

Grain Growers install in-house computer system



Debbie Koffler works on new MCGG computer

The Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington recently installed a new in-house computer system, that will handle its accounting, and parts inventory-ordering duties.

"The old system was antiquated, and we had to tie in with a computer in Chicago every night," said MCGG Manager Larry Mills.

The new system will allow the

co-op to do all their accounting and billing right from the store, and will also provide up to the minute information about price, location and quantity of parts for customers, Mills said. The system could hook up by phone to other parts dealers, and Case Equipment Co.

He added that eventually the entire inventory of the store will also

be put on the computer.

The computer itself is a Micro-Data made by McDonald Douglas Corp., the terminals are Digital Equipment, and the software programs were supplied by ADP, Automatic Data Processing.

Mills said the co-op looked at four or five systems, before deciding which was the best.

SWCD sets 13th 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?" Also, Larry Nunn, Umatilla Basin Water Master will be available to answer questions about current water bills before legislature.

The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact the SWCD office at 676-5452.

Daggett hands keys to Adams



Jerry Daggett retired from his position as Transportation Supervisor and Mechanic for the Morrow County School District Friday, March 1. He held the position for 13½ years and recalls at least two major changes during that time.

Population growth in the north end of the county has created a need to increase the number of bus routes there from four in 1971 to 12½ routes now. This means that the total number of miles the school buses travel per year has increased, too, from 200,000 to 365,000. He boasts that there have been no bus-related student injuries during his time with the district. This would not have been possible without good bus drivers and a good administrator he said.

The other major change he recalls is moving the bus shop from its old location near Heppner grade school to its present site at the opposite end of the fairgrounds.

Bill Adams who replaces Daggett as Transportation Supervisor has been with the school district for four years. He has worked at the Boardman Shop as Assistant Supervisor. Although he plans a major change for himself, a move from Boardman to the Heppner area where he "hopes to live for many, many years," he doesn't anticipate any major changes at the bus shop. "There's really no need."

Daggett said his plans for retirement were to "just relax and do what my new boss (his wife) says for now." By summer, though, he hopes to have more time for golf.

Hearing set on proposed PBCs burner

A public hearing concerning a hazardous waste site for the purpose of burning PCBs (a carcinogenic) proposed 12 miles southwest of Arlington has been scheduled for March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Wasco County Courthouse, Circuit Court Room, Fifth and Washington, The Dalles.

Written comments concerning the proposed site should be sent to the Public Affairs Division, ATTN: Arlington Project, Department of En-

vironmental Quality, P.O. Box 1760, Portland, OR 97207 by 5 p.m. on March 15.

Copies of the proposed permit and an information packet may be obtained from: Eastern Region DEQ, 700 S.E. Emigrant, Suite 300, Pendleton, OR 97801. A copy of the permit application, DEQ environmental regulations and the proposed permit are on file at the Alington Public Library, Main Street, Arlington.

Chamber enjoys speakers; to study budgets soon

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

During late February the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce members gained knowledge and enjoyment from speakers at their Tuesday noon meetings. On February 19, the new manager of the Port of Morrow, Steve Lindstrom, gave an excellent review of recent developments at the port and considered some of the future plans there.

On February 19, Heppner High School's student body president, Kelly Bergstrom, told of current and future high school activities. She was introduced by Assistant School Superintendent John Edmundson.

That same noon IFYE Susan Herndon from Oregon City narrated a showing of the slides she took during her recent four-month stay in

India. Susan was introduced by Birdine Tullis and Monica Swanson. A free-will offering was collected to help support the IFYE program.

The chamber's March 5 meeting was devoted to business matters including reports of all standing committees. Jim Farley gave a good update on the plans for this year's St. Patrick's celebration.

Next Tuesday, March 12, Judge Don McElligott is slated to go over the county budget. On March 19, County School Superintendent Doyle McCaslin will review the school district budget. Mayor Cara Costa has promised to discuss the City of Heppner's budget as soon as possible.

The chamber voted to contribute \$250 toward the support of the St. Patrick's weekend of 1985.

