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Weather

by the City of Heppner

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	High	Low	Precip	Snow on ground
Tues.	45	18	.14	2"
Wed.	45	24	.0	1 1/2"
Thurs.	46	27	.29	1"
Fri.	46	23	.0	2 1/2"
Sat.	30	23	.12	2 1/2"
Sun.	45	27	.10	1 1/2"
Mon.	48	27	.0	1 1/2"

Council votes to apply for loan to renovate Hotel

The Heppner City Council voted Monday to apply for a \$600,000 loan for renovation of the Heppner Hotel into an apartment complex for the elderly.

The loan is the first step in a rehabilitation project that is expected to cost \$1,997,805, and will turn the old hotel into a like-new facility with 24 apartments.

Repayment of the loan will come from rentals of the apartments. A federal grant for housing projects for the elderly hopefully will provide the balance of the money needed.

Tony Barnhart of the East Central Oregon Association of Counties, a group working toward approval of the project, was at the city council meeting to give a presentation.

Barnhart said the project has a good chance of being approved, and that there appears to be a need for elderly housing in this area.

He said under the proposed rules, the city would buy the old hotel from present owner Arnie Hedman for \$125,000, and then oversee the renovation work. Once completed, management of the apartment complex would be turned over to the Umatilla Housing Authority. Rents from the apartments would retire the \$600,000 loan he said. The city would remain owner of the property and the hotel.

"Let me make it clear," said Barnhart, "the city would not manage or put any money into the facility. You're actually just lending your name to it," he told the council.

"The facility itself will be self supporting," he stressed, "and not require any city funding." He said if the project went bad, the housing authority would only have the assets of the hotel to come back on.

The old Heppner Hotel is presently in bad shape, and the renovation calls for 21 one-bedroom apartments, two studio apartments, two guest rooms, a lounge, community room and a lobby area. No commercial space is planned. The hotel presently has a fabric and furniture store operated by the Hedmans on the ground floor.

Each apartment will also have its own kitchen area, said Barnhart, and there will be pull cords for the elderly tenants in case they would need emergency help.

The renovation calls for completely re-doing the whole hotel, with new plumbing, electrical work, new flooring and new windows, along with carpeting and other work.

A representative of the Umatilla Housing Authority at the meeting told the council the apartments would be rented "on a first come" basis, and that there would be some low-income renters, whose rent would be federally subsidized.

City attorney Bill Kuhn said the preliminary application for the loan does not mean the city is committed to anything, and can back out anytime it wants. He said word of whether or not the loan application was approved should be received by February 14 of this year.

In other business at the meeting, the council:

heard from Heppner high school Principal Jim Bier, who asked that the city provide a police officer at home football and basketball games

to patrol the grounds. Bier said the problem of violence at home games was discussed at the last school board meeting, and that the board instructed him to come to the council asking for increased security. The council did not take action on the request, but agreed to review the matter. Bier said the main problem was fighting and drinking in the parking lot outside during the games, and that it seemed to be coming mostly from recent high school graduates and out of town people. Police Chief Doug Rathbun said his men had been patrolling the area more heavily recently, but he could not have a man stationed there during the entire game.

voted to raise city sewer rates by one dollar to six dollars per month.

The increased rates would raise an additional \$8,000 per year and council members felt, help balance the city's budget.

discussed raising the fee to the Heppner rural fire protection district, for which the city provides protection, but took no action. The fire district presently pays \$4,530 per month.

learned that workmen's compensation insurance for the city will increase by 26 percent, or \$4,050 this year.

the next meeting of the city budget committee will be on January 20.

Historical Society considers marker for Wells Springs

By Delpha Jones

The Board of Directors of the Morrow County Historical Society met at the home of Jim and Barbara Bloodworth for the annual potluck dinner and social evening. A short business meeting was held at which time the Wells Springs Cemetery was discussed. A committee of Irvin Rauch, Sue Vinson and Ruth McCabe was appointed to check the area out as to needs and perhaps the erecting of a Morrow County Historical sign.

