

# Wed. fire causes \$10,000 damage



Fireman on roof works to put out fire

The Heppner Fire Dept. was called to Hop's Body Shop in Heppner last Wednesday afternoon and battled a fire caused from a faulty flue for nearly two hours said Fire Chief Burkenbine. The original cause of the fire which resulted in an estimated \$10,000 damage was deterioration of the mortar in the brick. The fire caused the 23 firefighters difficulty because the building had two roof levels, a ceiling and a false ceiling which made the fire "very hard to get at," concluded Burkenbine.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling or dispatching the following business during the past week:

## Oops!

Thanks to the astute observation of an "ardent town fisherman," the Gazette-Times would like to warn all ice fishermen on Willow Lake, not to cut their fishing holes bigger than 12"x12".

The G-T story last week about ice fishing on the lake said holes were cut between 12" and 18". The local fisherman wrote to warn us that anything over 12" is "against state law."

## School Menus

Heppner High School

Thursday, Feb. 21 - Cook's Choice.  
Friday, Feb. 22 - soup and sandwiches.

Monday, Feb. 25 - tacos and trimmings.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - potatoes and gravy, rolls, salad, fruit and milk, or salad bar and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 - spaghetti, green beans, French bread, fruit or salad bar and milk.

Heppner Elementary School

Friday, Feb. 22 - pizza, salad, vegetable, fruit, and milk.

Monday, Feb. 23 - potatoes with gravy, cheese-filled celery, vegetable, fruit and milk or salad bar and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - lasagna, tossed salad, rolls, chilled fruit, and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 - casserole, relish plate, fruit, and milk, or salad bar and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 28 - birthday special.

Ione Schools

Monday, Feb. 25 - little smokies, scalloped potatoes, buttered vegetables, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - barbecue beef sandwiches, potato chips, vegetables, dessert, and milk, or salad bar and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 - spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit and milk, or salad bar and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 28 - beans and Wieners, fruit salad, vegetable sticks and milk or salad bar and milk.

Friday, March 1 - vegetable soup, chopped ham sandwiches, peanut butter sandwiches, crackers, dessert and milk.

## W.C.C.C. sets annual meeting

The Willow Creek Country Club will hold its annual meeting February 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative conference room.

All members are urged to attend. The annual report will be given. Also the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. The budget will be presented and voted on.

## Juveniles nabbed for vandalism

Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun reports that last Friday about 5 p.m. several windows were broken out at the Heppner grade school gym with rocks propelled by sling shots. Three juveniles allegedly responsible for the incident were referred to the Morrow County Juvenile Services Division.

## Obituaries

### Loye L Devone

Word has been received locally of the recent death of Loye L. Devone, whose family were pioneers of Morrow County.

Devone was born June 27, 1899 at Hardman, graduated from Heppner High School and the University of Oregon. She later earned her Masters degree from Columbia University. Her entire working career was as a teacher at Grant High school, from which she retired in the mid 1960's.

She was a member of Grace Memorial Episcopal Church and the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.

Survivors include two nephews, C. Richard Hoyt, of Denver, Colorado, and Edwin Palmer Hoyt III, of Betterton, Md.

### Ray H Taylor

Ray Howard Taylor, 83, died Monday, Feb. 18 at Hermiston Good Samaritan Center.

He was born on the family farm near Cummings Hill in Wheeler County November 8, 1901, the youngest of six children born to the late William and Annie (Boyce) Taylor.

He attended school in Mayville and Fossil.

In February, 1923, he was married to Avis B. Howe in Winlock. They had three children, Alpha B. Robert R., and Mary E.

In November 1942, he began working for Kinzua Corp. and moved to Kinzua where he worked until his retirement in 1966.

In July, 1946, he married Elsie Mabe Dunn at Goldendale, Washington. She preceded him in death in August, 1982.

Taylor was a long time member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge at Mayville and Fossil, The Eastern Oregon Pioneer Association, Fossil; the Hermiston Golden Age Club and has belonged to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Union for 42 years.

He is survived by a son Robert R. Taylor, Lexington; daughter Mary Sargent of Troy; stepsons Fred Dunn of The Dalles, and Robert Dunn of Sandy, seven grandchildren 15 great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter.

Graveside funeral services will be Thursday, Feb. 21, 1 p.m. at the Mayville, I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Those who wish may contribute to the Fossil Ambulance fund, Fossil Fire Dept., or Hermiston Good Samaritan Center.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, is in charge of arrangements.

## Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling or dispatching the following business during the past week:

On February 11, the Boardman Fire Dept. responded to a structure fire on Wilson and Skoubo Road.

On February 12, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, after receiving calls inquiring about a possible earthquake in the area, checked with the University of Washington who confirmed that an earthquake did occur on Sunday, Feb. 10. I measured 3.9 on the Richter scale and was centered in the vicinity of the North Lexington Grain Elevator, 10 miles north of Lexington on Highway 207. It was estimated to be about 8.1 miles deep and was felt in both Boardman and Heppner.

Also on February 12, the Boardman fire department responded to a barn fire on Miller Lane. Amount of damage is unknown.

