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Weather

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December 17-22		
High	Low	Snow on gr.
Tues 28	12	2 1/2"
Wed 20	15	2 1/2"
Thurs 21	16	2 1/2"
Fri 21	16	2 1/2"
Sat 23	16	2 1/2"
Sun 22	15	2 1/2"

Tax collector honored for money saving efforts



Margo Sherer

At a special session of County Court Monday morning, December 23, Morrow County Judge Don McElligott presented Morrow County Tax Collector Margo Sherer with a Cer-

ificate of Appreciation from the Association of Oregon Counties. He read a letter from A.O.C. Executive Director Jerry Orrick directing him to award the certificate in "recognition of Sherer's outstanding and dedicated service on behalf of county government during the 1985 legislative session."

"Sherer assisted the Association in securing the passage of HB 2229 which saved Oregon counties from the potential liability of millions of dollars," continues the letter from Orrick. "Her extraordinary effort included numerous hours working with the AOC staff in preparation of the legislation, in gathering supporting documentation and in appearing as a witness before the House and Senate Revenue Committees. In addition to these efforts, she worked throughout the legislative session with AOC in reviewing assessment and taxation measures before the 1985 legislation."

"We are proud," continued Judge McElligott, "to have an outstanding

group of people serving the county.

"The action by the legislature has saved the counties a lot of money."

Sherer explains that her work on the legislation occurred during her 1984-85 term as president of the Oregon Tax Collectors Association. HB 2229, she continues, outlines and directs tax collectors in distributing the interest on unsegregated tax funds.

After Multnomah County Schools sued Multnomah County for interest on the unsegregated tax money, a need for fair distribution guidelines became necessary to keep all counties from having suits filed against them. The general fund was receiving the interest on unsegregated funds.

The Department of Revenue's position was that the interest belonged to the counties because they absorbed all the cost of collecting the tax, Sherer concludes, because so much money is involved, it took a lot of talking and negotiating with all taxing districts, mainly the schools who receive the most tax.

Starr resigns Juvenile Service Commission

Chuck Starr of Lexington will be resigning as a member of the Morrow County Juvenile Service Commission effective January 1, 1986. Starr has completed five years on the Commission.

Members of JSC serve as volunteers and directly participate in the administration of government services to youth and families. The goals of JSC are to develop and strengthen community youth programs to reduce the number of youth entering the juvenile justice system, and reduce the number of

youth who need to be committed to the state training schools or who need other types of out-of-home care.

Starr has played a primary role in developing many innovative youth programs since the JSC was established by the 1979 Legislature. In tendering his resignation Starr stated, "I have enjoyed the experience and feel very strongly that the efforts of this group must be conti-

nued in the future. Morrow County has benefited a great deal from the programs established and supported by this commission, and the long-range positive effects on young people are important far beyond the dollars and cents involved."

Anyone interested in learning more about the Morrow County Juvenile Services Commission or possibly serving on the Commission should contact chairman Tom Jones, telephone number 989-8428.

Deputy awarded for service



Sheriff Roy Drago (left) and Chief Civil Deputy Pauline Winter

Chief Civil Deputy Pauline Winter was awarded a plaque commemorating her 10-years of service at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. She received the award from Sheriff Roy Drago at a Wednesday, Dec. 18 Christmas buffet at the Courthouse.

County Court awards bid for courthouse repair

Morrow County Court awarded a bid Wednesday, Dec. 18 to McCormick Construction of Pendleton for replacing rotten studs in the attic and to repaint (put new mortar in joints) stone work at the Courthouse building. McCormick Construction submitted a low bid of \$59,100 among bids which began at \$112,470.

The repairs which are to be completed by June 1, says County Judge Don McElligott, are necessary to keep snow from coming through the roof in the Assessor's Office and rain from falling in the basement.

New extension agent to arrive

Fred Lundin, 45, Reno, Nevada, will join the staff at the Morrow County Extension Office January 2, 1986. He has worked as an agent in Montana and Idaho and has been working on his Masters Degree in Reno. He and his wife, Pat, have three children and will live in Lone

Local woman honored for achievement



Birdine Tullis, center, Oregon State University Extension agent in Morrow County, was honored by the OSU Extension Association for outstanding achievement last week in Corvallis. Congratulating her are O.E. Smith, Corvallis, OSU Extension Service director, Dawn Hawkins, Pendleton, Umatilla County Extension agent and chair of the association's awards committee.