Early school dismissal Thursday

Because the Heppner High School Fillies will play in the state basketball tournament Thursday at Pendleton, Heppner High School students will be dismissed for lunch at 11:05 and route buses will leave the high school at 11:35.

Heppner Elementary and Junior High School students will be dismissed from school at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, at which time the route buses will leave the school. Students at the elementary and junior high schools will begin lunch at 10:45 a.m. that day.

The Heppner High School Fillies will begin play at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Pendleton against Amity. According to a school spokesperson, no roster buses will travel to the tournament.

Sheriff warns of phone scam

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office is again alerting the public to a possible credit card scam operating in the county.

According to a Sheriff's Office spokesperson, the office has been receiving complaints that county residents have received phone calls in which the caller promises gifts in exchange for credit card numbers.

"While it is not illegal for people to make these calls," said the spokesperson, "it is illegal for them to use your credit card. Please do not give out your credit card number."

PMH Foundation scholarship applications due

Applications are now being taken for Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation college scholarship.

The applications are due March 15, and are available from either Linda Henry or Byron Smith at the hospital.

The scholarships are open to anyone who has lived in Morrow County at least six months and is interested in receiving education in the health care delivery field.

Anyone who has received a scholarship in the past is eligible to apply again.

Waste Comm. asks for info

A Solid Waste Committee meeting at the School District offices in Lexington last Thursday considered options which the county may have for waste disposal following the closure of the present Turner Landfill site. The county's lease calls for the site to be closed and "ready to farm" by September 15.

The following four options were presented for discussion: 1) finding a private operator who is willing and able to provide a new dumpsite, 2) locating a transfer site for hauling to an existing out-of-county site, 3) finding a private operator willing and able to provide collection and transfer service to an existing out-of-county site, and 4) no solid waste disposal.

The proposed county budget which will go before voters March 26 includes funds for closing out the existing site. No funds are currently included for waste disposal service after that. Nor are any funds included in the proposed budget for a preliminary feasibility study and geological tests at a proposed site which Department of Environmental Quality representatives at the meeting said could cost \$20,000 and take about 90 days to complete.

Paul Jones, chairman of the committee, said that he considered the matter a political question. "Does the south end of the county want to come to a point to handle its own disposal" since Boardman, Irrigon and Ione are currently using a disposal service out of Hermiston, or do we want a "central location (for a landfill) found and developed?"

The committee acted on County planning commission chairman Gene Trumbull's recommendation that they did not have enough input to make a decision and directed Public Works Director, Otto Burden to get proposals, recommendations, and bids on all the alternatives discussed and on any other options from whomever wants to make them. The committee will also ask each of the city councils to make recommendations.

The information is to be made available to the committee at its next meeting Thursday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. at the school district office. The meeting is open to the public.

What's Your Opinion?



Question: "How do you feel about the possibility of the county landfill closing down?"

"I don't think it's too good an idea," said Stub Lewis of Heppner, "our garbage prices will probably go way out of sight."

Neighborhood Center News

By NEOLA MACKAY

A cheese giveaway for those who meet the federal guidelines will be held Wed., March 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. Those who wish to obtain cheese must have proof of income and proof of address. For those unable to come in a note must be sent naming the person who is to pick up the cheese. The note should also include proof of income and address. The note must be signed by the party receiving the cheese, not by the person picking it up.

Section 8 Housing representative Bette Higginbotham will be at the center Friday, March 15 from 10 a.m.

Steve Hickman, job counselor, will be at the center Wed., March 13 at 2 p.m.

The WIC clinic will be held at the center Tues., March 19. Please keep your appointments as no vouchers will be mailed out, due to the cost of mailing. Those needing recertification should please contact the center before the clinic date.

The center is in need of yarn. All donations will be appreciated. Yarn is used in various crafts.

Farmers Ins. office closed...maybe

The Farmers Insurance office in Heppner will be closed Friday if the Fillies lose their game Thursday.

But if the Fillies win Thursday, the office will remain open Friday.

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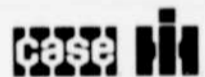
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