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## Weather

by The City of Heppner

Total precipitation for  
April: 91  
Normal average: 1.27  
April, 1981: 1.90

High Low Precip

Mon..	April 26	67	37	
Tues..	April 27	70	45	.08
Wed..	April 28	57	32	
Thurs..	April 29	62	37	
Fri..	April 30	66	41	
Sat..	May 1	67	38	
Sun..	May 2	65	38	
Mon..	May 3	51	32	.07

### Extension agent says crop outlook is pretty good

By CATHY PECK

The crop outlook for the 1982 harvest season is generally pretty good, according to Bob Costa, Morrow County Extension agent.

"It's been pretty slow growing because of the cold weather," he said, "but up, it's doing better." He noted that the final harvest would be directly related to the late spring weather. "It's not another record crop," he said.

The wheat is behind schedule because of the cold weather, and there are too many weeds, especially cheat grass, according to Costa. Because it is behind schedule, a hot spell could damage the grain, he added.

The amount of moisture though, looks good, Costa said. "We're a little ahead here in the Heppner area, but I understand there's a belt in the Valby area that is a little

behind on moisture."

Costa has seen lady bugs in the wheat, which he says, indicates the presence of aphids, but they at the present, are pretty hard to find. The warm weather will bring them out, he added. Most of the disease problems are related to the cool wet weather. Foot rot and Yellow Dwarf Virus are always around, Costa continued.

About the only recourse left to farmers with excessive cheat grass problems at this point, is to plow it under, he said. It's almost too late in all areas to do any seeding, with the exception of in the very high country. If farmers are going to join the farm program, he indicated that they could take the necessary acreage out of their worst cheat grass areas.

Storage in Morrow County is being planned for a crop equal to 80 percent of the 1981 crop, it was announced by Larry

Mills, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers. The directors of the Grain Growers decided that the co-op would accept the 1982 crop into the reserve program at their Monday night meeting. Mills stated.

This will mean that the co-op will go into harvest, with about half of the available storage capacity being used to store grain held over from last year. The licensed storage capacity for M.C.G.G. is 3.8 million bushels. Due to the holdover, provisions are being made for outside storage to be available again this year, a program which has been very successful in the past, according to Mills.

Of the wheat held over, 1.5 million bushels are in the reserve program, which is a three-year program. The trigger level is \$4.65 for 1982, Mills said.

The need to generate export markets was pointed out by

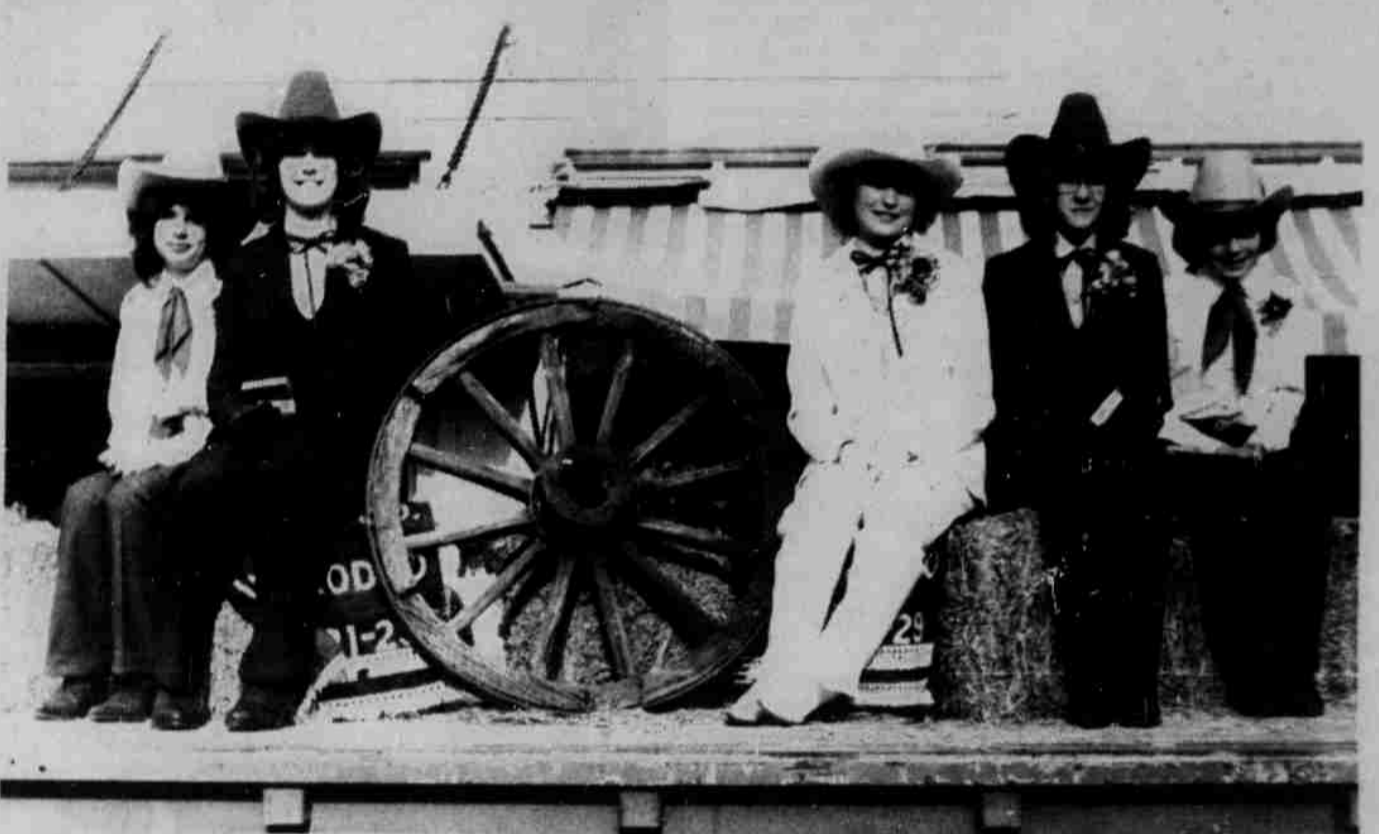
Mills. "We'll need a period of improved exports to improve prices," he said. The amount of grain in reserve does limit the free supply, but the market is still very soft, according to Mills. "We just have more supply than demand," he added.