Birdine Tullis, a member of the Morrow County staff of the Oregon State University Extension Service for 12 years, has been honored for outstanding achievement by the OSU Extension Association.

Tullis received the association's experienced staff award in ceremonies December 11 in Corvallis. The association is the professional organization of Extension agents and specialists in Oregon.

Since joining the Extension Service, Tullis has worked closely with both the 4-H and adult home economics programs in the county and cooperated with educational programs in Umatilla County as well.

She was cited by the association particularly for her strong leadership in older youth and international 4-H programs as well as for her work with Extension study groups.

President elect of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, Tullis has successfully involved 4-H members in city beautification efforts. She also coordinated a "Harvest Fair," an event which gave people a glimpse of several educational programs, and has been involved in many leadership development projects, particularly for women.

Dawn Hawkins, OSU Extension agent in Umatilla County and chair of the OSUEA awards committee, presented Tullis with her award.

Other OSU Extension agents in this area honored by the association included Ken Killingsworth, Fossil, Wheeler County, experienced staff award, and Gary Prother, Hermiston, Umatilla County a newer staff award for Extension faculty with less than six years experience of Oregon.

Increased violence reported at games

Violence at high school athletic events has led school administrators to ask for extra security during home games, the Morrow County school board was told last Monday night.

Jim Bier, principal at Heppner High requested that the district hire a "security person" to patrol around the high school during home games to cut down on rowdiness and fighting.

"It's getting to the point that someone is going to get hurt," said superintendent Doyle McCaslin.

McCaslin said there have been incidents of parents having to break up fights in the parking lot during home basketball games, and there are reports of intoxicated persons causing trouble at the games. McCaslin said the problem involves both adult fans and high school students.

"We don't think the principal and staff should be out in the parking lot breaking up fights," said McCaslin in requesting the extra security.

The board did not authorize hiring a security person, but instead instructed the administration to check with the Heppner Police Chief about the city providing services, and also seek help from reserve officers for security purposes.

In other business, the board: - heard a report that it would cost about \$55,000 to develop the practice football field above Heppner High School into a game field. The board had asked for the estimate several months ago. No action was taken.

Football games are presently played at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

- heard that a hearing on the unfair labor practice suit brought by Morrow County Teacher's union, would be held January 9 at the district office, starting at 9 a.m. The charge was filed when the district did not allow the teachers to send home literature bearing the union's name.

- received a copy of the proposed contract between the district and the classified employees. Ratification of the contract with the cooks, janitors, etc. is expected some time in January.

- heard a report that the factfinding session between the district and the teacher's union that was held Dec. 16, and that a decision by the factfinder will be announced in about 30 days.

- approved a baseball trip for Riverside High School baseball team to California over spring vacation. The players will go to San Francisco and Los Angeles where they will play several ball games and visit Disney Land. There will be no cost to the district except the use of a greyhound bus.

- approved a request from John Edmundson for an unpaid leave of absence for the remainder of the 1985-86 school year. Edmundson was formerly assistant superintendent of the district, and a sixth grade math teacher.

- tabled a resignation request from Heppner high school teacher Larry Cerallo.

- approved an extension of maternity leave for Mary Haguewood for the remainder of the 1985-86 school year.

- approved hiring Dale Hedman on a temporary contract to teach seventh and eighth grade math at Heppner Junior High for the remainder of the 1985-86 school year.

- approved extending Cara Costa's temporary contract for the remainder of the 1985-86 school year to replace Mary Haguewood while she is on maternity leave from Heppner Elementary.

Next week's paper mailed on Thurs.

Next week's Heppner Gazette-Times will be mailed on Thursday instead of Wednesday as usual. New and advertising deadlines will return from the week's early times to 5 p.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Tuesday as usual. Classified ad deadline is 1 p.m. Tuesday. The office will be closed New Year's Day, but will open again Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the regular time.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

