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Weather

by The City of Heppner

		High	Low	Precip
Tues.	June 29	72	59	.04
Wed.	June 30	75	53	
Thurs.	July 1	76	51	
Fri.	July 2	69	47	.17
Sat.	July 3	67	48	.02
Sun.	July 4	72	50	
Mon.	July 5	73	45	

Charges against Morrow Co. sheriff dropped

Charges against Morrow County Sheriff Larry D. Fetsch, alleging that he beat his 15-year-old daughter February 17, have been dropped, reported Wheeler County District Attorney Mark Neinstaedt.

Neinstaedt, who was named investigator in the case, said a court order was signed June 28 by Richard Courson, Morrow and Umatilla County Circuit Court judge. The order was filed at Morrow County Court-

house in Heppner on Friday, July 2, said a courthouse spokesperson.

The Wheeler County district attorney said the charges were dropped after Fetsch's daughter, Lorri Dawn Fetsch, "has stated to me she does not

wish to participate as a witness in further proceedings in this case."

Neinstaedt said Miss Fetsch had indicated to him she had "had a reconciliation with her father," and that her decision to not testify against him was

"not a result of coercion or intimidation."

Fetsch, 41, Morrow County sheriff for five and one-half years, was indicted by a Morrow Co. grand jury March 12, and the case was scheduled for trial July 7.

County Court rescinds resolution to rename Willow Creek Dam



Dick Wilkinson presents petition bearing over 800 signatures to County Commissioner Dorothy Krebs as Randy Lott looks on.

By MARY ANN CERULLO

As a result of a petition containing over 800 signatures, Morrow County Court rescinded their previous resolution to rename the Willow Creek Dam and lake after the late Oscar Peterson during a regular court session, Wednesday, June 30.

Public interest became aroused over the subject when the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce and Morrow County Court each drew up resolutions suggesting that the dam, lake or both be named after the late county judge.

On June 9, Randy Lott and Dick Wilkinson, residents of Heppner, requested that the dam and lake not be named after an individual, but keep the geographical names. The court agreed to hold their resolution, allowing Wilkinson and Lott to circulate a petition which asked "that the name of 'Willow Creek Dam and Lake'

be retained."

The petition was circulated for approximately two weeks in the Heppner and Lexington area and gathered 828 names.

As chief petitioners, Wilkinson and Lott presented the petition to the court last Wednesday.

"Well, it certainly looks like this is what the people want," responded Commissioner Warren McCoy.

McCoy made the motion to rescind the previous resolution and to send a letter to the Corps of Engineers reaffirming the use of the geographical name of Willow Creek Dam and lake. The motion was passed.

According to Wilkinson, the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce had been asked to rescind their resolution on Monday, June 28, but no action had been taken.

In other business, Morrow County Court:

on the county maintenance shop in Lexington is expected to be completed by Friday, July 9.

- signed a Jail Use Agreement with Umatilla County stating that Morrow County is willing to pay \$25 per prisoner, per night. The agreement will be returned to Umatilla County for signatures.

- viewed damage done to the Sheriff's Department office by a woman charged with allegedly assaulting a public safety officer.

- discussed the City-County Agreement for emergency dispatch services and prisoner transportation with Heppner City Attorney, Bill Kuhn.

- discussed the proposed purchase of a new postage meter with Margo Sherer, Morrow County treasurer.

The present meter is fourteen years old.

- signed a resolution adopting the 1982-83 county budget.

- learned that construction

October rate increases to increase co-op revenues 26%

October rate increases which will increase Columbia Basin Electric Co-op's revenues by 26 percent were approved by the co-op's board of directors Thursday, June 24, announced Fred Toombs, co-op manager. Co-op consumers were notified by mail recently of the forthcoming increase.

Residential power rates would increase 24 percent with the October billing. Toombs said for the average residential customer using 1,175 kilowatt hours, the increase would mean an \$11.43 per month increase in the power bill from \$49.10 to \$62.

Commercial customers will see a seven percent increase, but their rates recently were adjusted downward after a cost of service study showed they have been overcharged in the past.

Irrigation customers would see a 47 percent increase, and industrial customers would see a 52 percent increase.

