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## Weather

by The City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., April 13	57	35	.14
Wed., April 14	46	31	.14
Thurs., April 15	50	27	.04
Fri., April 16	58	32	trace
Sat., April 17	56	30	

High Low

Sun., April 18	49	25
Mon., April 19	59	26
Tues., April 20	61	34
Wed., April 21	70	34
Thurs., April 22	75	43
Fri., April 23	70	37
Sat., April 24	59	30
Sun., April 25	63	35
Mon., April 26	67	37

## Columbia Basin, 11 others file contract suit

Twelve rural electric cooperatives, including Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, who are participants in WPPSS (Washington Public Power Supply System's) nuclear plants four and five, have filed suit in Lewis County, Washington, asking the court to interpret the meaning of the cooperatives contract with WPPSS, stated a news release from Columbia Basin. The 12 cooperatives, which have more than a 10 percent participants interest in the two terminated projects, contend that they are not liable to WPPSS for amounts to be paid to bond holders for principal and interest. Columbia Basin holds a 90.391 percent share in the plants.

The co-ops also claim that while they may ultimately be liable for certain costs of termination, WPPSS has greatly overestimated the amounts of estimated costs and that WPPSS has misinterpreted the meaning of the agreement to the participants, asserting that payments will become due starting in January 1983.

The 11 other utilities involved in the suit include Blachly-Lane County Electric Cooperative Association; Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Columbia Rural Electric Association, Inc.; Consumers Power, Inc.; Coos-Curry electric Cooperative, Inc.; Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Kootenai Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Midstate Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Umatilla Electric Cooperative Association; and Wasco Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The 12 utilities have asked the court to declare that termination costs are not due until WPPSS renders a final accounting statement after all assets have been disposed of. Fred Toombs, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op and Russell Dorrin, manager of Umatilla Electric Cooperative, emphasized that the 12 utilities were not, in the present action, raising questions concerning the performance of WPPSS or whether WPPSS had breached its contract by poor management and failure to control costs. Toombs and Dorrin stated that instead the 12 utilities believed strongly that they have no responsibility to pay sums for debt service because the projects have not been completed. They stated that contrary to WPPSS' public

statements, the participants did not assume the "dry hole risk," or the risk that the projects would be terminated before completion. This is clear, they said, from the wording of the agreements between the supply system and the participants. It is WPPSS' position that the participants will have to commence paying debt service on the huge bond indebtedness for projects four and five, which amounts to \$2.25 billion, one year after termination or in January 1983. Toombs and Dorrin stated that the 12 utilities hope to have a determination on their (the cooperatives') rights before January 1983, when, according to WPPSS, the payments would have to start. They indicated that Lewis County, Washington was selected as the forum for the action because WPPSS' only non-nuclear plant, the Packwood Hydroelectric Project, is located there. They also said that since the action names all of the 88 participants and several financial institutions as representatives of the bond holders, it was deemed easier to obtain a complete adjudication in the state of Washington where Plants four and five are located. Two of the participants, the city of Centralia and Lewis County PUD, are located in Lewis County. Toombs and Dorrin expressed the hope that since all of the participants and representatives of the bond holders were named in the same suit, a complete adjudication of the rights and obligations of the participants and other interested parties could be obtained in one action.

## Tuckers receive Conservation Man of the Year Award



Brok and Janet Tucker

Story and photo  
By CATHY PECK

Brok and Janet Tucker are the recipients of the Conservation Man of the Year Award for 1982, it was announced Wednesday by the Morrow County Wheat Growers League President, Chuck Nelson.

serve as a temporary shelter for hospital patients and nursing home residents in an emergency, said the spokesperson.

The Heppner Fire Department, the Morrow Co. Search and Rescue Posse and all hospital personnel will be involved in the mock evacuation, the spokesperson concluded.

## P.M.H. to hold mock evacuation May 4

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner will hold a mock evacuation on Tuesday afternoon, May 4. The mock evacuation is part of a required disaster plan, said a hospital spokesperson.

