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Weather

BY THE CITY OF HEPPNER

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Aug. 25	83	49	
Wed., Aug. 26	89	52	Total precipitation for August 1981 - .20.
Thurs., Aug. 27	92	49	Total precipitation for August 1980 - .50
Fri., Aug. 28	81	48	
Sat., Aug. 29	78	44	
Sun., Aug. 30	80	45	
Mon., Aug. 31	78	46	

Local cowboy takes top honors at county rodeo Court approves street widening

A Heppner cowboy, Tony Currin, won the All-Around title at the Morrow County Rodeo held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Currin placed in five events: Open calf roping, 24.47 (two head) - 1st place; Steer Wrestling - 2nd place; Cow Riding - 4th; Cow Milking - 5th; and Team Roping - 6th place. Currin won the Severe Brothers Saddle given by the Morrow County Grain Growers and the \$50 Orville Cutsforth Award.

Cliff Dougherty, Heppner, won the Amateur Calf Roping Championship and was awarded the Bonnie Paulus Saddle donated by Kinzua Corp.

The Hard Luck Cowboy Award was won by Bob Steagall, Lexington. Steagall was injured in the team roping event Friday night. Steagall's wife, Beverly, reports Bob is "OK" but is scheduled to have surgery on his hand next week.

Following are more rodeo results:

Team Roping Finals: Bill McGuire and Jack McGuire, Boardman, buckles donated from Gardner's Men's Wear. Barrrels, Janice Healy, Caravelle, wench from Peterson's Jewellers. Breakaway, Maureen Healy, spurs from Roice Fullerton. Cow Riding, Lee Rice, buckle from Court St. Market and Court St. Processing.

Steer Wrestling: Mike Currin, buckle from Sid and Sandy Britt, Britt Excavating. Open Calf Roping, Tony Currin, buckle from Coast to Coast. Catagory Cow Milking, Jeff Bailey and Dought Bailey, buckle from the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Pee Wee Barrrels: Jennifer Currin. Steer Wrestling, Mike Currin, 1st; and Tony Currin, 2nd. Team Roping, Bob McGuire and Jack McGuire 1st; Rocky Proctor and Max Hillberg 2nd; Casey Anderson and John Meyer 3rd; and Wayne Evans and Don Evans 4th.

Wayne Papineau took 2nd place in the Amateur Calf Roping event and won a pair of boots that were donated by Gardner's Men's Wear while Albie Brogan received a \$25 gift certificate for his 3rd place effort.

Duane Ball won a buckle donated by Blair and Datarie Philippi for his performance in the Pee Wee Barrrels event. Cow Riding contestants placed as follows: Lee Rice - 1st; Jeff Bailey - 2nd; Brett Stearns - 3rd; and Tony Currin - 4th. In the Breakaway event, Maureen Healy 2.96, 1st; Cindy Dougherty 4.13, 2nd; and Janice Healy placed 3rd with 5.52.

Catagory Cow Milking, Jeff Bailey and Dought Bailey, 1st; Dick Hoffman and Don Papineau 2nd; Max Hillberg and Karl Smith 3rd; and John Meyer and Casey Anderson 4th. Open Calf Roping (two head), Tony Currin 24.47, 1st; Jack McGuire 46.48, 2nd; and Mike Currin 47.70, 3rd.

In the Barrrels, Janice Healy took 1st place with 18.41; Anita Palmer 19.0, 2nd; Tara Mahoney 19.1, 3rd; and Trisha Mahoney 19.22, 4th. In WRA - NRA action Joe Talburt, Pendleton, took the Bareback event and was awarded a buckle for his effort from Murray Drug and Call's Cafe and Lounge.

