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Donald F. Gilliam, official weather observer for Heppner, reports the following high and low temperatures and measured rainfall for the past week, starting Tuesday, Aug. 14.

	Hi	Low	Pre.
Tues., Aug. 14	74	57	.28
Wed., Aug. 15	84	58	
Thurs., Aug. 16	84	57	.03
Fri., Aug. 17	83	53	
Sat., Aug. 18	82	53	
Sun., Aug. 19	77	58	
Mon., Aug. 20	80	52	



Fair Fun

The Morrow County Fair was fun for adults and young people. Families lined up for a taste of chicken dinner at the annual Family Fun Night which featured a view of antique cars and crowning of the senior citizen royalty. Monday's Pet Show at the fairgrounds produced a range of animals. Jason and John Hanna, sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Hanna of Heppner showed their puppies. Every entrant received a red, white and blue ribbon and silver dollar.

Everything from 4-H revues to contests—that was the Fair

Hundreds of Morrow County residents experienced the fun and excitement of the 1979 Morrow County Fair in Heppner this week, taking part in a number of activities, from 4-H style revues, to horseshoe tournaments. There were pet shows, exhibits, and home economics demonstrations. A women's nail-hitting contest was a highlight and there were opportunities for sampling the foods sold at the concessions. Saturday's highlight was "Family Fun Night" in which old-time cars were driven through the city of Heppner and back to the fairgrounds arena. Families lined up to eat fried chicken and then sat back and watched the Rucilez Bros. perform country western music. The group made the Heppner stopover enroute to a performance in Alaska. The traditional family-fun night activities were coupled with a day of activities Saturday. Horseshoe players competed in the amateur tournament in the park area. Judging took place in the 4-H and FFA livestock divisions, community booths, 4-H clothing, knitting, food and miscellaneous exhibits. It was a day for viewing the many exhibits and collections the fair has to offer, and for looking at the school children's drawings, admiring the oil paintings and inspecting the variety of animals in the barns and holding pens at the Heppner fairgrounds. As a special treat Sunday, Rick Peterson, a national competitor in hang-gliding from Ione, landed his motorized glider powered by a

10-horsepower motor about 6:30 p.m. on the football field. He took off with his long wing span of fabric and metal from the Heppner High School hill, circled the fairgrounds for about 15 minutes, cut off his engine and swooped down like a bird. When Peterson's craft landed, looking like a large yellow butterfly, youngsters streamed out on the field to inspect the novelty. Peterson, an experienced hang-glider pilot, has flown over Heppner the last two weekends and produced a sensation in the community. The Wrangler's Horse Show featuring Western and English Equitation class events was held all day in the arena with Harold Kerr and D.O. Nelson doing the announcing. (Results are in the G-T's sports section.) Mrs. Charlene Nix of Heppner won the women's nail driving contest which attracted about 30 challengers. Charlene drove the nail in a

block of wood stretched over two sawhorses in four tries, beating the old record of six rings set last year. This was the second year for the nail-driving contest which was planned on the spur of the moment by Gary Grieb, who also supervised this year's event. Sunday also saw the finals of the second annual amateur horseshoe pitching contest with 32 competitors in three divisions, men's, women's and junior class. Bob Harrison, Martha Doherty and Harry Groshens were the winners. The 4-H Style Revue drew a large group of adults watching girls in beginning, intermediate and senior divisions modeling summer and fall fashions of their own creation. With D.O. Nelson serving as the show's judge, champions and reserve champions were announced. In the clothing style revue, junior division, Lauri Phillips of Boardman won the title of champion and Jody Padberg of Lexington

State trooper due in Heppner post

Terry A. Springer will be arriving from Coos Bay August 24 to serve as traffic control trooper for the south end of Morrow County. Springer has served with the Oregon State Police for about five or six years and will replace former State Trooper Tom Dixon who left in

February to try farming in the Milton-Freewater area. Oregon State Police Officer Vic Groshens will continue his work in fish and game enforcement. Since February, the south end of the county has been without OSP traffic control.

