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Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper



Weather

January 21 - 27

	High	Low	Precip
Tue	49	39	.01
Wed	49	32	.35
Thurs	53	38	
Fri	47	23	
Sat	41	26	
Sun	38	26	
Mon	54	33	.12

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Two from Ione file for judge



Don McElligott

Two candidates have filed with the Morrow County Clerk's Office for the position of Morrow County Judge. Judge Don McElligott whose term expires in January, 1987 has filed for re-election on the Democratic ticket. Louis Carlson, chairman of the Port of Morrow Board of Commissioners, has filed on the Republican ticket.

Both candidates are Ione area wheat ranchers and both attended Ione High School. McElligott, however, graduated from high school in Beaverton and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in business with a minor in philosophy from the University of Portland in 1941. Carlson graduated from Oregon State University.

McElligott served two terms on the Ione School Board of which the last year was on the county school board after its reorganization, four years on the Ione Advisory Commit-

tee, two terms on the Morrow County School Board, was appointed to the office of county judge in 1979 by Governor Vic Atiyeh and was elected in 1981 for a six-year term. He is a member of the Oregon Consortium which administers Job Training Partnership funds in 27 rural counties, the Eastern Oregon Computer Consortium which was created to standardize record-keeping in 10 eastern Oregon counties, is chairman of District 6 of the Association of Oregon Counties, and is one of five county commissioners on the Local Officials Advisory Committee to the Oregon State Dept. of Transportation.

McElligott is also a member of the Wheat League, the Cattlemen's Association, the Morrow County Livestock Growers, Grange, National Farm Organization, Elks, Catholic Church, A.S.C. committees, and the Soil Conservation Service committees.

He and his wife Eunice have eleven children ranging in age from 21 to 37.

Presently Carlson is active in the raising of wheat and cattle in the Ione-Heppner area. He is president of a family owned corporation, 4-C Ranches Inc. Extra activities apart from farming include intensive work with the Oregon Wheat Growers League and served as its president in 1982. During that same period of time was on the board of directors of the National Association of Wheat Growers where he served as chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Currently he is serving as secretary of the Columbia Improvement District. He is the public member of its board of directors. The water district provides Columbia River water to center pivot irrigation in north Morrow County.



Louis Carlson

He is on the Board of directors of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Department of Environmental Quality, Chairman of the Port of Morrow Commission, member of the Morrow County Extension Advisory Committee, member of Elks Lodge 358, member of Willows Grange, and is a board member of Valley Lutheran Church.

Carlson has also served on the Ione schools advisory committee, the Morrow County ASC committee, as a 4-H Club leader. He and his wife, Betty, have four children, Phil and Clint who reside in the area and Sandra and Cheri who live in central Oregon and in Northern California. Both boys are members of the farm corporation and are employed by 4-C Ranches.

There is still time prior to the March primary election for candidates to file for the office of judge.

Both sides reject factfinder's report

Both the Morrow County School Board and the Morrow County Education Association have rejected the report submitted by the factfinder Gary Axon concerning collective bargaining negotiations.

School Superintendent Doyle McCaslin says that the board rejected the report by a four to three vote at a special meeting Monday night, Jan. 27.

Morrow County teachers rejected the report by a 95-1 vote at a meeting January 23. Bill Jacobson, Oregon Education Association representative for the teachers says that they considered Axon's findings a "poor job, which presented a one-sided report and made it unacceptable to the teachers."

Jack Liles who represents the school board said that they considered Axon's report a fairly good report except that there were two areas about which they were concerned.

The report must be accepted or rejected as a whole unit. Collective bargaining law prevents either side from publicly discussing details of the report until the Employment Relations Board has published the

report which it must do within five days after its rejection.

Jacobson indicated that John Vale, an assigned mediator from the state conciliation service will return to continue the negotiation process.

Liles also says that more bargaining is ahead.

Should further mediation not resolve the differences between the board and teachers, the teachers may, with 10 days prior notice, begin a strike no sooner than 30 days after the factfinder's report is published.

Nelson resigns from board

At a special meeting Monday, Jan. 27, the Morrow County School Board accepted Keith Nelson's resignation from an "at large" position on the board and declared the position vacant.

In resigning Nelson submitted the following letter:

To The Morrow County School Board of Directors:

I am leaving Morrow County to attend school in Portland soon. Since I will no longer be a resident of the county, please accept my resignation from the school district board of directors effective January 31, 1986.

It has been a great experience to serve on the board and I thank the tax payers of their confidence in my ability to represent them. The school district has numerous problems facing it in the coming years, but with continued support from the people I'm sure these problems can and will be solved. We have been associated with all the board members as well as the many administrators and teachers. I'm convinced Morrow County has one of the best school systems in the state.

I challenge more of the public to become actively involved in their school system. I urge the public to become informed on the issues and to give their support to the people serving on the school board.

I wish you all the best of luck and hope my resignation doesn't cause too much of an inconvenience.