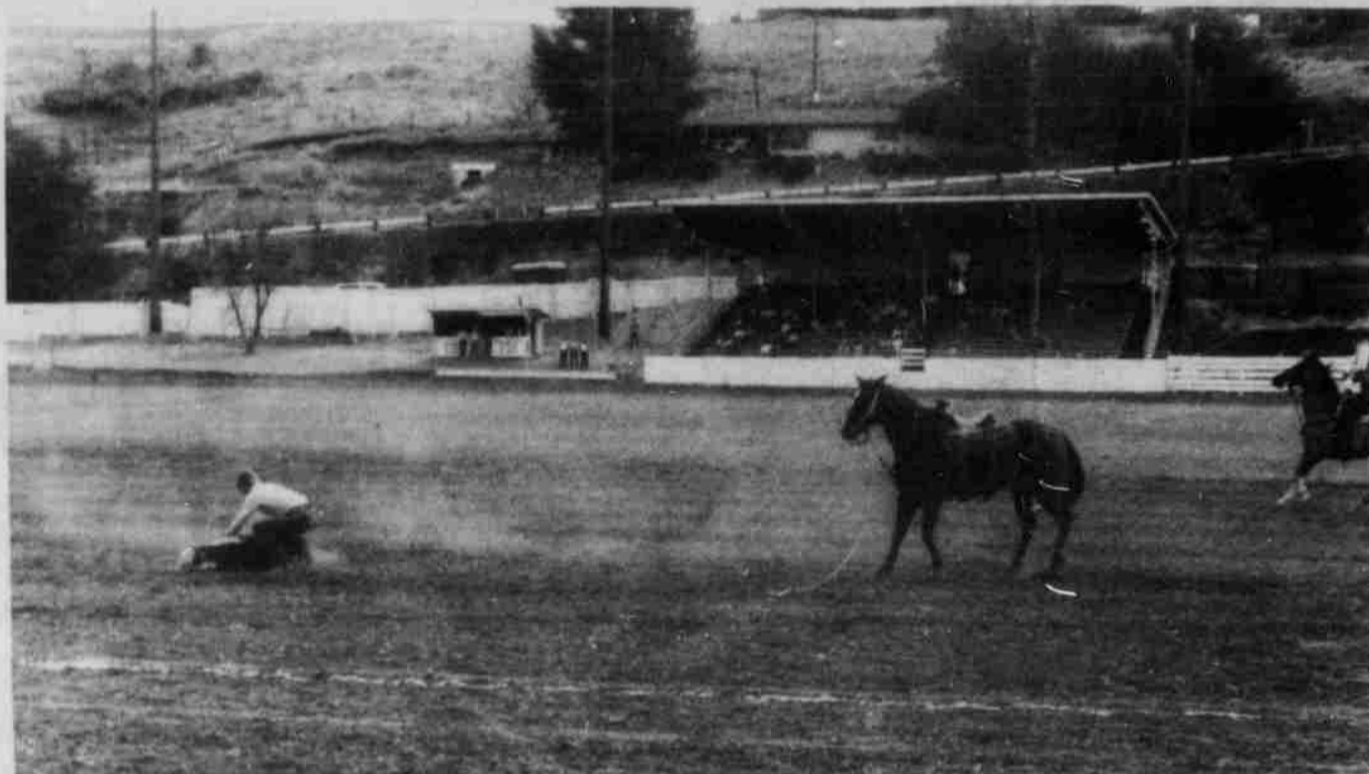
Gary Brehm, Port Orchard, Wash, won a buckle donated by the Wagon Wheel Lounge and the Blackhorse Tavern for his performance in the Saddlebronc. In the Bulls, Jeff Jones, Roy, Wash, rode away with a buckle donated by Turner, VanMarter & Bryant.

For Calf Roping, Casey Cox, Hermiston, was awarded a buckle from S & J Market and Dan McBride's Body Shop. In the Barrrels, Janice Healy took 1st prize, a buckle donated by the Shoe Box while Andrea Ball and Randy Britt took 5th and 4th places respectively in that event.