Russia is a good potential market, due to rumors of another crop failure there, and while China doesn't buy Northwest wheat because of their concerns about TCK Smut, that country is another potentially good customer, Mills said.

The transportation of the 1982 crop is in good shape, Mills said. Adequate trucks and road repair scheduled for completion by harvest look good, he added.

Transportation to the coast also looks good since more barges have been built and unit train rail rates in Washington are lightening the load on the river. Mills concluded.

### Anita Palmer crowned queen of fair & rodeo



Pennant bearer Bobbette Angell (L), Princess Nancy Paine, Queen Anita Palmer, Princess Annette Wilgers and pennant bearer Stacy Kennedy

Under sunny skies before a large crowd, Anita Palmer of Ione was crowned queen Friday afternoon, of the 1982 Morrow County Fair & Rodeo. Wearing traditional white, Anita accepted the crown from last year's queen, Nancy Miller, who now steps down as chief representative of Morrow County's annual event.

In conjunction with the Heppner Moonlight Sale, this year's coronation was held downtown in front of the hotel.

Joining Queen Anita on the coronation stand were her princesses Annette Wilgers and Nancy Paine, both dressed in matching burgundy pants, jackets and hats. Jim Ackley, Ron McDonald, Karen Kenny, Marti Baker,

and Steve Gross (sound) provided music for the coronation ceremonies, which besides the crowning included several gifts for the court.

Representatives of First Interstate Bank, Bank of Eastern Oregon and Western Heritage Savings and Loan of Heppner, all presented buckles to members of the court.

Dot Halvorsen of the Wil-lows Grange in Ione presented Queen Anita with a bouquet of red roses, saying they have always thought of her "as their own."

Also honored on the coronation stand with the court, was this year's court pennant bearers, Stacy Kennedy and Bobbette Angell.

### 25 attend Morrow County Weed Tour

By CATHY PECK

A Morrow County Weed Tour, sponsored by the OSU Extension Service and the Morrow County Wheat League was held Wednesday, April 27. About twenty five farmers attended the tour and listened to presentations on herbicides that will soon be on the market.

The tour began with an inspection of weed control on several plots of land owned by Charlie Anderson. Weed control comparisons were made on plots using Glean, Sencor, and a 24D, Bronate and Banvel mixture. Farmers

were given information concerning the new chemical Glean; the length of effectiveness, the best time to apply, and different methods of weed control which are available with the chemical.

The tour then continued to the Ralph Crum ranch, where farmers inspected several plots of ground to compare weed control effectiveness using different amounts of different types of herbicides. These plots were seeded directly through the herbicide, a new method of weed control.

The tour continued just into Gilliam County where different methods of controlling goat-grass were discussed.

### Morrow Co. Jr. Rodeo entry forms mailed

Entries have been mailed to contestants for the Morrow County Junior Rodeo to be held June 11, 12, and 13 at the Fairgrounds in Heppner, said a rodeo spokesperson.

Rodeo entries close May 24 and entry forms can be picked up at Gardner's Mens' Wear, said the spokesperson.

Buckles for all event winners will be given plus silver spurs for the all-around senior boy, senior girl, junior boy and junior girl. Other awards are the Jody Rugg Memorial Trophy for high point Morrow County girl contestant, and the Harold Erwin Memorial trophy for the high point contestant. The 1981 winners of these awards were Tara Mahoney of Heppner and Cody Hassler of Lowden, Washing-

ton. A Stick Horse Race for kids will be featured at the Saturday afternoon performance. Age groups three and four year-olds, and five and six year-olds, with trophies to be given to the first three places in each division. Entries will close for this event at 11 a.m. June 12. Entry forms are available at Murray Drug and Gardner's Mens' Wear, the spokesperson said.

