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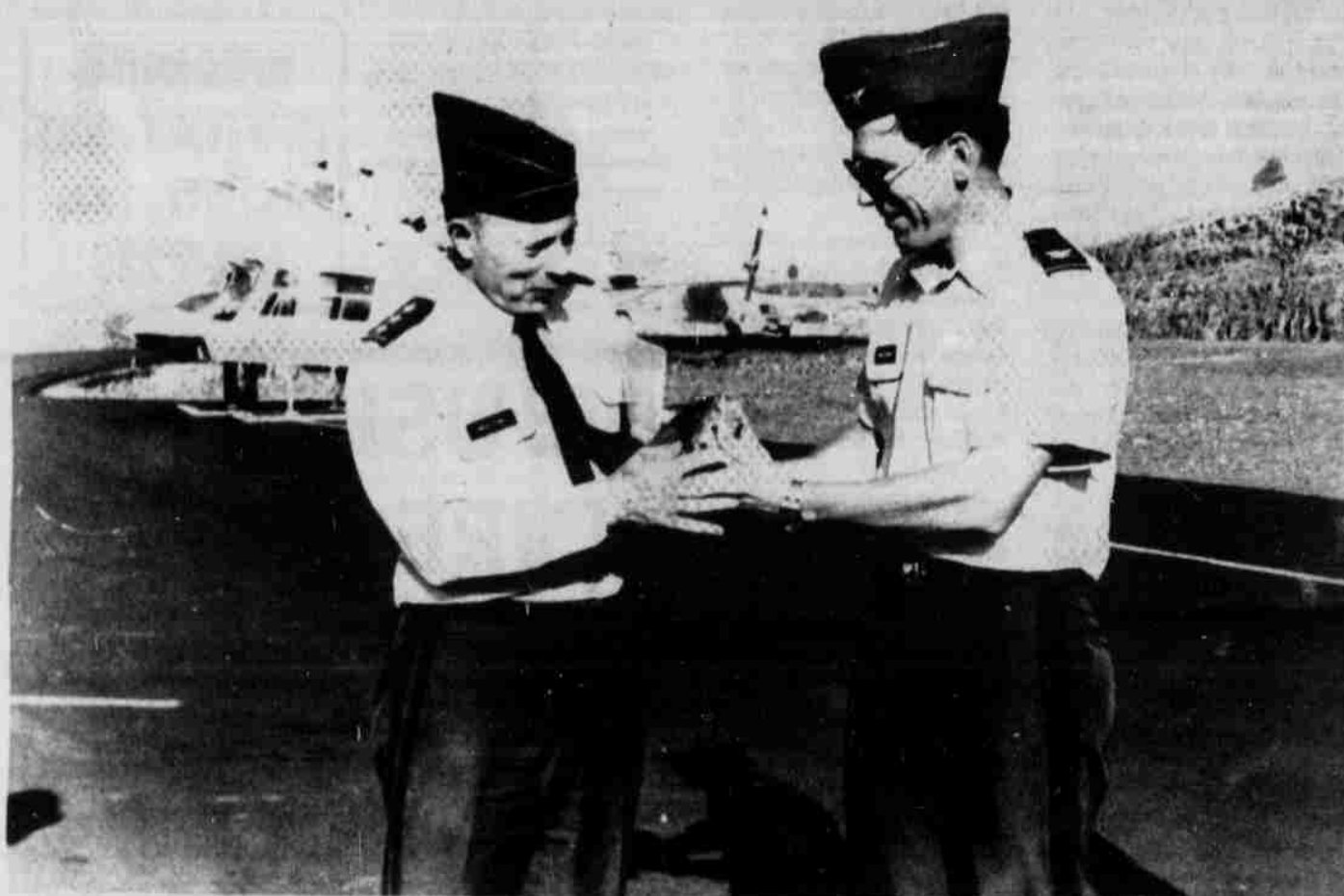
HEPPNER, OREGON

Weather

by The City of Heppner

		High	Low	Precip
Tues.,	Aug. 3	78	50	trace
Wed.,	Aug. 4	79	50	
Thurs.,	Aug. 5	87	55	
Fri.,	Aug. 6	91	58	
Sat.,	Aug. 7	96	68	
Sun.,	Aug. 8	98	67	
Mon.,	Aug. 9	98	66	trace

Bratton receives souvenir Chief of engineers visits dam project



Col. Robert Williams of the Walla Walla Corps of Engineers (R), presents Lt. General Joseph Bratton, the chief of engineers out of Washington D.C., a polished piece of aggregate as a souvenir of his tour of the Willow Creek Dam project.

Bratton, accompanied by Brigadier James W. Vanloben

Sels, Williams, and other Corp personnel, arrived at the project site about 5 p.m. in helicopters last Thursday for an inspection tour of the project.

After meeting with local Corp officials, touring the site and receiving the souvenir, the general and his group left from the dam's public viewing area at about 6:10 p.m.

