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Weather BY THE CITY OF HEPPNER

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., July 28	88	42	
Wed., July 29	73	46	
Thurs., July 30	81	49	
Fri., July 31	86	50	
Sat., Aug. 1	87	56	
Sun., Aug. 2	84	45	
Mon., Aug. 3	81	50	

Co-op, irrigators agree on 'compromise' rate increase

Negotiations between Columbia Basin Electric Co-op and large Morrow County irrigation farmers came to an end last Friday with a compromise rate increase.

The co-op and farmers have been arguing for some time about how much rates should increase to the large irrigator.

All Columbia Basin electrical users will see an increase of from 20.29 percent to 44.69 percent in their electric bills for July, however, the irrigators were successful in negotiating a 16.39 percent increase from the co-op.

The increases were said to be necessary to raise \$779,150 more in revenue so the co-op may pay for higher power costs from Bonneville and increased operating expenses.

In the meeting Friday, consultants for both the co-op and the irrigators announced that they had successfully reached a compromise on a long standing dispute on how much of that increased revenue should come from large irrigators, who use power to pump their water, and from other segments of co-op customers.

Under an original study commissioned by the co-op, the irrigators would have seen a 42.89 percent jump in rates this year; residential users would have had a 35.24 percent increase and small irrigators would have had a 22.18 percent increase.

After hiring their own consultant to study the plan, however, large irrigators were able to prove to the Basin that their share of the increase was unfair, and that the study was inaccurate.

Under the compromise reached last week, the large irrigators will now pay 16.39 percent more for power; residential users (who face the largest increase of all seven classes of users) will have a 44.69 percent increase; and small irrigators will have a 28.46 percent boost.

Other classes of users will also face increases, according to the compromise.

"I think the irrigators will stand behind this - reluctantly," said irrigation farmer Marvin Padberg. "We still think it's too high."

The irrigators were able to convince the co-op to lower their proposed rate increases by pointing out several mistakes the co-op's consultants

had made in the allocation of distribution costs in the Columbia Basin system.

The irrigators, through their consultants, R.W. Beck and Associates of Seattle, said

they were being charged unfairly for distribution costs. The compromise was not arrived at without objections, however.

"There won't be any com-

promise. You'll just have to do this all over again," said small irrigator Dexter Miles. "You will hear from the other classes (of users)," he stated.

1940-45 HHS reunion hugely enjoyed by alumni



Jim Barratt MCs 1940-45 reunion

By EILEEN SALING

Approximately 175 alumni, spouses, guests and former faculty members attended the classes of 1940 through 1945 Heppner High School reunion Saturday night, Aug. 1, at the Heppner Elks Club.

Co-chairmen of the event were Jim Barratt, Corvallis, and Walt Skuzeski of Yamhill.

Class representatives for each year were as follows: 1940 - Bill and Shirley Wilson Blake, Milwaukie; 1941 - Mary Eleanor Florence Gilman, Heppner; 1942 - Lib Healy Dagggett, Heppner; 1943 - Eunice Hiatt McElligott, Ione, and Kingsley Chapin Slyter, Camas, Wash.; 1944 - Merlyn Kirk Robinson and Howard Pettyjohn, Heppner; and 1945

Jean Turner Runnion, Pendleton and Ray French of Heppner.

The event was well planned, went very smoothly and was hugely enjoyed by the throng in attendance.

After an excellent dinner, prizes were given during the program to those alumni with five or more children and those coming the farthest

distance. Joe Hughes of Los Angeles, Calif., edged out Frances Wilkinson Oslund of Denver, Colo. for that honor. Many door prizes were given, among them Jantzen shirts and sweaters, beef certificates and cocktails and dinner for two at the Flying M Ranch out of Yamhill. Also, everyone attending received a large bucket (take-out chicken bucket) heaped with comestibles - a "junk food junkie's" delight. Dancing to the "Sierra Express" was enjoyed until 2 a.m.

Sunday morning, Aug. 2, a no-host breakfast was served by the Elks Club and enjoyed by around 125 alumni and guests who were still talking non-stop.

Faculty attending were Norbert and Hester Peavy, Sacramento, Calif.; Ken and Betty McKenzie, Crescent, Ore.; Jean McElhinny Nelson and Norman Nelson, Lexington; Juanita Leathers Carmichael, Rachel Forsythe Dick and Ed Dick, and Lorena Wilson Jones and Floyd Jones, all of Heppner.

Tentative plans were discussed for another reunion in 1985.

Immunizations required for school children

Students who will enter kindergarten or first grade for the first time will be required to have completed immunizations before entering Morrow County Schools, according to Matt Doherty, superintendent. Physical examinations are not required this year, however, a thorough physical is recommended.

Immunization should include D.P.T. (diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus), rubella. Im-

munization against mumps is also recommended but not required.

Free immunization clinics will be offered by the Morrow County Health Department at schools throughout the county.

Parents are encouraged to watch their papers for announcements of these clinics, or contact the Morrow County Health Office in Lexington, 989-8256.

Lexington man said 'stable'

The condition of a Lexington man, Virgil E. Douglas, who, according to Morrow County Sheriff Larry Fetsch, made an attempt on his own life, is stable, said a spokesperson at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Douglas was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner Sunday night and then transferred to Good Shepherd. He had been employed at the Montie Crum Ranch.