On Saturday night, June 12, a dance will be held at the fair pavilion, with music by the Imposters of Corvallis.

A Sunday morning church service is being planned and a movie, "More Than a Champion" will be shown. The movie will be sponsored by the Christian Life Center.

### Seedlings planted to boost turkey population



Joyce Housden of Heppner plants a white oak seedling

150 acres south of the Tupper Guard station, says Bill Helphinstine of the Forest Service, a move he hopes will eventually cause an increase in the wild turkey population there.

There are some turkeys in the area now, says Helphinstine, but once the trees mature they will produce acorns on which the turkey feeds.

"There is a small population there now, and a few hunters get their turkeys," Helphinstine explained. "It will be about ten to fifteen years before we expect any results," he added.

The seedlings were brought up from the Barlos Ranger District near Dufur. Because the trees came from the east

side of the mountains, they are expected to be fairly drought resistant.

Helphinstine said a similar program to plant this type of tree for turkeys has been successful in The Dalles.

Currently, six people are planting the trees (about 20 per acre), two from the Fish and Wildlife Dept. and four from Forest Service crews.

Money for the project came from the Hog timber sale, purchased by Kinzua in 1979.

In addition to planting the trees, the crews are also putting wire cages around the seedlings to protect them from wildlife. "We're afraid it would be just like ice cream to the deer and other wildlife," Helphinstine said in explaining the extra protection.

### Morrow Co. Court supports ballot measures

At a Morrow County Court meeting on April 28, the County Court signed resolutions in support of two state ballot measures. The court is supporting measures no. three and no. four, which will be presented to the voters on May 18, stated a news release from the court.

Ballot measure no. three provides for the sale of up to \$60 million in State of Oregon

general obligation bonds for the purpose of providing a Correctional Facility Fund. Revenue from this fund will be used for improvement of current jail facilities and construction of new jails.

Morrow County has applied for, and has received preliminary approval for a grant to finance construction of a facility. Currently, the county has no jail and must transport

### Densmore visits Heppner as part of campaign

Al Densmore, democratic candidate for Oregon's Second Congressional District, visited Heppner last Tuesday, April 27 and attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Densmore also visited Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Condon and Fossil as part of his campaign in Eastern Oregon last week.

Densmore, 35, is in his third term as mayor of Medford and is an agent with Standard Insurance Company. He represented Jackson County for three terms in the Oregon House of Representatives (1971-1977). He was elected House Majority Whip in 1973 and speaker pro-tem in 1975. His committee work included State and Federal Affairs,

chairman of the Local Government and Urban Affairs committee, chairman of the Select Committee on Energy and chairman of an Elections Committee.

When asked what he would do to improve the economy and put people back to work, the congressional candidate said he would work on the budget deficit using the philosophy of Senator Hollings of South Carolina; freeze federal expenses at present levels excluding Social Security.

Densmore said he would like to be a member of the Transportation Committee and Public Works Committee in the future to work for better roads, air service, railroads and waterways for rural communities. He said a pro-



Al Densmore

posed waterway user fee would not be fair. It would be a competitive disadvantage, he added. He also expressed a need to redirect federal highway funds toward the maintenance of the existing system before new highway systems are built in metropolitan areas.

He also said funds need to be redirected, not increased, in the federal defense budget. He feels budgeted funds should be directed toward better training servicemen and improving equipment. "Frankly, I believe 9,000 nuclear warheads are enough," he continued.

Densmore reported that he was not in favor of gun control. Enough restrictions are presently enforced to do the kind of job we need, he said.

When asked if he was in favor of abortion, he replied he was not in favor of an amendment to overturn the 1972 decision (legalized abortion). "With its limitations, (it's) the most acceptable compromise," he added.

Concerning local involvement in the two WPPSS's abandoned nuclear plants, Densmore said a northwest needs to have a strategy to retire the bonds early. He also said he would have to wait until the lawsuits are resolved to decide whether any further federal legislation is important. He continued by saying he is "not in favor of default. It could affect our ability in the northwest to sell bonds." If elected, he said, he would be active in seeing that Bonneville Power Administration foster an aggressive program in energy conservation and production from renewable sources of energy to secure money to negotiate with the bond holders.

When asked if he thought import quotas should be put on Canadian lumber, he said he would prefer to have negotiations with Canada and ask them to voluntarily curtail imports.

Densmore said he is concerned about the emphasis the Forest Service is placing on current development in research and reforestation. He said that development of the two should be balanced and he feels that too much emphasis is being placed in current development. We should be concerned about the long term future of the resource and we should be restocking our forests.

He also stated a concern for foreign trade policies. He said agriculture is heavily dependent on foreign policy and that non-tariff barriers need to be removed. "If we don't do something with our foreign policy, we will continue to put our producers at a disadvantage," he concluded.

In an effort to boost wild turkey population in the area, the U.S. Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, have for the

past week, been busy planting thousands of small seedlings in the woods near Heppner.

A total of 3,000 White Oak seedlings will be planted on