Ambulances will be transferring mock patients (members of the county Search and Rescue Posse) to St. Patrick's Parish Hall, said the spokesperson. The parish hall will

under center pivots with a four-year rotation; two years of wheat rotate into peas, then into beans, said Bob Costa, Morrow County Extension agent.

Wheel lines are also used on the farm with 615 acres of wheat and 50 acres of Austrian winter peas under wheel line irrigation. There are also 416 acres of wheat under irrigation by moveable solid sets, Costa said.

Several specific management considerations were related to the Conservation Award selection this year, Costa said. Tucker cover crops Austrian winter peas between his pea and bean rotation. The cover crop is worked down in the spring to improve soil tilth, the extension agent stated. Power and water use are

monitored carefully, and limited water resources are used efficiently. Deficit, or supplemental irrigation of wheat is used. This is the practice of putting a small amount of water on many acres instead of irrigating a smaller number of acres for a maximum yield. Costa continued.

He said conservation tillage is also practiced on the Tucker chemical fallows with Round-Up in the spring, which allows later spring tillage and fewer tillage trips for weed control in fallow ground. A good job of stubble management was also evidenced by adequate surface residue left on the ground for wind erosion control.

The Wagon Trail Farm is also under a program of computer farm management. Enterprise Accounting is in practice with records kept on each field and each piece of equipment. Expected value analysis is used as a decision making tool to help determine the most profitable crop rotation, or crop to plant, Costa said.

According to Costa, two other considerations were used in selection: areas beginning to blow (wind erosion) are kept under control, and Tucker never uses a moldboard plow.

The 1982 Conservation Winner's Twilight Tour will be conducted Tuesday, June 22. A variety trial tour will be led by Dr. Rohde of Pendleton, and a conservation tour, led by Tucker will conclude with a barbecue at the Tucker home.

## Coronation to kick off busy season for royal court

Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Queen Anita Palmer and her court, princesses Annette Wilgers and Nancy Paine will be crowned in a ceremony in downtown Heppner Friday, in conjunction with the Heppner merchant's Moonlight Sale. Coronation activities will begin at 5 p.m.

The coronation will kickoff a spring and summer of parades, dances, rodeos and personal appearances for the girls.

The hectic schedule will be no challenge for Queen Anita. A past pennant bearer and princess on the 1981 court, Anita has been involved with horses all of her life. She competes in Wranglers, a 4-H horse project and is a junior leader in 4-H. She is an 18 year-old senior at Ione High School. She is a National Honor Society member, was named to Who's Who, an honor for selected seniors throughout the United States and has lettered in volleyball and basketball the past four years. She is the daughter of Lee and Mary Ann Palmer.



Queen Anita Palmer

Princess Annette Wilgers is a 16 year-old junior at Heppner High School. The daughter of John and Vi Wilgers, she is active in the Girls Athletic Boosters Club, chorus and dance team. She

has been riding for 10 years and has participated in 4-H for the past six years. Annette enjoys training young colts.

The youngest member of the court is 15 year-old Nancy Paine. An avid horse fan, she

started competing at age seven in the Northwest Girls Rodeo Association. A sophomore at Heppner High School, she was on JV rally this year and was chosen for the varsity rally next year. Her parents are Richard and Judy Paine.

## Hospital and union employee contract agreement finally reached

By CATHY PECK

Pioneer Memorial Hospital and AFSCME Local 2479 (the union representing some of the hospital employees) have reached a basic contract agreement, it was announced

last Friday, April 24 by A.K. Felt, hospital administrator.

Felt said the contract is in the process of being drafted and will have to be passed by the hospital employees and ratified by the hospital board of directors.

One of the considerations in the final agreement, Felt said, was the dismissal of an unfair labor practice complaint, filed against him on March 17 by union representative Judy Siebel. Siebel was unavailable for comment.

## Ione man charged with rape

Lynn Robert Colvard, 34, of Ione was charged by District Attorney Ann Spicer on a District Attorney's Information for alleged Third Degree Rape and Second Degree Sexual Abuse in Morrow County Circuit Court last Wednesday, April 21, reported Spicer.