On February 13, the Heppner Fire department responded to a structure fire at the Pig Iron (body shop) on S. Chase Street.

Later that same afternoon, the Heppner Fire Department responded to a flue fire at a residence on Linden Way which was under control when the fire crew arrived.

On February 14, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, a Heppner ambulance, and the Heppner Police Dept. responded to a one-vehicle accident with injuries. Kerry Uecker, 23, Goldendale, Wash. and Robert A. Edwards, 24, also of Goldendale, were transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

On February 15, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office cited Honeligne Takele, 36, Walla Walla, Washington, for Driving While Suspended.

On February 16, the Heppner Fire Dept. responded to a fire at Ron McDonald Chevrolet.

## Winter road closure noted

U.S. Forest Service Road 53 from Cutsforth Park to Ukiah is now closed for the winter. The windy snowstorm of February 9 and 10 drifted the road full of deep snow. The road should be open to traffic again in late April or early May, says the Heppner Ranger Dist. office, depending on the weather. This road is not maintained during the winter by the Forest Service. It is sometimes kept open during the early winter by loggers who are operating on timber sales in the area. Operations for the year have now been completed so there is no need for them to keep the road plowed.

## County roads sustain damage

Morrow County roads have sustained a "little more than normal winter damage" as a result of the thawing conditions, Morrow County Road Supervisor Don Ball said Tuesday.

Ninety percent of the county roads have some sort of water damage with Milt Morgan Road, Strawberry Road and Ely Canyon Road still closed. Ella Road and Eric Anderson Road were expected to be open at least for one-way traffic by Tuesday night, Ball continued.

Roads still soft from the thaw but not frost free hinder the road department's work because much of the equipment exceeds the recently imposed weight limit so the department is trying to keep the rutted and washed roads as passable as possible without doing more damage.

With continued thawing trends, it is possible that the load limit may be lifted toward the end of this week, he said.

The problem will not disappear, Ball concluded until the drafts have all melted.

## Budget committee to meet

The first meeting of the City of Heppner Budget Committee will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at City Hall.

## What's Your Opinion?



Question: "How do you feel the district tournament is going to turn out for the Heppner Fillies this weekend?"

"I think we have a good chance against Sherman County. If we play as a team, we have a good chance of being number one," said Monique Allan, Heppner High exchange student from New Zealand.

## SWCD sets annual meeting

The Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Meeting will be March 12 at the Lexington Grange Hall. A potluck dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The district will furnish the main dish and beverages. Anyone attending is asked to bring a salad or dessert.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 with

the program including a slide presentation by David Childs of the Gilliam County Soil and Water Conservation District, entitled "Who Uses Our Water?"

The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact the J.W.C.D. office at 676-5452.

## Local wheat growers attend convention

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Halvorsen, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rea and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Swanson, all of Ione, along with Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Nelson of Lexington attended the annual convention for the national Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) held January 20-24 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Wheat buyers from foreign nations addressed convention attendees during the week to outline their views and concerns with regard to trade in U.S. wheat. On the convention's last day, the NAWG board of directors approved a series of farm program proposals aimed at protecting farmers from weak commodity prices caused by lower exports and ineffectual domestic monetary and fiscal policies reports a convention news release.

Proposals approved by the farm group include:

-a continuation of target prices at the current level of \$4.38 per bushel.

-Continuation of the current \$3.30 per-bushel national wheat loan rate but with a variable repayment rate that would vary from state to state depending upon the average prices received by farmers for their crop.

-Continuation of the farmer-owned grain reserve.

A provision for government payments to wheat farmers if the U.S. share of the world wheat export market falls below a pre-set level.

Establishment of a triggering mechanism that would automatically require a set-aside program if U.S. wheat stocks exceed 700 million bushels.

Opposition to any payment limit for farmers who participate in government farm programs.

Endorsement of a conservation acreage reserve that would provide incentives for farmers to retire some acreage from production.

A requirement that wheat programs be announced no later than May 1 of the preceding crop year.

The National Association of Wheat Growers will work to see that its proposals are included in the 1985 farm bill.

The NAWG's board of directors also elected a new slate of national officers for 1985. There are: President Henry Neshem, Berthold, N.D.; Vice President Bud Leuthold, Billings, MT; and Secretary-Treasurer Jim Miller, Garfield, WA.

The pilot program was devised by Patty Howell, associate director of Admissions at Eastern. Thirty-five high schools were represented in the program.

"The feeling is that high school students feel much freer to ask questions about EOSC and college in general with their peers. And the college freshmen seemed to have the best luck, because they have been out of high school such a short time. They are still familiar faces."

Howell contacted the high schools and then met with the recruiters to

## EOSC students recruit hometown schools

About 38 students at Eastern Oregon State College spent part of their Christmas holidays at their hometown high schools, recruiting potential students for the college.

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Recruiters at Morrow County's high schools were Cindi Bergstrom at Heppner High School, Tim Holtz at Ione High School, and Robert Osborne at Riverside High School.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

As some of you may know, **BIG SKY MAPS** has gone into Receivership. The receiver has made available a limited supply of ending stocks & we have a quantity of **MORROW COUNTY MAPS** at **\$2.99** each. Sorry, no Gilliam County maps available.

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