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Weather

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High Low Precip

Tues., Oct. 5	65	47	
Wed., Oct. 6	62	38	.01
Thurs., Oct. 7	58	43	.15
Fri., Oct. 8	54	47	.04
Sat., Oct. 9	59	34	.01
Sun., Oct. 10	61	36	
Mon., Oct. 11	61	36	

## Heppner woman bags buck with 29 in. spread



Not many hunters are as lucky at bagging their first deer as Lisa McCabe of Heppner. She shot the three point buck last Saturday, the first day of the season, at 7:10 a.m., near Wilson Creek.

The animal weighed 146 lbs. and had a rack spread of 29 1/4 inches.

McCabe said that the buck's head was sent off to be mounted.

## Columbia Basin, 16 others in court with WPPSS

Columbia Basin Electric and Umatilla Electric co-ops, along with 15 other utilities, went to court Monday in a suit against the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) in Seattle, Wash., said Columbia Basin Manager Fred Toombs. King County Superior Court Judge Joseph Coleman is hearing the case.

The two co-ops were among 88 utilities in Washington and Oregon who were involved in the construction of two nuclear plants, WPPSS 4 and 5, for power, it was earlier thought that the Northwest would need. Construction on the two projects was halted after millions of dollars in cost over-runs. WPPSS wants the 88 participating utilities to pay

the projects' debt. However, participants are stating that they are not liable for the debt since the projects were not completed and energy will not be obtained from them.

Eleven utilities in Oregon were relieved of their alleged debt to the supply system after Circuit Court Judge George J. Woodrich reportedly ruled that the 11 utilities

lacked authority to pay their share of the debt.

Toombs said Monday "My only comment is that it would bolster our case. That judge's (Woodrich's) decision hopefully would have some influence on the Washington judge's decision."

Columbia Basin Electric holds a .00391 percent share in the abandoned plants, which

means the co-op will have to pay 1.45 million annually for the next 35 years unless the judge rules in the utilities' favor.

Columbia Basin Electric rate payers will see an increase in October billing, but Toombs said the increase is not to cover the two WPPSS plants, but rather to meet a wholesale power rate increase

from the Bonneville Power Administration.

If the utilities lose the suit, a retail rate increase of 1.255 cents per kilowatt hour will go into effect to pay the WPPSS debt, the manager said.

Toombs said the co-op will be updated on the trial by the utilities' legal representative, the Helsell Firm of Seattle.

## Ballot measure 3 discussed at A.O.C. meeting, county could lose many services

By MARYANN CERULLO

Last Tuesday, Oct. 6, members of Morrow County Court attended a regional meeting for the Association of Oregon Counties (A.O.C.) in Fossil where they discussed the possible effects of Ballot Measure 3. Measure 3 is the tax limitation measure which, if passed, will bring true valuations down to 1979 levels. The measure will be brought before the voters in a November 2 election.

Greg Sweek, Morrow County assessor, estimated that county funds would have to be cut by 71 percent to accommodate the 1979 valuation.

"It's a three way whammy," stated Co. Commissioner Dorothy Krebs, "It limits allowable revenue, limits the tax rate and limits assessed valuation. It's totally unrealistic."

"Sixty percent of the tax money saved (by Measure 3) will go to corporations, 40 percent will go to home owners, 75 percent of the corporations' monies will be for national and international businesses, resulting in little benefit to the state taxpayer. All that money will leave Oregon," she continued.

"It would put our county out of business," stated Commissioner Warren McCoy on Measure 3. "It would limit the people the services they want. The state would allocate where we could spend. Let's say we had an influx in population and needed a new school, we just couldn't do it."

"Rural fire, cemetery, and park districts would be gone. Everything the people voted in and are willing to pay for will be wiped out," continued McCoy. "It's being penny wise and pound foolish as far as I'm concerned."

"It (Measure 3) hurts local government and local control by the voters, added Krebs, "If you have to lay off people, they move away and then you

hurt the local merchants."

According to Sweek, the county would be looking at a 40 percent cut in staff with a cut in working hours, should Measure 3 pass.

"We will also probably have to have a sales tax to offset the measure which will hurt the poor," said Krebs.

"Any benefits made by Measure 3 won't affect the renter. Many renters happen to be low income. And those services which now help the low income will be the first to go," stated a courthouse spokesperson.

The court received a list of services provided by the county at the regional A.O.C. meeting which would either be cut back drastically or dropped completely to pay for mandatory services, should the measure pass.

Mandatory services for the county include county court, the district attorney's office, justice court, the tax office, the sheriff's department, the clerk's office and the assessor's office. The threatened services include:

- bailiffs for circuit, district and county courts.
- court reporter for circuit court.
- deputy district attorney
- county law library
- secretary to county court
- insurance and other benefits covering county officers and employees.
- compensation provided by the county for employees injured on the job.
- extension offices.
- planning director and the Planning Commission.
- upkeep on all county forests, parks and recreational areas.
- upkeep on the county courthouse and annex.
- highway and waterway improvements.
- Department of Economic Development.
- county library and museum.
- road supervisor and/or director of the Public Works

## Heppner Planning Comm. to meet Monday, Oct. 11

The Heppner City Planning Commission will meet Monday, Oct. 11, at Heppner City Hall, announced chairman Dick Bigelow. A study session will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a regular session beginning at 8 p.m. City council representative for October is Joyce Winter.

On the agenda is: -a Conditional Use Permit to allow a mobile home at 560 North Minor on tax lots 2900

and 2901 Looneys Addition, One. The lots now contain the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a gymnasium and parking area, Bigelow said. The applicant is Pastor Dan Reiber.

-a variance application to allow a utility outbuilding at 585 East Hager on lot 1,000, block three, of Morrow's Addition. The applicants are John and Debra Nordheim.

