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Weather  
by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Prec.
Tues., May 21	81	51	
Wed., May 22	84	55	
Thurs., May 23	86	54	.01
Fri., May 24	73	48	
Sat., May 25	74	43	
Sun., May 26	77	45	
Mon., May 27	71	44	.11

## County schools to graduate seniors



Monique R. Allan



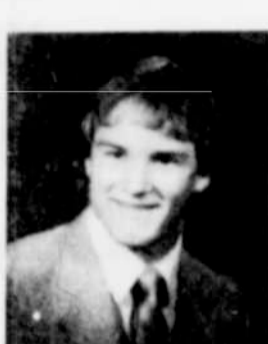
Joe Wayne Jemmett



Renee Marie Struthers



Nancy Wilma Martin



Mark Meyers  
Ione Salutatorian



Trisha Mahoney



Stephanie Sue Payne



Jodi Christene Podberg



Janelle McElhany

Baccalaureate and Commencement services will be held this week at Heppner and Ione High Schools. Heppner Baccalaureate services are scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with the Rev. Floyd Wilks officiating. First Christian Church, 293 N. Gale, will host a reception for the graduates, family, and friends following the service. Commencement services will

begin 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 1, at Heppner High School. Trisha Mahoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mahoney, Heppner, will give the invocation. Joe Jemmett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Jemmett, Lexington, will give the benediction. The following honor scholars will address their classmates and friends: Nancy Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin, Heppner; Janelle McElhany, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Gary McElhany, Heppner; Monique Allan, foreign exchange student hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cerullo; Renee Struthers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Padberg, Lexington; and Stephanie Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Payne, Heppner. Baccalaureate service for Ione High School was held Tuesday, May 28, at the Ione United Church of Christ with the Rev. Brian McGovern presiding.

Commencement service will begin at 8 p.m., Friday, May 31, at the Ione High School gym. Paula Anderson will give the invocation and Eric Cook the benediction. Jeff Ball, son of Jim and Marie Boor, will give the Valedictory address. Mark Meyers, son of Gordon and Darlene Meyers, will give the Salutatory address. Guest speaker will be Steve Lindstrom, manager of the Port of Morrow.

## \$63,687 pared from county operating levy

The Morrow County Budget has been reduced \$53,403 since the May 21 election defeat reports County Budget Office, LoRayne Bowman. "Services have been cut in different areas, but short of cutting programs, it's all we could do," said Bowman. The Hospital Board requested that their operating levy go to the voters separately from the county's operating levy. There were no cuts in the hospital levy following the May 21 defeat. The total amount of the levy remains the same, \$419,704, which reflects a 51 cent per \$1,000 tax rate. The amount of taxes required to balance the budget has been reduced 2.5 percent, \$63,687 from the \$2,642,543 (excluding the \$417,704 hospital levy) May 21 levy. The \$2,398,856 special levy reflects a tax rate of \$3.49 per \$1,000; voters will voice their opinions June 25. Budget cuts were made in the following areas: Road Department, \$10,000 from roadside weed spraying, \$15,000 from engineering for new projects which the county will now be unable to do, \$5,000 from the line item for extra help and personnel services, \$7,500 for paint and labor for the striping project.

General Fund: \$500 from County Court, extra help, \$500 from the Assessor's Office for materials and services (gasoline); \$500 from the County Clerk's Office for materials and services; \$1,830 from secretarial help for the County Counsel; \$200 for Juvenile Services, materials and services; \$5,598 from the Sheriff's Department from the line item for parttime personnel, \$1,700 from the Planning Department for mapping lodging and meals (materials and services); \$500 from the Building Inspector for materials and services; \$1,200 reduced from capital outlay for a computer terminal which will not be purchased, \$300 from the Museum for repair and maintenance of the building; \$1,000 from the Weed Control District; \$350 from the Soil and Water Conservation District; \$1,475 from the Extension Service; \$1,678 from the money allocated to city road districts (based on a percentage of the county road department levy); and \$250 from the North Morrow Medical Clinic for materials and services. Not affecting the tax levy, but included in the total budget amount is \$5,000 additional income from the sale of software for the county's computer.

## Family party draws 60

Some sixty descendants of Swedish pioneers Andrew and Sophia Carlson gathered at their homestead ranch on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 25, for a family potluck. Younger members of the family were pleased to have older relatives tell about the first and second generation of Carlsons who came to

this area. Because the family has grown considerably and is now scattered far and wide, it was a fine time for getting better acquainted. The present occupants of the homestead are Clint and Sarah, the fourth generation of the family to live on the homestead built by Clint's great-grandparents.

## Pre-School Clinic set Thurs.

There will be no regular Kindergarten classes in Heppner Thursday, May 30, because a pre-school clinic has been scheduled for children who will be five years old on or before October 1 and plan to attend kindergarten next fall. The free preschool clinic is designed to test motor skill development, vision, hearing, speech, and language development to review immunization records, and to provide missed shots free of charge so that children will have their immunizations current at the beginning of school. The clinic is free, but parents must

call ahead for appointments for their children. Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate and immunization record in order to enroll their child in kindergarten. A free dental checkup is also available for those attending the clinic. May 30 only, parents may take their preschooler to Dr. Alexander's office without an appointment for a dental checkup. Each child should plan to spend about 90 minutes at the school to complete the screening exams, to meet with kindergarten teacher Cherry Webber, and take a test in the kindergarten room.