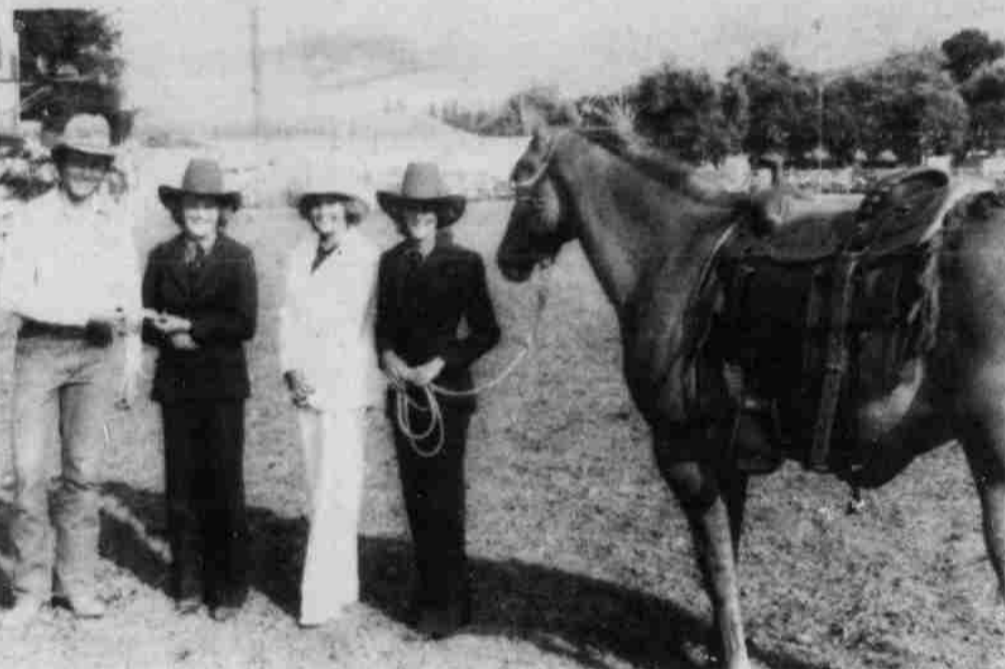
In the Breakaway event, Maureen Healy was awarded a buckle for first prize from Country Shears with Cindy Dougherty placing 2nd and Janice Healy placing 3rd in that event. In the Steer Wrestling, Mike Fuller, Pendleton, took 1st place with a time of 5.06 and received a buckle donated by Central Market and Lexington Lumber. Dean Longgood placed 2nd with 5.77 and 3rd prize was won by Duane Simmons, Spray, with a time of 6.01.

Deag Coombs and Lynn Passon took 1st place in the Team Roping and Dave Inman and Mike Fuller won buckles donated from Green Feed and Seed and Tri-County Seed.

In the Relay Race category The Umatilla Sage Riders won three races. The Umatilla Mustangs won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place while Walla Walla took two



Cliff Dougherty is shown winning the Amateur Calf Roping Championship



Tony Currin (L) receives award for best All-Around from the Morrow Co. Queen and Court.



Bonnie Paulus and Harry Kennison (center), present Cliff Dougherty with the Bonnie Paulus Saddle, donated by Kinzua Corp for winning the Amateur Calf Roping Championship.

2nd and two 3rd place awards.

In the Quarter Mile Races, Don Greenup took two 1st places; Tom Fox and Tammy Severs both took 2nd place while Katrina Ray won two 3rd place awards.

There were 31 money winners at the Morrow County Rodeo. Tony Currin took the top purse, \$372.36, and Jeff Bailey the second largest, \$252.00.

Mike Currin took 1st place in the Steer Wrestling and Tony Currin won 2nd. Cliff Dougherty took 3rd place in that event. In the Team Roping, Bob McGuire and Jack McGuire won 1st place honors. Rocky Proctor and Max Hillberg took 2nd, Casey Anderson and John Meyer won 3rd and Wayne Evans and Don Evans took 4th place.

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Columbia Basin Electric to receive \$1.5 million loan

A 1.5 million dollar loan to the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, of Heppner, Oregon, will provide financing to

service 174 additional customers, 24 miles of distribution line and system.

The loan, aiding Gilliam,

Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, and Wheeler counties, was made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Electrification Administration.

Petition to Co-op has 777 signatures

A petition asking the board of directors to change its decision on a recent rate increase, and bearing 777 signatures, was turned over to the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op board of directors at its meeting last Thursday.

The petition is asking a board to reconsider a July 30 rate increase which saw residential electrical rates increase between 44 and 54 percent.

The group which gathered the signatures is protesting what it says is inequitable rate increases among co-op electrical users.

Large irrigators experienced only a 12 to 16 percent increase under the new July 30 rates, and the petitioners says this is not fair.

According to Dexter Miles, one of the leaders of the protest group which presented the petition to the board, said Monday the board agreed to study the petition and act on it at its Sept. 24 meeting.

Miles says he was pleased with the response to the petition, and that the group is now working in the Condon-Fossil area, where it plans to hold meetings, in an effort to gather more signatures from that area.

The group held an opening meeting, attended by about 350 people, August 18 at the Heppner High School cafeteria. Petitions and donations were gathered at that time.

He says at this time no more meetings are scheduled in the Heppner area.

Asked what the group plans to do if the board of directors does not go along with a revision of the rate schedule, Miles declined to comment, saying only that they plan to work through the board for an equitable solution. "We feel confident that we have the support of the people," he said. The co-op services approximately 3,369 customers, Miles said.

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Morrow County Court moved to approve the widening of Thompson Street in Heppner as the first item on the agenda last Wednesday.