Sue Vinson and Barbara Bloodworth reported on the sale of the 1885 Chronicles and the calendar which was printed for the first time, as a Centennial calendar. If this proves a popular item, the group plans on printing another. There are still a few available and can be purchased by calling Sue or Barbara. These are pictures of Morrow County now and years ago, with Hardman hall, Lena Post Office and others.

Barton Clark reported on the Century Farms, and if you are a Century Farm please contact Clark or Jean Nelson as the awards are planned to be presented at the Memorial Day Picnic.

A stew supper was enjoyed, after which the group enjoyed the slides of the bus trip to Astoria and the Centennial dinner and program at Heppner. Those present were guests, Irvin Rauch, Judge and Euni Eunice McElligott, Darrel and Sue Vinson, Harold and Edna Peck, Ruth McCabe, Barton Clark, Delpha and Cecil Jones and the host and hostess Jim and Barbara Bloodworth.

Family Services counselor tells schedule change

Adult and Family Services counselor Janet Phillips will be at the Heppner Neighborhood Center one day only during January. Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 9 a.m. - noon, she will be accepting food stamp applications.

Food stamp applications are available at the Neighborhood Center week days during regular office hours. Next month, Phillips will be at the Center on her regularly scheduled days.

Annual Chamber banquet slated

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Heppner Elks Lodge. The public is invited to attend. Tickets can be purchased at the door; a social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Awards will be presented to the Chamber's first citizens for 1985 and 1986. Chamber officers will be installed.

Merchants slate annual meeting

The Heppner Merchants Committee will hold its annual meeting and potluck Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jerry and Joyce Kay Hollomon.

All Heppner Merchants are invited to come help plan the year's schedule. Regular meetings of the merchants committee are held the third Friday of each month.

Mealsite schedule resumes Jan. 13

The Senior Citizens weekly noon meal at the fairground was to have resumed on Monday, Jan. 6, but because of the power outage was cancelled but will resume Monday, Jan. 13. These noon meals are



Moving In

(Above) Movers haul a load of boxes into the new offices for the Extension Service, the Soil Conservation Service and the Weed Control District.

(Below) Claudia Hughes (left) and Melinda West unpack boxes in the new home of the extension service near Pettyjohn's Builders Supply at the north end of Heppner.

The offices were closed Thursday and Friday, Jan. 2 and 3, while personnel transferred furniture, records, and equipment from the office's former location. The office has been open for business as usual since Monday.



Methodists welcome new pastor



Don, three-year-old Carley, and Dianne Boyce. The couple's 11-month old son, Paul was napping at photo time

By Justine Weatherford
The new Methodist pastor Rev. Donald Boyce and his family are getting settled in the parsonage on Church Street. Next Sunday, Jan. 12, the family will be welcomed at an after-church potluck.

The four Boyces moved here on New Year's Day and Rev. Boyce gave his first sermon in the Heppner church on January 5, when an amazing number of members of his new congregation managed to attend in spite of the very treacherous ice.

Some in this community recall that Don and Dianne Boyce lived here during the 1980-81 school year when he was the band instructor for grades 5-12 and directed the Metho-

dist choir part of the year. Dianne taught piano and did some clerical work in the Kinzua Mill office that year.

Don's hometown is Denver; Dianne's is Pueblo, Colorado. They married in 1980, having met in Pueblo where Don was teaching. Don Boyce holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in music. He felt called to enter the ministry when he was here in Heppner.

Then he enrolled in Liff School of Theology in Denver from which he gained his degree in theology in June, 1985. Instead of going straight through seminary, Boyce served one year as an intern pastor in the Methodist churches at Joseph and Yallowa, Oregon in 1983. He says he

and the family like Oregon, and he is pleased to be a full member of the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The foursome came to Heppner from Union and North Powder, where Don had served the two Methodist churches from June, 1985 through December, 1985, when he was appointed to the church here.

Dianne, who says she will accept a few piano students to be taught in the parsonage, expects to give most of her energy to her young family for some years.

The Boyces really like north-eastern Oregon and expect to have happy, busy years in Heppner.