Co. Court working to settle prisoner transport conflict

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Morrow County Court came together last Wednesday, August 4, hoping to settle the conflict between the cities of Heppner and Boardman and the county on the renewal of the agreement for transporting cities' prisoners.

Morrow County Sheriff Larry Fetsch explained to the court that he is not willing to be liable for a city prisoner in the initial transport to a jail within 60 miles. Once the prisoner is lodged, any additional transporting, the sheriff said, he is willing to do.

According to Harold McLean, deputy district attorney, the cities' prisoners are not the county's responsibility until they are lodged.

"A fee is not the question," stated Fetsch, "I don't care what it is as long as it is equal (between the cities)."

After a private session with the sheriff, Heppner Mayor Cliff Green made a statement to the court.

"The City of Heppner has refused the agreement. When Don McElligott is back in his chair, we will be back to negotiate," he said.

The city of Heppner had

previously stated that they need the transport service because they do not have the manpower or a vehicle for transporting.

Representatives from the city of Boardman were unable to attend the court meeting that day.

According to an earlier statement, Boardman is already transporting its prisoners to the Umatilla County Jail, so the city is not willing to pay the county's fee of \$6,000 for just a dispatch service.

County Court moved to extend the current agreement with Boardman for another week.

In other business the court heard the service agreement by Deane Seeger, Morrow County planner, for his position as county coordinator for L.C.D.C. (Land Conservation and Development Commission). The court moved and adopted the agreement.

accepted a bid from Greg McLaughlin for \$1,725 to install a sprinkler system for the North Morrow Annex grounds. The court felt that having the sprinkler system would save the county approximately \$30 per month in water fees.

heard and accepted the July minutes as corrected.

Musicians needed for parade band

Heppner schools' new band instructor Don Christensen is seeking people interested in playing in the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade on Sat., Aug. 28.

An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Junior High band room. Sheet music will be distributed and a rehearsal planned, Christensen said.

Musicians of all ages are encouraged to attend, he said.

Lightning causes fire, power outage in local areas Mon.

A electrical storm was the cause of a grass fire and a three hour power outage in the Heppner area on Monday.

Lightning struck a grass hillside on the Al Bunch property about seven miles from Heppner on Glark's Canyon Road about 2:40 p.m. Heppner Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine said about five acres were

burned. Mrs. Bunch said the fire didn't do much damage, burning only grass and weeds along the stubble of a wheat field.

The electrical outage began about 4:55 p.m. when lightning struck a power pole west of Lexington, said Columbia Basin Electric Co-op Manager Fred Toombs. Three Bonneville Power Administration

poles along the Bombing Range Road also were ignited by lightning, he said.

Toombs said the pole near Lexington had to be replaced, but the other three were salvaged. Electricity was restored in Heppner, Ruggs, Lexington, Ione and surrounding areas about 7:45 p.m., the manager said.

HHS grad to fight for the East in Shrine game Saturday

Squads for the the Shriners' Hospital 30th annual East-West All-Star football game have been polishing techniques and making last-minute lineup adjustments as they complete their hurry-up two-week practice session in preparation for the annual gridiron battle August 14 in Baker, said an EOSC spokesperson.

A parade will begin at 1:30 p.m., a pageant at 7 p.m. and kickoff time is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. at the Baker High School Stadium.

John Murray, a 1982 Heppner High School graduate, was chosen last year to play in the game.

Both teams invaded Eastern Oregon State College's campus and have been staging two-a-day workouts to prepare their teams of graduated high school seniors for the game, the spokesperson said.

Head Coaches Len Lutero, Florence, for the West, and Ken Wigle, Myrtle Creek, for the East, say they are looking for a game the fans will enjoy.

Both coaches lay claim to quickness as their greatest asset.

Tim Dodson, Florence, is expected to fill the quarterback slot for the West, Lutero said. Calling the plays for the East, according to Wigle, will be either John Coppedge, Stayton, or Mike Hasskamp, Henley.

Both teams spent the early part of the first week's practice in drills, with contact starting late in the week, the spokesperson concluded.

Free sports physicals slated Tues.

Joseph Gifford M.D., Heppner, will conduct free sports physicals at Ione High School

on Tuesday, August 17 beginning at 7 p.m.

Princess Nancy Paine to be honored at Sat. dance



Nancy Paine

The Morrow County Fair Pavilion will be hopping this Saturday night during a dance honoring Morrow Co. Fair and Rodeo Princess Nancy Paine. Up Against the Wall will provide the music which will begin at 9 p.m. and wind down at 1 a.m. Admission is \$3 for singles or \$5 per couple.

Nancy is the 16 year-old daughter of Richard and Judy Paine. She has a 14 year-old brother, Shawn. They reside on Willow Creek next to Nancy's grandparents, Dick and Virginia Wilkinson.

When the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo parade rolls down Main Street in two weeks, spectators will find Princess Nancy riding alone, unlike 15 years ago. She rode in her first Heppner parade

with her father at the age of one.

This year she will be on top of Sandstone Rebel, a four year-old bay gelding registered quarterhorse.