Approval of moving a dirt embankment back five feet along Thompson Street, behind the hospital was the result of an agreement made between the Heppner Planning Commission and Morrow County Court.

The Planning Commission will, in turn grant, Pioneer Memorial Hospital with the necessary variance to furnish a shelter for an ambulance, stated Commissioner Dorothy Krebs.

As a result of a recent

meeting in Baker with Representative Denny Smith, Judge Don McElligott informed the court that the State Board of Aeronautics has approved a request of \$8,000 for surfacing Lexington Airport's new runway.

Official correspondence verifying the grant should be arriving within the week, stated Judge McElligott.

County Court continued with the appointment of Barbara Cummings as Morrow County representative to the District Manpower Advisory Committee.

In other business, Morrow County Court was informed of a lawsuit filed against the Sheriff's Department.

According to the claimant,

Joan Hughes, last New Year's Eve Hughes high-centered her 1979 Monte Carlo on Hwy 206. In the removal of the vehicle, Hughes claims damage of over \$500 was done by the County Sheriff's Department and the Heppner City Police. No action was taken by County Court.

Files for Morrow County Court are currently being reorganized by Barbara Cummings, court secretary.

Cummings requested the Court's approval of the disposal of incomplete and outdated files as well as approval of a new filing system.

No official action was taken, although County Court reviewed portions of the files to be disposed and agreed with the new color-coded filing system.

'Schools Open - Drive Carefully'

The three r's will bring 'em into the classroom; safety will bring 'em home!

Busloads of children, ten-speeds and flashy motorcross bikes, banana-shaped skate boards, mopeds, rollerskaters, souped up dragsters and a relatively small number of walkers are about to take to the streets again for the opening of school, reports a recent automobile club of Oregon news release.

Awareness of potential traffic hazards can often ward off accidents. AAA's "School's Open - Drive Carefully" message is conveyed across the country by AAA Clubs in a variety of forms, including posters, bumper strips, placemats, newspaper, magazine, TV slides and envelope stuffers. A total of 1,219,181 pieces of material will be distributed during the 1981 campaign.

Verduzco sentenced to life

Jose Mario Mendoza Verduzco, Boardman, was sentenced Friday, August 28 to life imprisonment in the Oregon State Penitentiary by Judge William W. Wells reported Morrow Co. District Attorney Ann Spicer.

Verduzco was convicted of murder in the April 25 shooting of another Boardman man, Antonio "Tony" Delgadillo Guzman.

Post office lobby open on new schedule

The Heppner Post Office lobby will be open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. until noon, closed Sundays, reports Ken Nairns, postmaster.

This schedule will be in effect until September 14 when the new post office building is to be completed and in use, Nairns said.



Big yellow bus - when to stop?

With the opening of school, Oregon drivers will again be encountering the "big yellow school buses." Many times drivers are confused as to when they should stop for a school bus.

The law is really quite simple with regards to this decision. On any undivided highway or road in the state of Oregon, traffic must stop when red lights are flashing on the bus and not proceed until the lights have stopped flashing. This means traffic from both directions must stop, those vehicles approaching the bus from the front as well as those vehicles behind the bus. Drivers will activate amber warning lights prior to

the stop, at which time they will activate the red stop lights.

If it is possible for a driver to pull off the road to load or discharge children, he will do so without activating the red flashing lights and traffic need not stop.

"Failure to stop when red lights of a school bus are flashing is a Class B traffic infraction," said a school district spokesperson. "More importantly, a failure to stop could cause injury or death to a child, something none of us could ever erase from our minds. Please give this some thought when you next encounter the big yellow school bus."

Attendance reported up at county fair & rodeo

Attendance was up at this year's Morrow County Fair and Rodeo held in Heppner last week, August 25 - 30.

Fair Secretary, Dorothy Estburg reports attendance "Way up," about "10,000 at fair," the usual fair attendance being about 6,000 she added. Estburg said about

4,000 attended the rodeo. Barbara Hayes reports attendance at the Friday night and Sunday afternoon rodeos about the same as last year but gate receipts show the Saturday performance showed a definite increase over last year's attendance.

Local boys win at State Fair

Pat Struthers, Lexington, took top honors in the rock, mineral and fossil category of the natural science project at the 1981 Oregon State Fair in Salem. Struthers won in the intermediate class for 4-H members in grades seven

through nine. Reserve champion was won by Robert McMillan, also of Lexington.

Others receiving blue awards for their 4-H geology exhibits are: Intermediate - Ken Curtis, Heppner.