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Weather
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., April 9	80	45	
Wed., April 10	78	48	.06 rain cloudy
Thurs., April 11	67	38	
Fri., April 12	70	46	
Sat., April 13	81	43	
Sun., April 14	77	45	
Mon., April 15	68	43	.33 rain cloudy



Kimberly Hughes (Left) with her mother, Claudia.

Thirty-eight Heppner High School senior girls and their mothers enjoyed the annual Soroptimist luncheon last Wednesday at All Saints Episcopal parish hall. An invocation by Don Shelton of First Christian Church began the afternoon. Dave and Margo Sinkevitch entertained the group with a sing-a-long of

the theme song of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Sheridan Tarnasky spoke to the girls on the importance of having flexible goals and always keeping the lines to home open.

The Sinkevitches closed the luncheon with Margo on the piano and Dave singing "Shenandoah".

Livestock growers slate annual spring meeting April 27

Oregon State University, in cooperation with the Morrow County Livestock Growers will hold an annual spring meeting at the Morrow County Fair Grounds in Heppner at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Speakers will address Resource management with an emphasis on total resource coordination, which will apply to public as well as privately held land.

The following speakers are scheduled:

- Rich Wilburn, a Long Creek area rancher who has implemented a watershed, forage, and timber improvement plan on his deeded land, will explain some remarkable improvements he has achieved over the past 10 to 12 years.

- Arleigh Isley of the O.S.U. Extension Agent for Grant County has done considerable work with total watershed management. He will discuss the watershed and the influence of various cultural practices on the overall effectiveness of it in retaining water and producing forage.

- Dan Guthrie, O.S.U. Extension Specialist for the Sea Grant Program, is involved with the program for maintaining, improving, and re-establishing the salmon and steelhead fisheries in the Pacific Northwest. He will discuss the interaction of livestock and wildlife with steelhead and salmon. He will gear his presentation to the goals and policies of the Sea Grant Program.

Kids invited to special Story Hour

Visiting the Heppner Library this Thursday, will be an uplifting experience indeed for area youngsters.

In celebration of National Library Week, Heppner Librarians Bethel Heinrichs and Pat Thompson have organized a balloon release during story hour Thursday, April 18. Each child attending will be able to release a balloon bearing his or her name and address.

Story hour will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will also feature stories, a craft and a treat.

Parents are requested to please call the library ahead to insure that each child will have a balloon.

AAUW meeting set

A meeting of the Heppner - Lone branch of American Association of University Women will be held this Thursday, April 18, at the home of Betty Rietmann in Lone. Shirley Campbell is hostess.

Program for the evening will be "Moral Decisions in Health Crises." Nominations for next year's officers will be made.

Everyone is invited to attend. For car pooling information call April Hilton-Sykes, 676-9939.

Over the Tee Cup

Ladies April 9 golf results are Willow Creek Country Club follow Lois Hunt - gross, Sharon Harrison net, and Lucile Peck - least putts.

Each speaker will take 20 to 30 minutes and a panel discussion will follow with a question and answer period.

This meeting will be especially beneficial for private land operators and will provide needed inputs into the role that water retention plays in the production of forage and the subsequent production of livestock and fish, says OSU Extension agent for Morrow County, Steve Campbell. It will also provide insights into the policies and goals of the fisheries organizations. This understanding is critical in protecting livestock interests and in working out a mutually beneficial solution to the grazing and water issue.

There will be no dinner or other activities scheduled in conjunction with this meeting.

Appreciation noted

Several people were recipients this week of certificates of appreciation announced the City of Heppner. They are: Warren Plocharsky for 12 years of service on the City Council; Les Paustian for 1 1/2 years service on the Council; Joyce Winter for three years service on the Council; Ron Farris for over five years service on the Council; Robert Laughlin for over six years service on the Council; Larry Bowman who served as Chairman and as a member of the City Planning Commission; Mike Gray who served as Planning Commission member; and John Shaw who served as a Planning Commission member.

A plaque will be presented to Clifford W. Green at the next Council meeting for his service as Mayor 1981 through 1984 and as a council member 1976 through 1980.

Road project to be bid

The Oregon Transportation Commission has announced that it will receive bids Thursday, April 11 for 12 projects estimated to cost \$6.5 million.

A Morrow County project calls for constructing an emulsified oil mat using state-furnished aggregates. The work is on the Rock Creek County Line section of the Heppner Spray Highway, south of Heppner. Estimated cost of the project is in the \$100,000 to \$250,000 range. The project is to be completed by Aug. 31, 1985 says the ODOT.