In other Morrow County Circuit Court news, Spicer reported: Gary William Degerness, 25 of Ione, pleaded guilty April 21 to Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. He will be

sentenced in about six weeks, Spicer said.

Leland Shippentower, 27, of Pendleton, was arraigned on April 22 for alleged Felony Driving While Revoked. Mike Sweeney was appointed attorney for him, and the case was continued pending entry of a plea, Spicer said.

On April 22, Joseph Leonard Gaustad, 22, of Ione, went before the court on a charge of alleged Fourth Degree Assault. Gaustad pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a one year jail

sentence in the Umatilla County Jail - suspended; was placed on bench probation (not assigned a probation officer but subject to standard conditions of probation); must make \$800 restitution to victim, and \$700 to Morrow County for court appointed attorney's fee.

Kathleen Lenea Canfield, 36 of Boardman, pleaded guilty to First Degree Theft on April 22. She was placed on two years probation and must reimburse U.S. Bancorp \$790.

## Moonlight Sale to offer something for everyone



Linda Sheridan displays Moonlight Sale items at Cole's House of Fashion

Heppner merchants will re-open their doors on Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. and offer a large variety of sale items during an annual spring Moonlight Sale.

In conjunction with the sale, the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court will be crowned in a coronation ceremony beginning at 5 p.m. on Main St. Live music will follow the coronation, said a spokesperson.

## Heppner cowboy places fourth in all-around rookie standings

Jerry Gentry of Heppner has placed fourth in all-around rookie standings it was announced recently by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys As-

person. Also in conjunction with the merchants' sale will be a cooked food sale in front of the Post Office building, a car wash at Cal's Arco station, a bake sale in front of Sears and the Heppner Lions Club will present the movie "Abbott and Costello Meet Captain Kid" in the old Post Office building. The movie will begin at 7 p.m.

## County Court honors Crime Victims' Week last Wednesday

By MARY ANN CERULLO

To honor the week of April 18-24 as Crime Victims' Rights Week, Morrow County Court made a presentation to the public last Wednesday, April 21.

According to Ann Spicer, Morrow County district attorney, there were 271 victims of violent crimes within the county during 1981. Violent crimes technically include murder, rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, theft and motor vehicle theft.

There were over 100 more violent crimes in 1981 than in 1980, said Spicer, stating that she was a little bit shocked by the increase.

According to Spicer, the state of Oregon has had a growing awareness of the needs of victims of crime since 1974. In 1977 the Oregon Legislature passed the Crime Victims' Compensation Act.

With the new law, the state recognized that victims who have suffered personal injury are entitled to compensation, by forming a program called Crime Victims' Compensation.

To qualify, Spicer stated,

the victim must have suffered an injury which has caused financial loss in excess of \$250. Dependents of deceased victims are also entitled to benefits, she said.

Last year, \$519,000 was paid out to victims by the state, said Spicer.

For additional information and to receive a compensation application form, Spicer recommended that anyone who believes they may be a victim of crime, to write the Department of Justice, Crime Victims' Compensation, 100 State Office Building, Salem, OR 97310.

In closing the presentation, Spicer and Robert McInley, Irrigon chief of police, cautioned the court that the number of thefts and burglaries are increasing and incidences are not expected to drop.

In other business, Deputy District Attorney Harold McLean came before the court to inform the commissioners that he had been subpoenaed by Douglas County to appear on a case which concerned him while he was deputy district attorney there.

McLean requested that the court allow him to go without

## Pre-school day scheduled at Ione May 13

A pre-school day for Ione area children who will attend kindergarten next year has been scheduled for May 13.

The Ione school asks that anyone with children that will

be five years old by November 15 call the school at 422-7555, or write the school and enclose a list of any Ione area children that will be five years by the November deadline, said a school spokesperson. The

school will send parents details on the pre-school day, and wants to include all parents of next year's kindergarten students, the spokesperson added.