Sincerely,
(s) Keith Nelson

The board, hoping to fill the position at its next regular meeting February 17, 1986, is presently encouraging interested candidates to apply for the position by letter to the district office. Board policy requires each applicant to be interviewed prior to an appointment.

Candidates must be registered voters in the county in order to qualify.

The appointee will serve until June 30, 1986 at which time a newly elected member will be seated.

For more information call Doyle McCaslin at the district office in Lexington, 989-8202.

Important St. Pats Day meeting set for next Friday

Anyone with ideas or plans for the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Heppner this year, is urged to attend an important meeting Friday, Feb. 7, 12 noon at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Heppner.

Final times for various activities during St. Patrick's Day will be accepted at the meeting and used on posters to be printed. If your group has something they would like to have included on the poster, make sure it is turned in prior to, or during the meeting so it can be included.

If you have something to include on the poster, or have questions about St. Patrick's Day be sure to contact Jim Farley, David Sykes, Diana Ball, or Bob Kahl.

M-C-G-G Annual Meeting Feb. 8

The Morrow County Grain Growers will hold their annual customer appreciation day, Saturday, Feb. 8 starting at 8 a.m.

The day will start off with a free pancake breakfast for everyone, followed by demonstrations and displays by equipment, chemical and other dealers and suppliers.

The Grain Growers will also be holding an open house at its Wasco Parts Outlet on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon, to which everyone is invited.

Britt named Environmental Logger

John Britt Logging Company was also one of three Oregon Forest Operators of the year selected by the Oregon State Dept. of Forestry. The operator of the year award was presented January 8.

The crew of John Britt Logging Company, based in Lexington, was awarded the 1985 honors as Oregon Environmental Logger of the Year January 10 at the annual convention of Associated Oregon Loggers. John Britt accepted the award on behalf of his crew and company from Oregon Forest Industries Council Chairman Charlie Shotts. The award is presented jointly by OFIC and AOL.

The winning crew is selected from all the loggers operating on private lands in the state. Four regional winners are selected by the Oregon Board of Forestry and then the state winner is chosen by a five-member panel consisting of the Chairman of the Board of OFIC, Chairman of the Board of AOL, Director of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, State Forester, and President of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

Britt's operation on Kinzua Corporation lands near Heppner was the basis for the award. Key practices included minimizing damage to residual trees, buffer protection and use of temporary crossings on a Class I stream, ground skidding with

Gov. offices close Feb. 3

Although February 3 may not be marked as a holiday on everyone's calendar, it is a holiday for the City of Heppner, and for county, state, and federal offices which will be closed that day. Schools and most businesses will remain open as usual.

Peace and disarmament topics of meeting

A meeting for anyone interested in exploring peace issues has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 2, at 3 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ. The meeting will include a potluck and fellowship time, as well as a discussion of future organization and action. Anyone who is concerned about world peace and nuclear disarmament is urged to attend, or contact Jane Rawlins at 676-9453 or Cathy Barker at 422-7530.

consideration for soil protection and stabilizing exposed soil during a partial cut harvest.

The award consists of gold suspenders for all members of the crew that read, "Environmental Logger 1985," a check for \$500 for use

Budget committee sets calendar

The Morrow County Budget Committee met Friday, Jan. 24 in the County Court chambers of Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner.

Committee member Matt Doherty was elected chairman by unanimous ballot. Eldon Padberg and Terry Thompson who unable to attend, are other members of the committee which also consists of County Judge Don McElligott and commissioners Irv Rauch and Jerry Peck.

The committee adopted the budget calendar and will meet February 4-7

and February 13 with the Hospital Board, the Fair and Rodeo Board, the Airport Board, and the various county departments to review their proposed budgets.

The Revenue Sharing Committee is scheduled to meet Friday morning, Feb. 7 to discuss disbursement of revenue sharing funds. The budget committee will resume its meeting immediately afterwards.

Final overview and approval of the budget and certification of the levy is expected Thursday, February 13.

The comet is coming...

Comet mania may only be a slight aberration in southern Morrow County at this time, but evidence of escalation is beginning to accumulate.

A small, but dedicated group of comet watchers from Ione lead by Mary Peterson and Peter Longway-Vince has been following the progress of Halley's Comet since early November when it first became visible with small telescopes and binoculars.

Another small group of star-gazers met with Ellsworth Mayer of Blue Mountain Community College Monday, Jan. 20 at Heppner High School where he conducted a workshop in observational astronomy.

Press releases from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, the University of Oregon's Pine Mountain Observatory, and Goldendale Observatory State Park, are piling up on the news desk at the Gazette-Times office.

Kids are buzzing with questions are searching out books with dramatic photos and detailed information of the spectacular 1910 passage of Halley's comet.

Halley's comet is unusually large for the short period comets and unlike a majority of comets is visible to the naked eye during a portion of its orbit. A nucleus of rock, water

ice, and frozen gases, warms as it approaches the sun and part of the fine mile which a ball becomes a visible coma.