Carter's OK of \$3.2 million for Willow Creek expected

The U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers expects President Jimmy Carter to sign the legislation appropriating \$3.2 million for the start of construction of Willow Creek Dam on September 17, Jerry Eyestone, project coordinator for the Walla Walla District Office told the Morrow County Court at their Wednesday, August 15 meeting. Eyestone said Corps officials have been told by the Portland Division office to expect the President's signature by that date. The appropriations bill was approved by the House-Senate conference committee and awaits approval by both houses early in September. Congressman Al Ullman-D. Oregon, said last week the bill would be approved early in September but did not specify the date. Corps officials are already making plans for a groundbreaking ceremony soon after the President's signature. Five years ago, a similar appropriation reached the desk of President Gerald Ford, only to be vetoed along with other public works appropriations. At that time, the estimated cost of the dam construction was placed at \$14,700,000. In 1978, that figure was hiked to \$23 million; Eyestone said Wednesday in-

flation will make it higher by its planned completion date in 1983. Actual dam construction won't begin until 1981. Eyestone gave County Judge D.O. Nelson and Commissioners Warren McCoy and Dorothy Krebs a timetable of Corps land acquisition and construction activity. The Corps can't begin land acquisition until an appraisal is made of 17 or 18 parcels of private property and if landowners affected by the proposed dam object to the sale, the federal government will introduce condemnation proceedings. Once the project is started, it will require approved appropriations bills in 1981, 1982 and 1983 with 1981 as the main construction year. Eyestone said most flood control projects are never stopped once started though the Carter Administration delayed many in western states when it first began its 4-year term. The Corps' timetable calls for relocation of the city of Heppner's water tank 700 ft. downstream from its present location and 3½ miles of the Willow Creek Road, moving it to the left bank of the creek at the upper end of the planned reservoir in back of the dam and constructing two new

bridges. Also scheduled is a new road for dam access at the upper end of the city cemetery and tying in with the Shobe Canyon Road. From a \$500,000 appropriation in the last fiscal year, the Corps of Engineers has been core sampling in private property. Eyestone said the work is being done to determine where to locate a quarry site to gain materials for the earth-filled dam. Dam workers will grade down to bedrock starting in 1981 with the main dam contract expected to be late in May. To secure right of entry on some parcels of private property, Eyestone said the Corps had to go to court. Besides providing the Morrow County Court with an update on the project, Corps officials met Wednesday in Heppner to propose an agreement to split the costs of completing the Willow Creek Dam recreation area in 1982. The Corps will level an area along the lake and build a boat launching ramp while the county is expected to provide 50 per cent of the development work from volunteer labor. The agreement has not been finalized yet and the Court is attempting to determine the best arrangement to meet the costs of establishing rest-

rooms, lawn and trees and other amenities to the planned site. Commissioner Dorothy Krebs asked Eyestone what would happen if the level of the lake became as high as the 18 ft. high dam and 1,776 ft. long. Eyestone said a 300 ft. long spillway would allow the water to escape but noted that the court would probably never see the spillway in operation because of the dam's capacity. The Corps' study of the dam project called a "general design memorandum" is expected to be released soon to the general public following acceptance by officials in Washington D.C. It states, says Eyestone, that the cost benefit ratio is currently .7 to 1 compared to 1974 figure of 1.4 to 1. Eyestone prefers to cite the benefits first rather than the costs. Despite the unequal cost-benefit ratio, Eyestone said Congressional lawmakers are hoping to reduce "the potential for loss of life" from floods in the Heppner area. Eyestone has been working on the Willow Creek project for a number of years and expects to retire in a year. He said other officials will be briefed on arrangements with the county.