## City to re-submit budget

The Heppner city budget will be re-submitted to voters June 25, said Heppner Mayor Cara Costa. The same budget will be re-submitted because the budget committee and the council consider it a fair budget

with no place to trim and because the wording on the May 21 ballot was difficult to understand. "Because only 19 votes defeated the budget, we felt we would try again," concluded Costa.

## Water supply outlook

Water supplies are forecast to be slightly below average during the next three months, reports the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District. Amounts received were: Ukiah - 0.58", 43 percent of average; Heppner - 0.78", 65 percent of average. The mountain snowpack is well below normal for this time of year. Forecasts of streamflow for May-July are as follows: Butter Creek near Pine City - 3.4 thousand acre feet which is 92 percent of average; Rhea Creek near Heppner - 2.0 thousand acre feet which is 91

percent of average; Willow Creek at Heppner - 2.7 thousand acre feet which is 93 percent of average; 2.9 a.f.; Rock Creek above Cayuse Canyon near Condon - 2.2 thousand acre feet which is 92 percent of average; 2.4 a.f. These streamflow forecasts assume normal weather conditions for the rest of the season, concludes the S.W.C.D. report.

## Edmundson resigns

Citing pressures of the job, Morrow County School District Assistant Superintendent John Edmundson has resigned his job in favor of teaching math at Heppner Elementary School next year. Edmundson has been assistant superintendent for the past 10 years, and prior to that was principal at Ione High School for three years. "I have had a long standing interest in teaching and the pressure (of asst. supt.) was causing health

and well being problems for me," Edmundson said last week. Edmundson said he requested the re-assignment and that there was absolutely no controversy involved. "The change is not surrounded by controversy. It is a change I asked for and one I'm looking forward to," he added. He said the district would begin looking for a new superintendent immediately.

## Krebs escapes

John W. Krebs III, serving 10 years for the June, 1983 robbery of the Ione branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon has reportedly escaped from the Oregon State Penitentiary farm annex. Krebs and another inmate fled from the annex, located southeast of Salem, at about 9 a.m. Sunday morning according to state police in Hermiston. Krebs and Richard G. McCawley, 46, from Marion County, were operating a white 1976 International silage truck with a red box. No further

information on the escape was available. Krebs, 34, of Hermiston, had pleaded guilty to first-degree robbery and ex-convict in possession of a firearm in connection with the June 9, 1983 robbery of \$19,000 from the bank at Ione. He was arrested without incident at a Bend resort two days after the robbery. Krebs had been sentenced to 10 years in prison, with no chance of parole until five years had been served.

## Pettyjohn's to turn over operation of store

Howard and Jo Pettyjohn, owners of Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders Supply for the past 21 years, have announced they will be turning over operation of the business to their son Larry and his wife Kerry on June 1. Howard and Jo purchased the store in Nov. of 1963 from J.G. Barrett. Howard had been an employee of Kinzua Corp. as a certified lumber grader for 18 years. In 1966 the Pettyjohn's built a new store where it is presently located.

## 7th graders learn tree planting



On May 7 and 8 a bus of seventh graders from Heppner Jr. High rolled out for a different classroom - the forest. Forest Service personnel Dave Tharp and Nancy Lankford led the field trip to help expand on the subject taught in Sarah Carlson's science class. The students first had a tour of the seedling facilities at the District's compound. This included the storage cooler where seedlings are kept at near freezing temperatures so the seedlings will stay dormant. It also included the "jellyrolling" process in which the seedlings roots are dipped in a water and vermiculite mixture and then wrapped in wet burlap. Both processes help the seedling retain moisture and greatly

enhance survival of the seedling after planting. After touring the seedling facilities, the students were off for the woods where they were instructed to find as many different tree cones as possible: pine cones, fir cones, larch cones, male cones, female cones, or whatever else they could come up with. The students brought back more questions than they did cones, said a Forest Service spokesperson. This led to some on-site explanations of barriers to natural regeneration and the genetic program of the Forest Service. Students ate sack lunches at Bull Prairie Campground so they had plenty of energy for learning about tree planting in the afternoon. After a short discussion of forest manage-

ment, the different methods of planting were demonstrated and then the students tried it on their own. They enthusiastically planted trees just as fast as the Forest Service cleared and drilled the holes. The students then learned how to install seedling protectors so their trees would be protected from browse damage. Basically the planting the seventh graders did is a scaled down version of the planting the Forest Service and its contractors do on hundreds of acres every year. To end the day each student left with a seedling to plant at home, and a little more knowledge of the reforestation process, concluded the spokesperson.

## Hopper survey underway

Grasshoppers may pose a significant economic threat in portions of Morrow County, according to OSU Extension Agent Steve Campbell. A survey of areas to the south and west of Heppner by Dick Jackson, Oregon Department of Agriculture Entomologist, and Campbell indicate that some potential hot spots are developing. Hatching is in progress below 3,000 foot elevations. It is still too early in the higher areas. A more detailed survey will be conducted on June 3 according to Campbell. This will allow for all the late hatching hoppers and should provide a clear picture of the situation, said Campbell. If the results of this survey indicate a need for further action survey crews will move in June 4 and 5 and do a

thorough evaluation of Morrow County Rangeland. A public meeting to begin planning and to sign-up blocks of land will be held on June 7. Meeting time and place will be published in that week's Gazette-Times. It is hoped that extensive control efforts will not be needed. However, such action cannot be ruled out, according to Jackson, and proper planning now can save a lot of time later. Areas to be sprayed must be blocks of 10,000 or more acres. There can be no more than 10 percent cropland within each block. All producers within the block must sign up or it will not be approved. Jackson stressed that there can be no exceptions to this requirement. All money must be paid before an aerial application will be scheduled.