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Weather

by The City of Heppner

This week's weather report was not available at press time.

High Low Precip

Tues., April 6	48	30	trace
Wed., April 7	49	26	
Thurs., April 8	55	30	
Fri., April 9	61	36	
Sat., April 10	63	47	.30
Sun., April 11	69	42	.10
Mon., April 12	56	42	.04

School district and teachers assoc. reach contract agreement

The Morrow County School District and the district teachers association have reached an agreement on a new three year contract. It was announced Monday night.

Both the teacher's and the district's negotiating teams have been working on a new contract since November of 1981. They reached agreement in mid-March.

The new contract was ap-

proved by the district board at its monthly meeting Monday night, however, the contract has not yet been approved by the teachers.

Highlights of the contract call for a two percent increase in salary the first year, as well as the district paying for the teacher's portion of the public employee retirement service. The retirement benefit will amount to about six

percent of a teacher's salary, which the district will pay.

Also, in the first year, extra hour work done by teachers will increase from \$5 to \$5.50 per hour, and the district has agreed to pay teachers for two days of personal leave per year, if the leave is not taken.

Also, the district agreed to increase from three to six the number of paid days allowed for bereavement.

In the second year of the three-year agreement, the district and the teachers agreed to a salary increase to match the Portland C.P.I. (cost price index) which measures inflation in the state.

If the C.P.I. passes 12 percent, however, either the district or the teachers may re-open salary negotiations for that year.

Also in the second year, an extra duty pay step for coaches will be added, to bring

the total from six to seven. And extra duty pay will be increased from \$5.50 to \$6 per hour.

In the third year, teacher's salaries will increase by the Portland C.P.I. less one percent, and a new pay schedule for teachers with a Bachelor of Arts Degree plus 45 hours will be added. (The present schedule jumps for BA plus 30 to BA plus 60)

One more salary step for coaches will be added, from seven to eight.

Outlook only fair

Trout season opens Saturday

General trout season opens Saturday, April 24 and the area outlook is only fair, reports Glen Ward of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department. Rhea, Willow and Butter creeks will be open and accessible, said Ward, but the John Day River system won't open until May 22, to protect young steelhead that haven't returned to the ocean.

Willow Creek will be stocked April 21, he said.

Local ponds and lakes will also open April 24 and Ward reports Wineland Lake near Kinzua will be stocked prior to the 24th and Rowe Creek Reservoir will also be stocked. Cutsforth Pond will be stocked for opening weekend anglers. Ward said, if the snow and ice melts before the opening

Saturday. However, he reports Penland and Bull Prairie lakes will probably be unaccessible because of the abundance of snow still in those areas.

Ward said if the weather remains cool, the streams will be clear and fishable, but if the weather warms, snow melt-off will cause waters to be high and muddy.

School dist. to apply for energy grant

The Morrow County School District will apply for a state grant of \$164,681 to use toward energy conservation, the board of directors voted Monday night.

After having an energy audit completed on the district's buildings, the board decided to apply for the grant. The money will be used for modifications and changes suggested in the audit.

The grant would only be used as matching money, and the district would have to come up with an additional \$164,681. The full amount may not be awarded, however, said Superintendent Matt Doherty.

In other business at the meeting, the board heard a report on the Boardman High School well, which was recently lowered 42 feet.

Boardman principal Dan Dalfovo said the well was silted up with sludge, and that although it now supplies enough water for use in the school, there may not be enough to take care of all

irrigation this summer.

The board discussed the possibility of the school hooking up to the Boardman city water system.

In other action, the board heard from Attorney Bob Abrams, who said he wrote a letter to contractor R.A. Chambers' bonding company saying that the district would complete the unfinished work at Columbia Jr. High School and bill the bonding company. The district has been at odds with Chambers, who was main contractor when the school was built, about supposed unfinished work.

He reviewed a policy covering hiring of persons who have a criminal record.

He approved a field trip for several food preparation students who will go to Hood River and sample gourmet food at the Columbia River Gorge Hotel.

He passed a motion by Kenneth Broadbent to call the field trip committee together to review district policy on field trips.

Co. Court hears proposed changes in Neighborhood Center contract

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Rick Gay, executive director of Blue Mountain Economic Development Council came before Morrow County Court last Wednesday, April 14, to discuss two changes in the 1982-83 contract for the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

According to Gay, B.M.E.D.C. proposes that rent money from the organizations using the center be set aside and used as an emergency fund. Emergency uses would include prescription money, or money for needy people in the county who are in sudden need of funds.

The B.M.E.D.C. Advisory Council will set the guidelines on how the funds will be distributed, which in the end will be authorized by the board of directors, explained Gay.

The second change in the 1982-83 contract is that quarterly reports from the council are to coincide with the county's quarterly payments to B.M.E.D.C. These reports will show the county where

their funds are being spent on the Neighborhood Center, said Gay. No action was taken by the court.

In other business, Morrow County Court adopted a resolution declaring April 18-24 to be Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Ann Spicer, Morrow County district attorney, presented the resolution to the court.

"To honor the rights of victims, Morrow County Court will conduct a presentation April 21 at 9 a.m. informing victims that assistance is available and where they may get it," said Spicer.

Business continued with Dr. Terry Templeman of the Morrow County Mental Health Department making his report to County Court.

According to Templeman, early budget figures have been received from the state which balance out to what Mental Health had estimated they will receive.

"It looks like we'll have a workable budget for next year," said Templeman.

For the state of Oregon, \$50

per hour is the median charge for psychological appointments, stated Dr. Templeman.