Heppner set for big weekend of Rodeo

Heppner will turn into a rodeo town this weekend with two rodeos, the Morrow County Rodeo Friday night and the Open class Rodeo Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's Rodeo Parade starts at 10 a.m. On Friday night, starting at 7 p.m. is the Morrow County Rodeo featuring Calgary cow milking, open calf roping,

Morrow County bulldogging, cow riding, junior barrels, senior barrels, breakaway, team roping and Morrow County calf roping. The all-around cowboy will receive a Severe Brothers Saddle from the Morrow County Grain Growers and the top calf roping saddle will be given by Gardners' Mens' Wear. There is also a \$50 Cutsforth award for the all-around cowboy. Spurs, buckles and other awards will be presented to the winners of every event. Several entrants have already signed up for the calf-roping contest. The deadline for signups was Monday, August 20. Friday's rodeo is limited to residents of the county. On Saturday and Sunday is the open class rodeo, starting both days at 1:30 p.m. with signups on Wednesday and Thursday, August 22 and 23 from noon until 5 p.m. The call back is scheduled on Friday, August 26 from 2-5 p.m., 676-5836.

Heppner bid for cross-country running gets no from school board

The Morrow County School Board turned thumbs down Monday night on a request to add the sport of cross-country running to the fall sports programs at Heppner High School with members voting unanimously against it. Heppner High School Principal Jim Bier told the board he had been approached last spring by some students interested in holding 5 or 6 meets in the fall of the year, promising to pay for the gas needed for transportation. Bier said a coach's salary and travel expenses would have been necessary to sustain the program. The school had a cross country program 10 years ago, Bier said, but it was cancelled the next year by Ron Daniels, the former school superintendent because the additional athletics program had never gained approval from the school board. When asked how many students might be involved in the requested program, Bier said 4 or 5. Supt. Matt Doherty said it would be unfair for the students involved in one sport to pay for their gas usage while other sports were supported financially by district funds. In a period of increasing gas allocation cutbacks for the school districts, the superintendent said it's his goal to cut district fuel consumption

by 20 percent. Ione High School Principal Chuck Starr said he had received similar requests from "well meaning parents to add wrestling and gymnastics" and said he wasn't opposed to those sports. But he said with energy problems and scheduling buses and if the board approved the sport of cross country, "What's the next one?" A request to increase the number scheduled baseball games at Riverside Junior High School was tabled until the next meeting. Principal Dan Daltoso said the request was not adding a sport to the district's athletic program but necessary to make Riverside more competitive with other districts. Supt. Doherty said the request should be considered for all three high schools in the district and required further board study until the September session. The board denied a request from a student at Heppner High School, Reida Gibson, to go to school part time at the high school in order to work half the day and instructed Principal Jim Bier to investigate the possibility of fitting her in a two hour work study program. motion to allow the girl to work half of the school day was supported by Jim Wishart, Bennett and Pauline

Winter and against were Broadbent and Matthews. The motion needed a majority of four votes. Members Irv Rauch and Harold Snider were absent. However, the board went along with another request by Bier for approval of Jim Parker's attendance at the high school as a senior in the class of 1980. His parents are moving to Pendleton but Bier reported that during the

coming school year, he will be living with responsible people. Supt. Doherty announced that 37 new teachers have been hired by the district this year to fill vacancies caused by resignations and gave prior approval to Ione High School Principal Starr to hire a language arts and Spanish teacher on a restricted certificate. Cont. on page 8

Hail, road washouts mark thunderstorm

Road washouts, large hailstones up to two inches in diameter and damage to fences and fields marked the Wednesday, August 15 thunderstorm which hit the Ruggs and Rock Creek area while streets in Condon were flooded. The highway between Heppner and Condon was closed Wednesday night because of washouts but State highway crews had restored one-lane traffic by early Thursday. There were several reports of hail damage to crops from the U.S. Agricultural Conservation Service Office in Heppner. Mrs. Walt Boyer said the large amount of water which fell knocked out two fence lines 19 miles south of Hepp-

ner and five miles away from Ione on Dry Fork. The county road leading to the Boyer Ranch was washed out and according to Mrs. Boyer, marble-sized hail fell in the area. Lloyd McNary, a rancher on Gooseberry Rd., said Wednesday's storm was the worst he's seen in the 10 years he has lived in the area and said the hailstones which fell were about 2 inches in diameter. His and nearby farms suffered hail damage and damage caused by erosion. McNary said he had crop insurance. He had about 78 per cent of his wheat cut when the evening

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