Princess Nancy's interest in horses began at an early age. She has been riding ever since she can remember. At the age of seven, she competed in rodeos sanctioned by the Girls Northwest Rodeo Association and was nominated rookie of the year. Nancy placed in nearly every event she entered.

She no longer competes, but can be found working cattle and riding on her grandparents ranch.

This summer finds Nancy busy riding and attending cheerleading practices. Court activities take a lot of her time but she admits "I love every minute of it, especially the parades and rodeos."

Being on the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court is a family tradition for Nancy as her mother, Judy, was princess on the court during the 1959 Oregon Centennial.

The 5'7" princess with brown hair and eyes will be a junior at Heppner High School this fall. She is a varsity cheerleader and participates in the Outdoor Club, volleyball and Girls Athletic Booster Club. Her hobbies, besides riding, are snow skiing, rock music, dancing, rollerskating and photography.

4 year-old boy rescued at Heppner Pool last Tues.

A four year-old boy was rescued last Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Heppner Swimming Pool. Shawn Moore of Heppner was swimming at the pool with his babysitter when he was swept under the water. His babysitter pulled him out and got him to the edge of the pool. Pool manager, Margaret

Kincaid performed mouth to nose resuscitation, and he began breathing again.

He was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital where he was examined and found to be okay.

Although Kincaid worked as a lifeguard at Eastern Oregon State College last spring from

March to June, she has never had to perform lifesaving measures on anyone before.

She received her WSI (Water Safety Instructor) at EOSC last April.

Kincaid will enter the college this fall as a sophomore, majoring in physical education.

Morrow Co. School Dist. to meet Mon.

A regular meeting of the Morrow County School District Board will be held at the school district office in Lexington on August 16, at 8:30 p.m., announced a spokesperson for the district. The board will consider bids

received for maintaining automatic controls and a proposal from the district administrators for a computer curriculum for the school district.

The board will also consider reducing the tax rate for bond

and interest during the current year because of unexpected carryover money.

In other business, the district's free and reduced price lunch program is to be considered, the spokesperson concluded.

HHS football teams under direction of new coaches



Lester Payne

Football season is just around the corner and Heppner High School teams will be under the direction of new coaches this year. Lester Payne will coach the varsity and Tim Birkby, the J.V. team.

Payne, 37, came to Heppner in 1977 from Tonasket, Wash-



Tim Birkby

ington High School where he was head coach of their football and wrestling teams for seven years.

He presently teaches health and citizenship education at Heppner Jr. High.

Payne graduated from Eastern Washington State College (University) at Cheney,

majoring in physical education and health.

Practice for both teams begins August 23 and Payne said that team strategies will be basically the same as they were in past years under John Sporseen. He said the varsity team lost a lot of players through graduation last year but this year's team will have a good nucleus of kids and will be competitive.

Payne and his wife Phyllis have two children, Stephi, 15, and Kevin, six.

Birkby, 26, graduated from Eastern Oregon State College at LaGrande in 1978 and majored in physical and elementary education.

The sixth grade teacher will enter his third year at Heppner Elementary this fall.

Birkby was assistant coach to the two teams last year.

He and his wife, Vicki, have one son, Patrick, 19 months.

Dale Conklin, a teacher at Heppner High School, will serve as assistant coach to the teams.

Morrow's unemployment rate improves

It's too early to start the celebration but there were signs of improvement in Eastern Oregon's economy in June, according to the State of Oregon Employment Division. Most of the gains are attributable to seasonal improvements. Agriculture, construction, wholesale trade, wood products and government provided expanded employment opportunities in most counties, the division said.

Morrow County's unemployment rate was 7.6 percent in June, down from 12.1 percent in May. The county's unemployment rate for June 1981 was 7.0 percent, according to the division.

A significant drop in Morrow County's unemployment rate is attributable primarily to the resumption of activity at the Kinzua mill at Heppner. Seasonal government and construction provided some additional job oppor-

tunities. Work on U and I's food processing plant began in June and will continue into August. Several other projects are in the planning stages with work to begin over the next several months. Seasonal layoffs at the food processing plants increase unemployment during the month of July, said the division.

Statewide, lumber and wood products employment remains severely depressed from normal levels but there now seems to be a trend toward hiring as short-term interest rates fall. Most industry analysts see improving conditions for wood products at least through the end of the summers. Inventories have been pulled down because producers chose to close their operations rather than operate in the red. If the demand for wood products increases substantially over the summer it could bring prices back to profitable levels. The vari-

able in question here is will there be enough money available to fund the government deficits and the recovery too? If a money squeeze develops it could easily push interest rates higher. Increased competition for dollars combined with a tight money policy by the Federal Reserve could bring about the scenario that respected investment economists Henry Kaufman has foreseen "that by the fourth quarter long-term interest rates will rival or exceed those of 1981," reported the division.

Most of the retail trade and service sector is content to watch from the sidelines. When they see that a definite trend has been established, then, and only then will they return to a more aggressive stance. Their seasonal hiring has been weak at best and this trend is expected to continue, the division concluded.