R.H.S. maintains 'A' ranking

Riverside High School in Boardman will remain in the Oregon A athletic league for the next four years, High School Principal Dan Daltoso said Tuesday.

High school enrollment in the top three grades during spring term would have had to exceed 200 for the school to be moved into the AA ranks, said Daltoso, and figures show enrollment to be 182.

During Winter term there was concern the school might top the 200

Local service organizations met April 11 at the city hall in Heppner to "brainstorm" and to list possible areas in town which might benefit from cleanup efforts. Ideas included picking up garbage, sweeping Main Street sidewalks, cleaning up the City Park areas by pulling weeds and trimming grass around fences, and finishing of the Mini-Park behind Case Furniture.

As a result of the evening, Mayor Cara Costa reports that the following commitments were made by groups attending the meeting:

- Heppner Lion's Club, with the help of Guy VanArsdale, will clean up the burned out lot on Main Street. Lions intend to put up a fence about 10 feet back from the sidewalk, gravel the area and build benches. VanArsdale will bring in the gravel to help with the parking lot.

PMH has new administrator

connected with it, there were more acute care beds than at Pioneer, so he is finding the patient use load only slightly smaller here.

He says that Brim and Assoc. is a good company and he is "happy to be working with them."

During his 20 years as a hospital administrator, he has been involved with situations where two hospitals have merged and where a county-owned hospital has been leased by a for-profit chain. He sees his role at Pioneer, therefore, as helping the employees and the Hospital Board, to the extent which it is appropriate, to work through their current decision process. Depending on the outcome of that process, helping employees deal with the decision may be important.

Bob Smith

Pioneer Memorial Hospital has a new administrator, Bob Smith, who has been administrator at the Gold Beach county hospital for the past three years. Smith has recently joined Brim and Associates so he was available to fill the administrator's position at the Heppner hospital when Byron Smith, former interim administrator, was promoted to a regional manager position with the firm.

Bob Smith's contract as interim administrator ends June 30, so he is staying at the house owned by the hospital, he explains. His wife, Betty, has remained at their home in Gold Beach.

Smith says that Gold Beach is a small town like Heppner, so he feels very much at home here. He is "impressed with the friendly and helpful people from local businesses as well as hospital employees which makes this a nice place to be."

Although the hospital at Gold Beach did not have a nursing home

enrollment and be moved to AA, a move the school did not want.

The school currently competes in the same athletic league as Heppner, Stanfield and other schools this size, and a move to AA would have meant extensive travel for sports events to compete against bigger high schools.

"We had no aspirations or desires to go into AA" Daltoso said.

DEQ refuses approval of IHS septic system

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has refused to approve a recently installed septic system at Lone High School, even though the system has been functioning without problems for the past six months, the Morrow County School Board was told Monday night.

John Cimmiyotti, of El Coyote Construction Company in Irrigon, was contractor for the septic system, which replaced an old system that became inoperable last year. Cimmiyotti told the school board that he has gone out of the way to satisfy the DEQ, but has had nothing but problems.

The DEQ said deficiencies in the \$19,000 system include: untreated building paper was installed instead of the required filter fabric; tanks do not have watertight risers to the ground surface; screens in dosing tank appear to have a gap and hardware used to secure the screen to the tank is not non-corrosive material as designated in plans.

Cimmiyotti told the board the changes are unnecessary, and requested that the board pay him the remaining \$3,200 being withheld on the contract.

Superintendent Doyle McCaslin advised the board after some discussion that DEQ must "sign off" the project before final payment can be made, and hinted there may be legal action over the project.

"This is rapidly becoming a legal matter and the more we discuss it in the open, the more jeopardy we put the district in," he said.

The board took no action on Cimmiyotti's request for payment.

In other business, the board: - learned there is a waterline break under the bus shop on Fairview in Heppner. Estimated cost to fix the break will be between \$1,000 and \$1,200.

- agreed to let the county fair board use half the school district bus yard for parking during fair.

- approved a field trip request from teachers Jan Sharp and Larry Cerullo to take 14 students to a writing festival in Eugene at the University of Oregon May 3 and 4.

- accepted the retirement letter from long-time Heppner High School teacher Edward Hiemstra effective May 31, 1985.

- granted a one-year leave of absence to teacher Barbara Stefani, who plans to attend Portland State University for one year, taking classes in counseling.

- hired Tim Beatty as assistant tennis coach at Riverside High

Jr. high Choir to perform

Thirty-four Heppner Junior High choir students will sing and perform at the Heppner Elementary Multipurpose room at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26. Cost of admission each evening is \$2 for adults, \$1 for grades five through 12, and 50 cents for ages 12 and under. Proceeds will be used to purchase next year's musical, said musical director Kitty Bredemier.

