

Four arrested on drug-related charges

As a result of grand jury indictments four people were arrested in the Boardman-Irrigon area on drug charges May 29. Officers from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Irrigon Police Department and Boardman Police Department arrested the following people on Circuit Court warrants:

-Irene Sanchez-Ulloa, 30, Boardman, charged with three counts of Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance;

-Karen Armenteen Hampton, 27, Boardman, charged with two counts Delivery of a Controlled Substance and two counts Possession of a Controlled Substance;

-Larry Dean Hiigel, 25, Boardman, charged with one count Delivery of a Controlled Substance;

-Richard Lynn Westmoreland, 40, Irrigon, charged with two counts Delivery of a Controlled Substance and one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Bail was set at \$10,000 each. All prisoners were lodged at the Umatilla County Jail in Pendleton. Small quantities of suspected drugs and drug paraphernalia were seized during the arrests.

Kitchen fire causes smoke damage

A kitchen range caught a burner cover on fire and filled a trailer house with smoke at 180 W. May in Heppner Sunday. The Heppner Fire Dept. responded; smoke damage and minimal damage was reported.

Below average water supplies expected

Water supplies are forecast to be below average during the next three months, says the Heppner field office of the Soil Conservation Service. April precipitation during April was:

	April	1961-85 Avg	% of Avg.
Ukiah	0.52	1.30	40%
Heppner	0.51	1.20	42%

The May 1 snowpack at the Arbuckle Mountain Snotel was 6.8" of water equivalent. Snowpack at Madison Butte Snotel site reported 0.0" of water equivalent.

Forecasts of streamflow, assuming normal weather conditions occur for the rest of the season, are as follows:

STREAM	FORECAST			AVG. PERIOD
	1000's af	% Avg.	1000's af	
Butter Creek nr. Pine City	2.6	59	May-Jul	4.4
Rhea Cr. nr. Heppner	1.1	50	May-Jul	2.2
Willow Cr. at Heppner	1.6	50	May-Jul	3.2
Rock Creek abv. Cayuse Canyon	1.3	58	May-Jul	2.4
	nr.			Condon

Flying High

Kite enthusiasts caught the wind above the track at Heppner High School Friday, May 15. Veteran kite fliers Marv Peterson and Peter Longway-Vince were there along with some new faces and kites.

It's the perfect sport for Morrow County, Longway-Vince said, because Morrow County has many wide open spaces without overhead power lines or other obstructions.



4-H Kite club to begin

"Go fly your kite" may soon be the password to fun and excitement, if the 4-H project under development in Morrow County catches the interest of youth.

To learn all about kiting, a meeting has been arranged Sunday, June 7, 3 p.m. at the Lone School Cafeteria. All youth in Morrow County are invited to come and learn the excitement of "catching the wind."

Experienced kites Marv Peterson and Peter Longway-Vince will show kites and share expertise. If there is sufficient interest, more than one club, or clubs in various locations

will be developed. The kite club is one of several new short term projects presently being introduced to Morrow youth. The idea was developed by Bill Broderick and Birdine Tullis. "We feel that kiting offers a new approach to outdoor exercise, as well as an introduction to a variety of scientific concepts. "We hope to show the kids how to make a kite, to fly a kite, understand why they fly-and have lots of fun." "Come June 7, 3 p.m., Lone school to hear all about it. The wide open spaces of Morrow County are perfect for "catching a wind," Tullis said.

New legislation will prevent Kinzua harvesting some of its own timber

We're losing our rights, and we're losing them in the legislative process, Harry Kennison, general manager of Kinzua Corp. claims.

New management rules set by the State Dept. of Forestry will prevent Kinzua from harvesting timber the company has planted within a

riparian area 100 ft. on each side of Rock Creek which runs the entire length of Kinzua's 175,000 acres of timberland south of Heppner.

I can understand the restrictions on public lands, but not for private landowners. It's making it tough to stay in business, he said.

When we lose the right to conduct our own business on our own land, we lose our democratic way of life, Kennison said, and we're losing it. It's too soon to tell what the long range impact to Kinzua and Heppner will be, but there will be an effect, Kennison said. "We do know it will lock up productive land so we are not able to harvest it and work it as we would like," he said.

The Dept. of Forestry said clear and specific management rules that can be uniformly applied were necessary. The forestry board recognized that forest lands next to small streams contain a unique concentration of public values. The rules, the department said, are designed to recognize the public's interest in growing and harvesting timber while protecting the soil, water quality, aquatic habitat, and wildlife habitat resources.

A requirement for the keeping of conifers and other vegetation along with dead standing trees and downed timber within the riparian areas is necessary for wildlife and provides large woody debris for improved stream structure, the department said.

"People need to understand that it infringes upon us and we do not know where it all will end. They keep pushing us off our own land for the good of the fish and the elk," Kennison said.

The legislature is infringing on how we handle our land for the benefit of the special interest groups.

We're trying to do a good job with thinning and other forest practices, he said. "But the legislature has locked in our lands. It means we can harvest less timber in order to make a playground for the rich and famous. We try to be compatible with hunters and fishermen," he said. "We don't charge the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife for grazing elk and deer on our land, but we do charge cattle farmers for grazing their animals on our land."

The riparian management ruling basically forces us to go to a fee hunting system, which we don't like, he said. We try to be compatible, but they want it all.

It's not right to lose the right to control our land, but we are losing it, I'm against it. We fought hard before the state legislature, but we just didn't get heard. Our whole democratic way of life is going and socialism is creeping in, Kennison said. "I don't know where it will all end."

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