Motion made for new trial

A motion for a new trial has been made by Jose Mario Mendoza Verduzco, Boardman, convicted of murder by a Morrow County jury July 15 in the death of Antonio Delgado Guzman, according to Morrow County District At-

torney Ann Spicer. Spicer said that the judge is expected to arrive at a decision concerning the motion sometime this week.

The victim (also of Boardman) was shot and killed April 25 near a tavern in Boardman.

Morrow Co. schools to start Sept. 1

The first day of school for Morrow County students this year will be September 1.

The early date represents a departure from previous years when students entered school on the day following Labor Day.

"The September 7 Labor Day is the latest Labor Day of the past decade, and would have required that school be carried on until Tuesday, June 8, in order to complete a full school year," said a school district spokesperson.

Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on the first day; buses will run and school cafeterias will serve lunches.

New students to the district may register throughout the summer at all of the district's schools as offices are open throughout the summer. Returning secondary students are asked to register during the week of August 24 through August 28, except at Riverside High School where students will be registered on September 1.

Returning elementary students need not pre-register, however, all who can are urged to pay necessary school fees early if possible in order to avoid first day confusion, said the spokesperson.

Irrigator youth to play in Shrine

An Irrigator youth, Lerry Wilson, son of Chester and Frances Rose Wilson, will be playing in the East-West Shrine football game to be

held this Sat., Aug. 8 at Baker. Wilson has been at Eastern Oregon State College in La-Grande practicing for Saturday's competition.

AFS student arrives from New South Wales

The household of Donna Bergstrom and her daughters, Kelli and Cindi, now includes a third high school girl, Heppner's second American Field Service student, Kristine Donaldson from New South Wales, Australia.

Eighteen-year-old Kristine will spend her senior year at

Heppner High School where Cindi, also 18, is a senior and they will be graduated together next spring. Kelli, Heppner's outstanding swimmer will begin her freshman year there this fall.

Jerry Healy, president of the Heppner Chapter of AFS, says that last year, during the

term of the chapter's founding President Elaine George, Heppner enjoyed its first year-long foreign student, Jari Alasuvanto from Imaatra Finland, who lived with the Bob and Marian Abrams family.

President Healy states that a third student will be arriving soon, a young man from the

Dominican Republic, who will be joining the Dale Holland household.

Morrow residents will be learning more about Kristine as she gets out among them. Her father is a member of the state police as are her paternal uncles. Her mother's family is sizable, providing Kristine eight aunts and uncles. Kristine has a younger sister, 10, and a brother, 8.

Kristine and Cindi have not had a chance to really get acquainted until this week as Cindi has been off in Michigan attending the "I Dare You" leadership camp with one other student from Oregon.

Power outage Aug. 11

On Tuesday, August 11, the electricity will be off on the main portion of Willow Creek in order to change to a different primary voltage, according to a city spokesperson. From approximately 8 a.m. until noon, the power will be off from Tanors up to Cutsforth Park, inclusive of Blakes' Ranch. Then at 12:30 p.m., the Blakes' Ranch only

New books available at library

Available now at the Heppner Public Library are 15 new children's books of the "Cowboy Sam" series. Purchase of the books was made possible by a donation from the Vacation Bible School held in Heppner in June.

New books of interest in the adult library are: "How to Build Your Own Log Home & Cabin From Scratch," "How to Build Your Own Wood Frame House from Scratch," and "How to Repair Briggs and Stratton Engines."

Council meeting postponed

Because of lack of a quorum, the Heppner City Council Monday evening postponed its meeting until Thursday, August 6.

Under consideration at that time will be:

- a public hearing on an amendment to the zoning ordinance, which would allow

mobile homes as a conditional use in city commercial zones.

- opening of bids for the purchase of a \$430,000 promissory note for interim financing of the city's portion of water system improvements.

- determination of a fee for a development permit in the flood plain.

HHS players to get equipment

Heppner High School boys turning out for football this year will receive their equipment on Sunday, August 23, head Coach John Sporseen has announced.

Senior boys will be issued equipment from 12 to 1:30; juniors from 1:30 to 3; sophomores from 3 to 4:30 and freshmen from 4:30 to 6 p.m., Sporseen said.

There will also be a team meeting Aug. 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 3 at the high

school, said the coach. Information on physicals and practice schedules will be announced later.

Anyone with questions should contact Coach Sporseen.

Men sentenced

Two Morrow County men were sentenced July 23, by U.S. Magistrate, Arthur Barrows, according to a Umatilla National Forest news release.

On March 12, 1981, Dave Russell, Boardman, plead guilty to charges of damaging government property and entering a government building not open to the public. Rodney Collins, Irrigator, plead guilty to a charge of cutting timber not authorized by a permit. Russell was fined \$150 for each charge; Collins was fined \$100 and required to pay \$233.25 restitution.

The two were involved in a post and pole sale near the Ellis Guard Station, Ukiah Ranger District, Umatilla National Forest.



Kelli Bergstrom (left), Kris Donaldson and Cindi Bergstrom

Morrow County brochure available

A new brochure featuring recreation, industry and facts about Morrow County is now off the presses and available to the public.

Sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and financed by donations from businesses, individuals, and groups throughout the county, the brochure gives readers full-color pictures and much information about life in Morrow County.

Each incorporated city in the county has an individual section listing facts about the community, and one section is devoted to recreation. Another section lists important weather, population and other facts, and the inside tells much about the economic activities in the county.

The brochure was compiled by a Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Justine Weatherford. Composition and printing was handled by the Heppner Gazette-Times.