Dept. plus all deputies and assistants.

-equipment for the road department.

-county funds for the medical-health clinic. (County Public Health Dept.)

-Juvenile Services Commission and the Juvenile Services Department.

-county funds for the mental health clinic.

-operation of the county hospital and nursing home.

-funds for water conservation and flood control.

-county horticulture inspector.

-funds for the control of noxious weeds.

-funds to provide predator control.

According to Commissioner Krebs, Morrow County's operating levy for 1982 is \$2,900,000. If Measure 3 passes, she estimated that the county would have \$1,880,000 to work with.

"This is the most poorly written initiative in the state of Oregon that I've ever seen," stated Judge Don McElligott.

## Wheat Growers League fall meeting to be held Nov. 12

By BOB COSTA

OSU Extension Agent For Morrow County

Mark your calendars for the Morrow County Wheat Growers League (O.W.G.L.) fall meeting and banquet to be held on November 12 at the Elks Lodge in Heppner. Starting off the day will be a noon luncheon sponsored by the league for members participating in the afternoon meet-

ings, which will begin at 1 p.m. This year, each committee will respond to five questions developed at the Oregon Wheat Growers League symposium in September. Door prizes will be awarded.

A social hour, hosted by the Morrow County Wheat Growers League, will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The Morrow County Grain Growers League, will

begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The Morrow County Grain Growers and the Morrow County Wheat Growers League will sponsor a portion of the meal to keep the cost to \$3 per plate. Chuck Nelson, County Wheat Growers League president, will preside.

Former Morrow County Extension Agent Harold Kerr will be the speaker for the evening. Kerr has recently

## Flood?

Heppner residents were awakened at 12:31 a.m. last Friday when the flood siren at the swimming pool started wailing. A possible short circuit in the warning system, caused by a build up of moisture in a probable crack in the line was blamed for the false alarm, said Heppner Fire Chief, Forrest Burkenbine.

Burkenbine, along with several firefighters, Mayor Cliff Green and Bill Gentry of Columbia Basin Electric, were at the scene to try to shut the siren off.

At about 12:58 a.m., Burkenbine was able to shut off

the switch at the top of the power pole that connected the siren.

On Thursday, .15 inches of rain fell on the town and when the siren sounded, many residents wondered if Shobe Canyon was flooding. The Morrow County sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reported receiving a flood of calls, inquiring about the reason for the alarm.

Burkenbine said there was no way to determine where in the line the crack is. The entire warning system will probably be changed sometime this spring, he said.

## Lexington Airport to receive \$25,229

Financial grants to four Oregon cities, including Lexington, for airport planning and improvement projects were approved September 29 by the Oregon Transportation Commission at its monthly meeting in Klamath Falls.

Receiving planning grants totalling \$58,229 will be Lexington, Creswell and Reedsport. Baker will receive airport improvement grants

totalling \$990,337, said a commission spokesperson.

The Lexington Airport is to receive \$22,706 from the Federal Government, \$1,000 from state and \$1,523 from local sources, for a total planning grant of \$25,229.

The three planning projects are for updating airport layout plans and environmental impact reports.

## Nuclear weapons freeze meeting slated Oct. 25

A public meeting on the nuclear weapons freeze (Ballot Measure 5) will be held on Monday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Heppner High School cafeteria.

The film "The Last Epidemic, Medical Consequences of Nuclear War" will be shown

Stephen Donnell, a civil defense instructor from LaGrande, will be guest speaker.

The meeting is sponsored by the Heppner-Ione branch of American Association of University Women and is open to the public free of charge.

## Wash. man dies in auto accident near Boardman

A Kelso, Wash. man died Monday morning as a result of a one vehicle auto accident at mile post 167 on Interstate 84 near Boardman.

Dead at the scene was Kenneth Ray Peck. Driver of the car, Terry Jones, 22, of Redmond Wash., was transported to Consolidated Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermis-

ton. Jones was reported in good condition Monday.

The car reportedly strayed into the median strip, swerved back onto the road and rolled, ejecting Peck from the vehicle.

Boardman Police, Oregon State Police and a Boardman ambulance responded to the scene at about 3 a.m.

## HHS students busy during Homecoming week

Students at Heppner High School are busy this week with many activities to celebrate Homecoming Week.

On Monday, students worked from 3:30 to about 9 p.m. decorating the halls of the school.

Tuesday was "Hat Day," with students and faculty sporting a variety of hats, and a Powder Puff football game was held Tuesday evening.

Boys on the Powder puff court are seniors Tom Huston, Jeff Orr and Mike Currin and juniors Eric Thompson and Sid Kennedy. These court members will also serve as escorts to the girls selected to the Homecoming Court at the game Friday night.

Wednesday was "Rock Around the Clock - 1950s Day," seeing students dress in fashions that were popular in that decade.

Thursday is "Punk Rock Day." A tug-of-war will be held at 12:30 p.m., a sock hop is scheduled for 12:45 p.m. and a faculty pep assembly for 3 p.m. Students will decorate for the homecoming dance at



The Heppner High School Homecoming Court from left to right: junior Sarah Farrar, seniors Judi Ward, Anne Murray and Linda Englert and junior Carla Miles

5:30 p.m. and later enjoy an ice cream feed at 7:30 p.m.

Friday is "Blue and Gold Day." A pep assembly is scheduled for 3 p.m., with a Downtown Parade and pep assembly to follow at 4 p.m.

The Mustangs will face Lyle, Wash. at 8 p.m. at the Heppner Fairgrounds for the homecoming game battle.

The homecoming queen will be crowned at half-time. Seniors on the court are Anne

Murray, Judi Ward and Linda Englert. Junior court members are Carla Miles and Sarah Farrar.

After the game, a homecoming dance will be held from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.