A 36 percent decrease will be seen in street and security light rates because of study findings and a proposed street

light changeover to high pressure sodium lights. The new lights are part of a proposed Bonneville Power Administration energy savings program and which was presented to the Heppner City Council at a June 7 meeting by Paul Sumner of the co-op. BPA would pay for the lights and installation, Sumner told the council. Toombs said the city council had not yet agreed to make the changeover, but that a committee of council members, appointed to investigate the proposal, had tentatively agreed that the new lights would be beneficial and would recommend the change to the council.

"I hope that this sodium vapor street light program will be received well enough that some of the city's street lights that have been disconnected will be reconnected," the co-op manager said.

Toombs said the increase will be primarily to cover cost of an increase in wholesale power rate the co-op will have to pay the Bonneville Power Administration. BPA rates will go up 60 to 73

percent in October, and Toombs said the co-op estimates \$902,941 will be needed to pay the bill. The rate increase would raise an estimated \$939,925.

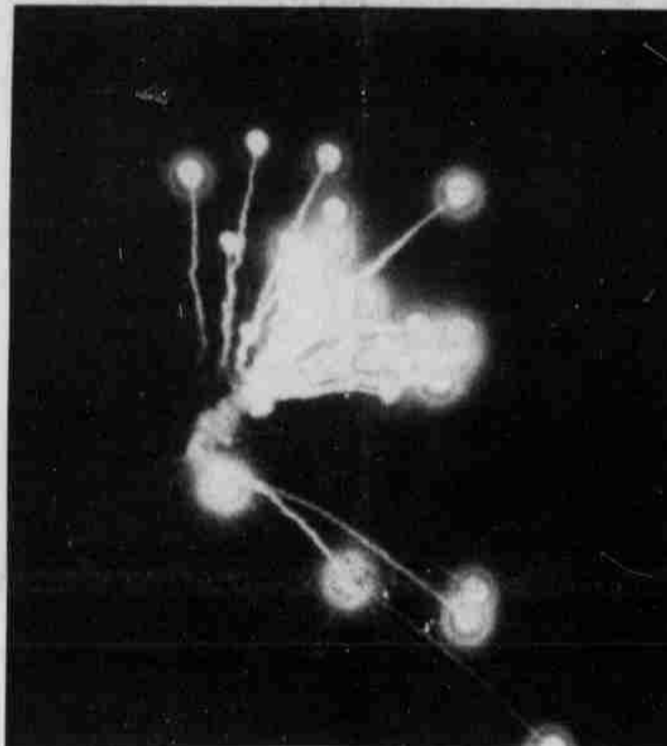
Toombs said the October increase does not include any amount to pay for the co-op's share of Washington Public Power Supply System plants 4 and 5. However, most of the BPA increase is for costs of building three other WPPSS plants.

The co-op is due to begin payments on WPPSS 4 and 5 in January 1983, but it has joined 16 other utilities which have a share in the projects in a suit denying liability for the payments.

Toombs said he is optimistic about the suit relieving the utility from the payments, which would force another substantial rate increase to pay \$1.45 million annually for 35 years.

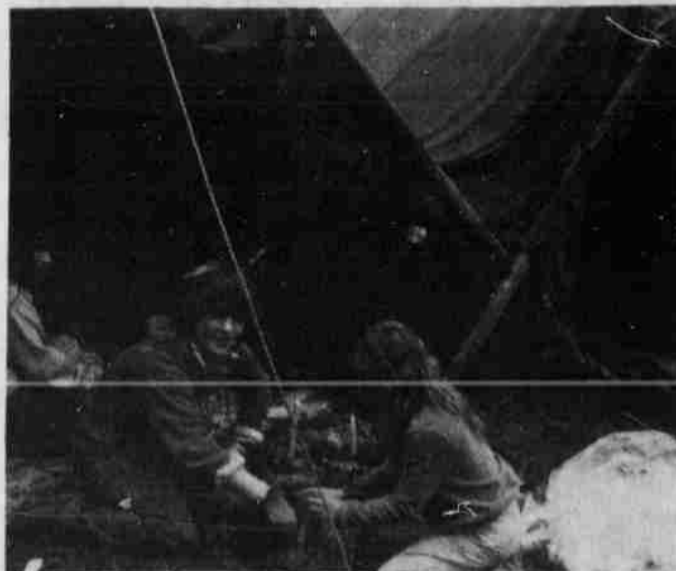
A meeting to explain the upcoming increases will be held in Heppner on July 15, 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds pavilion.