Co. Mental Health's current fee to an individual's insurance company is \$40 per hour and effective July 1, the fee will change to \$50. Templeman informed the court.

A weekly Work Report for the road department was next presented to County Court by Don Briggs, director of the Public Works Department.

Briggs extended an open invitation to the public from William Longan Associates, contractors for the county maintenance shop in Lexington. Longan invites everyone to come down and watch the construction and have a cup of coffee with them, said Briggs.

Briggs also informed the court that Longan is currently hiring Morrow County residents for this job.

Funds for the shop construction are being provided by state revenue sharing. Construction is scheduled to be completed June 1.

HHS prom court selected



Karen Kenny (L.), Dorian Forrar, Lisa Nix, Don Kindfather, Sandra Ward and Lee Rice will serve on Heppner High School's prom court. The queen and king will be crowned during the dance Saturday night.

Juvenile Services Comm. plans new programs

The Morrow County Juvenile Services Commission met in Lexington on Monday, April 5, to plan programs for the coming year.

Next year's programs will include a Responsible Adult Workshop (one for each end of the county), a county-wide Sexual Abuse Program, a North Morrow Recreation

Program and the Latch Key Program will continue, said a commission spokesperson. An arts and crafts program will be held in South Morrow Co. this summer, she added.

A student tutor program is being considered to aid students who need extra help in keeping up with classes, she concluded.

Fair & Rodeo coronation to be held next week

Musical entertainment and a Moonlight Sale will highlight this year's coronation of the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Court next week. Coronation activities will begin at 5 p.m. in downtown Heppner when Queen Anita Palmer of Ione will be crowned and present her court, princesses Annette

Wilgers and Nancy Paine, both of Heppner.

Local merchants have donated funds for entertainment by Jim Ackley and personal contributions may be made, with all proceeds to benefit the Jim Ackley Scholarship Funds, said a spokesperson.

Mahoney Named Jr. Queen For Western States Jr. Rodeo Assoc.



W.S.J.R.A. Queen Trisha Mahoney

The Western States Junior Rodeo Association (W.S.J.R.A.) has announced that Trisha Mahoney of Heppner will serve as their junior queen. Mahoney will represent all contestants of the organization from ages nine to 15, said a spokesperson, Margaret Smith of Clarkston, Wash. will serve as senior queen, she added.

The 14-year-old, Heppner High School freshman, was chosen at the W.S.J.R.A. finals rodeo in John Day, held in August 1981. Selection was based on appearance, poise, personality, knowledge of rodeo horsemanship and a two and one-half minute speech, said the spokesperson.

The daughter of Bob and Sherree Mahoney, Trisha has

a sister, Tara, 17 and a brother Mike, 11. She is an honor student, plays volleyball, is a member of the HHS Girls Athletic Boosters (GAB), and plays the piano, guitar and clarinet. Mahoney is also a member of All Saint's Episcopal Church and is active in 4-H.

Mahoney has been an active competitor in rodeo since she was six, when her family joined the Heppner Wranglers Riding Club. She is still a member of that club, as well as a member of the HHS Rodeo Team, W.S.J.R.A., and is a permit holder in the National Rodeo Association (N.R.A.). She has competed in all girls rodeo events including barrel racing, poles, goat tying, break away roping, steer dobbing, cow cutting and team roping. She has won numerous all-around cowgirl titles and won at a Boise, Idaho Jr. Rodeo when she was 12.

The new junior queen has qualified for the W.S.J.R.A. finals rodeo every year since she was nine, said the spokesperson. W.S.J.R.A. is an association formed by the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, but also has competitors from California and Nevada, the spokesperson said.

Anyone wishing to join W.S.J.R.A. may contact Mahoney at Rt. 1 Box 3085, Heppner, Oregon, 97836.

Heppner merchants to hold Moonlight Sale next Friday

The annual Heppner Merchant's Moonlight Sale will be held next Friday night, April 30, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Before the sale begins, this year's Fair & Rodeo Court will

be coronated in downtown Heppner. Jim Ackley will provide music following the coronation. (See related story.)

Many specials and sale items will be featured during

the Moonlight Sale. Any group wishing to set up a booth or conduct an activity during the Moonlight Sale may contact Carolyn Cole at Cole's House of Fashion.

Heppner water supply fails to meet federal standards

Earl Papineau, superintendent of the City of Heppner Water Department has reported that Heppner's water supply failed to meet federal bacteriological standards for the month of April.

Analysis of monthly drinking water samples indicated that coliform organisms were

present in the water in amounts that exceed the limit allowed by law.

The coliform organism is used as an indicator of microbiological quality, and while these organisms pose no threat to health, their presence does indicate that a

source of contamination might exist somewhere in the water system.

An investigation by the city was initiated as soon as the positive sample was reported. Chlorination was immediately instituted and subsequent samples are being taken daily, Papineau reported.

Degree of Honor donates to project

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Heppner's Kate J. Young Lodge No. 29 of the Degree of Honor Protective Association held its official inspection meeting at its lodge hall on Tuesday evening, April 13.

The secretary-treasurer of the Heppner lodge, Shirley Connor, presented a check for \$100 to Mr. Ron Forrar for use on the Heppner Swimming Pool Solar Heating Project. Forrar told the ladies how the project is progressing.

Billie Beaver was a special guest from Bend. The lodge



Ron Forrar accepts \$100 check from Shirley Connor, Degree of Honor sec.-treas.

photo by Mary Ann Cerullo

rooms were decorated beautifully in an Easter theme. Refreshments were served by

Gladys Connor and Mildred Connor.