Available sources predict that the comet will not be as spectacular during its 1985-86 passage around the sun as it was on its 1910 approach; nevertheless, it will be visible for those who know where to look.

Since the comet disappeared from view as its orbit took it behind the sun early last week, the next five to six weeks provide some time for the rest of us to begin getting excited and making preparations to view this "once in a lifetime" phenomenon.

Moyer recommends that those who are serious about viewing the comet check astronomy magazines for current star charts and dates and times for better viewing. Any current issue of "Sky and Telescope" or "Astronomy" should also provide titles of books, places to order memorabilia, and other valuable information about the comet, he says. He has also offered to return to Heppner later in the spring to conduct another class, where students actually get a chance to locate and view the comet.

Watch the Gazette-Times for more information about local groups forming to watch or to celebrate the return of Comet Halley. We will

publish more information about opportunities to view the comet as it becomes available. A special "hot line" at OMSI, (24-COMET) lists up-to-date information on the comet its location and OMSI-sponsored comet events.

Those who wish to share their experience viewing the comet in 1910 are invited to contact Sandy at the Gazette-Times office, 676-9228. (caution, if you admit to seeing the comet in 1910, also admit to being at least 76 years young.) We are also interested in hearing if you plan to observe the comet again this spring, and what your reaction is to that experience.

Burkenbine gets shot at wheel

Forrie Burkenbine of Heppner will have his "big chance" next Wednesday, when he goes to Salem to spin the Oregon Lottery wheel.

Burkenbine, who is co-owner of Central Market in Heppner, won his chance at the jackpot with an entry winner on the current scratch off game of the Lottery.

Burkenbine, who purchased his ticket at Central Market, will win a minimum of \$5,000 in the Spin.

County copes with vacancies

Morrow County has filled the positions of county counsel and building inspector on a temporary basis since accepting resignations from County Counsel Mike Oths on January 17 and Building Inspector Roger Converse on January 15.

Services for county counsel have been contracted by the month with Val Doherty, a Heppner attorney, who is retained by the county on an hourly basis as needed.

Gary Kitchen, a former Hood River County building inspector, has been hired on a temporary parttime basis to "clean up" 50 incomplete inspections, says Morrow County Judge Don McElligott. Kitchen is a

licensed, Class A inspector.

The position of Public Works Director is still being filled temporarily by Road Supervisor Don Ball. McElligott said that the county may advertise the position again and attempt to fill it before oiling season, but they found that not enough money had been budgeted last year to hire a qualified public works director following Otto Burden's June, 1985 resignation.

Deputy County Clerk Claudine Warren is retiring as of March 1. The position has been advertised, but, says McElligott, general preference is to fill it with somebody already employed by the county.

Plant Pathologist to address farmers



Paul Koepsell

Paul Koepsell, OSU Extension Plant Pathologist, will address wheat farmers Thursday, February 6, at the Fair Grounds in Condon.

Dr. Koepsell is part of an annual program presented by the Extension Service to update wheat growers in Morrow and Gilliam County. The wheat seminar is being hosted this year in Gilliam County, but will return to Heppner in 1987.

The agenda for the seminar is as follows: 8:30 a.m.-Registration; 9 a.m. Wheat Growth Model with Ron Rickman, OSU Agronomist; 10:15 a.m.-Strategies for Root Health by Jim Cook; 11 a.m.-Seed Treatments by Paul Koepsell, Extension Pathologist; 11:45 a.m.-STEEP-What is it? Don Wysocki, Extension Soils Specialist; Noon-lunch; 1:30 p.m.-Pro-

ducing Quality Seed-How and Why. Greg Vollmer, Foundation Seed and Ron Cook, OSU Seed Certification; 2:30 p.m.-Making "Cents" of Maximum Yield, Russ Karow, Extension Agronomist; 3:30 p.m.-Concluding Remarks by Fred Lundin and Jim Murphy, OSU Extension Agents.

There will be a demonstration of an indent cleaner cleaning goat-grass from wheat seed at lunch which will be catered locally and will cost approximately \$5.

More information is available at the Morrow County Extension Office, 676-9642.

Chamber begins busy year

Members of the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce began a busy 1986.

Their new officers presided at the first meeting after their installation on January 21. President Birdine Tullis called for order with the suggestion that everyone begin now to "think green" as St. Patrick's weekend celebration will come "sooner than we expect."

Committee assignments were passed out and the chairmen were asked to call the members of their committees together soon to make plans as they will be expected to have reports ready to present to the whole membership.

Two new members were introduced: State Representative Raymond French and Elks Manager Noel G. Harshman.

A new practice was begun in cooperation with the pastors of the South Morrow Ministerial Association. Each of the first four Tuesday noons of each month, a visiting pastor will meet with the chamber and give the day's invocation. The Ministerial Association is in charge of arranging scheduling.