Fireworks lit up sky over Ione Saturday



Fireworks lit up the sky over Ione Saturday night, as a large crowd gathered at the high school football field to view the annual Fourth of July display.

Rain dampens everything but spirits at 4-H camp



Diann Morter, 4-H camp counselor (L), assists a 4-H member in preparation of a dream boat for a closing ceremony at camp.

By BIRDINE TULLIS
Morrow Co. Extension Service

Rain dampened the tents, sleeping bags and clothing of the more than 100 4-H campers at Cutsforth Park last week, but not their spirits. The unexpected downpours caused some modification of plans, but in the safety of the dining hall, the music rang out and the games occupied campers, under the instruction of co-directors and counselors.

Disneyland was the theme selected for the camp with each tent gaily decorated with a name that carried out the theme. Campers from Wheeler, Gilliam and Morrow counties attended the enlarged camping program this year.

A number of volunteers assisted with the camp program, including Jan Evans and Marlene Davison, craft instructors; Francine Evans, cook; Eunice McElligott, nurse; Judy Wright, Jan and Shelley Stroeber, Ruth McCabe, kit-

chen helpers; Cheryl Hobbs, Barb Mathis, special music at final campfire ceremony. Co-directors were Todd Harrison, Erin Evans, Keith Beamer and Carol West. Extension staff members participating were Rich Bottoms, Birdine Tullis, and Elva Madden. Counselors included Rich Foster, Jon Goodell, Tom Steiwer, Dean Rill, Vici Huffman, Greta LaRue, Bonnie Greiner, Angie Evans, Ann Evans, Jennifer Wade, Kimberly Hughes, Carolyn Hughes, Jennifer Hughes, Chris Malgren, Jodi Padberg and Diann Morter.

Classes were instructed by Jerry Brewer and Dan Aarstad, Oregon Department of Forestry, and Bob Krein, Department of Fish and Wildlife. Various craft classes were offered by Jan Evans, Birdine Tullis, and Marlene Davison.

In spite of the rain, it was a fun camp with many new friends and experiences to remember.

Biological control insects to be offered

By BOB COSTA
Morrow Co. Extension Agent

A limited number of biological control insects will be available to Morrow County landowners who have knapweed infested rangeland.

The Morrow County office of the OSU Extension Service

will have some knapweed flies available to establish in various parts of the county.

The small fly damages diffuse knapweed plants by laying their eggs in the weed's flower head. The larvae hatch and eat the seeds, reducing seed set by up to 70 percent.

Flies were first released in Morrow County in 1973, and have become established in some areas.

If interested in obtaining some of the flies, contact the extension office in Heppner by July 13. There are only a limited number of flies available.

Mini-Mop Team comes to Heppner



Members of the Mini-Mop Team of West Linn First Baptist church were in Heppner last week to lead Backyard Bible Clubs and to offer free services to local senior citizens.

The ten member youth team, led by two adult advisors, cleaned houses, chopped wood, did yard work and performed at the Heppner Senior Mealsite last Wednesday.

The week-long visit was sponsored by Friendship Baptist Church, Heppner.

Wheat growers reminded to exhibit at fair

By BOB COSTA,
Morrow Co. Extension Agent

Wheat growers should remember to take a sample of wheat out of the combine to exhibit at the county fair.

One peck is needed for the exhibit, but a small extra amount should be allowed for cleaning loss. A peck is eight quarts or one-fourth bushel.

Superintendent Bill Rawlins will clean exhibits that are turned in at least one day prior to the close of entries.

Now is the time to pick wheat for a wheat sheaf. Actually it's a little late, but the sooner the better. The ideal time to pick grain for a sheaf is when it has full color, but the grain is still doughy. Cut wheat close to the ground

and hang upside down in small bundles, or stack loosely to dry.

To be eligible for the State Fair, all grain and grass sheaves must be at least three inches in diameter at the bottom and tied with string.

For more information, see the 1982 Morrow County Fair Premium Book or contact Bill Rawlins.

Fair & Rodeo Queen and Court attend Chamber luncheon



Chamber President Bob Harris (L), Princess Annette Wilgers and Queen Anita Palmer hear Princess Nancy Paine speak at Tuesday's luncheon.

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen and her Court were guests of the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce Tuesday at noon.

The girls lunched with the chamber and each gave a short talk about themselves. The Morrow County Fair will run Sat., Aug. 21 through 24, and the rodeo runs Friday, Aug. 27 through 29 in Heppner.