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Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Prec
Tues., Aug. 2	86	53	
Wed., Aug. 3	86	54	
Thurs., Aug. 4	92	53	
Fri., Aug. 5	95	50	
Sat., Aug. 6	99	55	
Sun., Aug. 7	88	60	Trace
Mon., Aug. 8	91	62	Trace

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Thunderstorm causes flooding, damage in Ruggs area



Water from storm swells Rhea Creek at Ruggs



Storm broke several trees, including this one across highway

A severe thunderstorm struck portions of south Morrow County Tuesday evening, causing flooding and some damage to property. The Ruggs area reported thunder and ice storms around 6:45 p.m. that broke several trees and caused flooding of Rhea Creek. Water washed debris onto the highway through Ruggs, and caused some flooding near the grain elevator there. Judy Wright of Ruggs said ice broke windows and destroyed her garden, and a tree fell on the Harold Wright home. In Lexington, residents reported hail the size of marbles falling at about the same time. Strong winds and thunder and lightning also struck that area.

Judge rules utilities not liable for W.P.P.S.S. bond debt

Columbia Basin Electric got the best news the co-op has had in a very long time Tuesday morning when it learned that Washington Judge Joseph Coleman ruled that C.B.E.C. and the other utilities involved in the same lawsuit were not liable for bond debt on two unfinished nuclear plants in Washington.

C.B.E.C. Office Manager Jerry Healy said after Tuesday's ruling that all the participants in W.P.P.S.S. plants 4 and 5 have now been released of any previous obligation of bond debt on the two plants. "There will definitely be appeals and bond holder suits. This isn't the end of it but it's a step in the right direction,"

Healy stated. Columbia Basin, along with 87 other Northwest utilities, entered into an agreement in 1976 to finance Washington Public Power Supply System nuclear plants 4 and 5. Columbia Basin agreed to the project to obtain power that Bonneville Power Administration

then said would be needed. After millions of dollars in cost over runs, however, the plants were terminated in January 1982.

Many of the participants, including Columbia Basin, filed suits claiming they weren't liable for the debt since the plants were not

completed and no energy will be obtained from them.

The ruling came almost two years from when Columbia Basin first filed suit, in October 1981.

"The legal battle isn't over yet... but it certainly looks good at this point," said Co-op Manager Fred Toombs.

School board to learn achievement test results

The regular August meeting of the Morrow County School District board will be held August 15, 8 p.m., in the school district office in Lexington. The board will hear a report on the district's general achievement test results from tests given this past year. The board will also consider

the need for the development of several policy statements in the area of school closure, hiring of personnel and the use of non-certificated coaches.

In addition, the board will consider a bid for an automobile and replacement of heating units for Heppner High School.

4-H Horse Show to take place Saturday

By BIRDINE TULLIS
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The long awaited moment for 4-H Horse Club members is about to happen! Saturday, August 13, bright and early in the morning the action will start! They will be trailering and trucking in from all corners of the county to test their horsemanship skills against those of their friends. The show will begin at 9:30 a.m. The judging contest will begin at 8:30 a.m.

A full horse show including judging contests, halter, showmanship, western and English equitation, trail class, and colt classes will show off the expertise of boys and girls

in fourth through 12th grades. A wide variety of special awards provided by local individuals, groups and businesses await those who claim the honors.

Serving as volunteer superintendent for the 4-H event is Brian Timms of Irrigon, with other 4-H Horse leaders sharing responsibility.

Four-Hers eligible to attend State Fair will be named at the end of the day. The 4-H Horse Show is the first event of County Fair. There is no charge to attend and the public is welcome to come out and enjoy a top-rate horse show.

The 4-H Snack Shack will be open at noon to provide cool drinks and lunch.

Heppner man participates in internship program



Ron Young

Ronald Young of Heppner is presently participating in a summer internship program offered by the Production Credit Associations (P.C.A.s) of the Twelfth Farm Credit District, reported Cary Hegreberg of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank.

Young will be entering his senior year of study at Oregon State University where he is pursuing a degree in business. This is the sixth year the

internships have been available with the Twelfth District P.C.A.s. Young will spend 10 weeks as an intern, eight of which will be spent at Southwest Washington P.C.A. in Chehalis and two weeks at the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane.

The internship offers students an opportunity to define career goals through on-the-job training and provides an orientation to the Farm Credit System, Hegreberg said.

The F.I.C.B. of Spokane is part of the member-owned national Farm Credit System. P.C.A.s obtain loanable funds from the F.I.C.B. and provide financing and financially related services to farmers, ranchers and commercial fishermen. The F.I.C.B. obtains funds through the sale of bonds to private investors. According to Hegreberg, in 1982, the 30 P.C.A.s in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana provided \$3 billion to area producers.

Willows Grange plans annual picnic

Willows Grange will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, August 14, 4 p.m., at the grange hall in Ione. A potluck dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Card games will follow the

dinner, and children will be able to go swimming, said a grange spokesperson.

All grangers and their friends are invited to attend.

Chamber of Commerce hosts Japanese Labo guests



Japanese exchange students under the Labo program were guests of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Tuesday at noon.

The students are staying with host families in Morrow and Umatilla counties. The students arrived July 26 and will stay one month.

New Tri-County Mental Health completes recruiting

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Recruiting has been completed for the new Tri-County Mental Health program, reported the director of Morrow County Mental Health Dept., Dr. Terry Templeman, to Morrow County Court last Wednesday.

Debra McIntosh of Fullerton, Calif. will be working out of Boardman as a school consultant. The Wheeler-Gilliam position with an office in Condon has been filled by Kelly Sager of Lexington, Templeman told the court.

Another recruitment recently conducted by Morrow County was hiring Roger Converse as Morrow County Building Inspector.

According to Deene Seager, county planner, Converse began his job July 15. He is scheduled to work Monday and Tuesday at the Lexington office and will be at the Irrigon annex Wednesday through Friday. Converse is originally from western Oregon.

In other business, the court signed a resolution and a

three-year lease agreement on the Heppner Medical Clinic with Dr. Clare Koznek. The agreement was drawn up by the court to read that the lease for the clinic will be \$450 per month through 1983. In 1984 it will increase to \$600 per month and will raise again to \$700 in 1985.

The Morrow County Pioneer Hospital Board recommended the lease agreement to the court. Koznek has 30 days to sign the agreement, or refuse it, stated Judge Don McElligott.

Public invited to take part in 'Burn to Learn' session

A house in Heppner that is owned by the county will be burned down in a District 12-A Burn to Learn session this Sunday and the public is invited to participate, says Heppner Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine.

Those who wish to take part in the project must attend classroom instruction which will be held Sunday at 9 a.m. at the old city library building next to city hall. No one with a beard will be allowed to take part, Burkenbine said.

After lunch, the house, at 590 N. Elder St., will be burned. Instructors from Condon,



This county-owned house at 590 N. Elder St. in Heppner will be burned down in a 'Burn to Learn' session Sunday.

Hermiston and Milon-Free-water will be present and firemen from Gilliam and

Umatilla counties as well as those in Morrow County will "Burn to Learn."