother was able to bring him to town where they saw the suspected vehicle and reported the alleged incident to the City Police.

Heppner schools have sent notices home with pupils alerting parents to warn children not to accept rides from strangers, even in Morrow County.