Clean up campaign to begin April 27

Heppner High School student body has offered to make a "Welcome to Heppner" sign and clean up the area on the north end of town. They will also help by making encouraging "Clean Up Heppner" signs to be put up during the campaign.

The Boy Scout Troup 661 will clean up the downtown City Park area and also help in repainting the garbage cans along the main streets of town.

The Garden Club and 4-H will finish the Mini-Park and plant flowers in it and also at other locations around town.

Other activities which have been planned include painting the Elks Club building, setting out planter boxes at McDonald Chevrolet and putting large pots along Main Street with trees and flowers planted in

them. The cement donated by Umattila Ready-Mix and the trees and plants, donated by the Chamber of Commerce will be watered by the city. The Heppner Lion's Club has already agreed to paint the front of the Fire Station, and listed City Hall as the next project.

A Poster Contest to help create an awareness to get momentum for the clean up, will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The contest entries will be displayed during the week of April 27 through May 5.

Schedule of Activities
April 27 - 8 a.m., all people working to meet at the intersection of Main and Willow Streets for a rousing start.

April 27-28 - Groups will work on their respective projects.
April 29 - May 5 - Heppner residents are encouraged to work at getting their yards cleaned up - bushes pruned, weeds pulled, etc.

May 4 - 5 - The county Landfill will be open, free to all Morrow County residents.

May 5 - 5 p.m. - The Heppner - Morrow Chamber of Commerce will furnish refreshments for an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social at the downtown City Park for all people helping with the Clean Up. "Beautification is a 'Neat' idea," concludes the Heppner mayor.

Bid awarded for office space

Judy Buschke, county executive director for the Morrow County A.S.C.S. office has announced that a bid for providing office space was awarded to Pettyjohn Builders Supply at a March 26 meeting of the county governing body for the A.S.C., S.C.S., and Extension Service offices.

The new one-story building will include 3,400 sq. ft. of office space for use by the three agencies and is expected to be ready for occupancy by September 1, 1985.

The main reason for the move, explains Buschke is that the present

School. - learned that oral arguments in a school district lawsuit over ownership of land near A.C. Houghton in Irrigon, will be held in Pendleton on May 17. The district and an Irrigon resident are in dispute over who owns a piece of property near the school.

Seniors add to bldg. fund

The building fund for the future Senior Center Building in Heppner gained about \$5,000 as a result of the efforts of the seniors busy day at the County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 13. Babe Harris, committee chairman, says that all the final figures are not in yet, but the day was successful and "Many thanks to the community for its support."

The moped motorbike which was raffled was won by Bob Jepsen.

Jr. high Choir to perform

An added attraction at the evening's performance will include a repeat display of "artists in the schools," presented last month.

"I know you'd find attending worthwhile. The students have worked hard on both projects and the results are super entertaining," concluded Bredemier.

Homemakers Day slated

All homemakers are invited to attend the Spring Homemaker's Day - Thursday, April 25 at Lexington Grange Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The spring event is scheduled annually to complete the program year of Oregon State University Extension Homemaker Groups. The days programs will include announcement of Extension Women of the Year award, as well as special recognition of the study group that has contributed most in community service. A no-host luncheon will be prepared by the women of the Lexington Grange. The afternoon program will be devoted to creative ideas presented by Mycall Osmin of Heppner with emphasis on country folks arts made from items often found around the home or farm.

Each person will also have an opportunity to make a small item, courtesy of supplies by Mycall.

Mistress of ceremonies will be Charlotte Carpenter, Chairperson of the Homemakers Advisory Committee who extends a very special welcome to "Come at 10 a.m. for visiting and getting reacquainted."

second floor location of the agencies fails to meet federal handicapped access requirements. A.S.C.S. and S.C.S. were required to advertise for space which would meet those requirements and because the agencies prefer to be located together, the OSU Extension office will also move to the new location on property at the north end of Heppner below Pettyjohn's Builders Supply. The offices are currently located over the Coast to Coast store in Heppner.



Support LifeGuard

Anna Mae Steagall, Heppner, holds bumper sticker with slogan, "It's your Life - Guard it!" which won first place in a contest to promote the serial levy for LifeGuard helicopter service.

She and second place winner, Mae Burns, Pendleton, received free helicopter rides and gold helicopter pins at a Thursday, April 4 ceremony. The bumper stickers which Steagall designed are available for \$1 each by writing: P.O. Box 1331, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.