

Co. Court discusses water runoff on County Rd.

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Concern over water run off and erosion on County Road led to a discussion by Morrow County Court with County Public Works Director, Otto Burden, on making the road one-way. County Road branches off of Fuller Canyon Road in Heppner.

According to the court, the water runoff and erosion coming down from Heppner High School is a potential hazard to vehicles in winter.

Judge Don McElligott suggested making the road one-way by September 4, when school starts, and to have the water runoff problem solved by December.

"As far as I'm concerned, if you're going to make it one-way, it should be one-way going up," said Commissioner Irv Rauch.

A local resident who was present pointed out to the court that since Morgan Street is one-way going uphill and Water Street closes during the winter, making County Road one-way going uphill would leave

several houses in Lott's Addition with no road going down the hill.

The court deferred a decision. In other business County Court received a written request from Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago to take action against an "attractive nuisance" located on Wilson Road in Boardman.

According to Drago, the house has been abandoned; the floors are rotted out and the windows are broken with glass strewn about. Children are currently playing in and around the site.

The court immediately looked into forming an "attractive nuisance" ordinance. County Council Mike Oths recommended that the court use another method, such as taking action under the ordinance for a plain nuisance instead of forming a new one.

On the suggestion of both Commissioners Rauch and Warren McCoy, the court agreed to send a warning to the owner of the house as a first step.

Storm wreaks havoc in Heppner area

A thunder, lightning and rain storm early Thursday evening Aug. 9 caused much damage in the Heppner area. Many local residents reported broken tree limbs and other wind damage.

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op manager, Fred Toombs, reported Friday afternoon that crews were still trying to determine the extent of the damage which the storm had caused to power lines and poles. "It will be months," he said, "before we can determine everything that happened to us." The largest problem occurred shortly after the storm hit about 6:30 p.m. in the Ruggs area

when a lightning bolt hit the Ruggs substation destroying a substation transformer. About 200 customers were without power from then until shortly after 10 p.m. when an extra transformer was in place. Toombs explained that the co-op would not normally have an extra transformer on hand, but this time they were fortunate.

He said that there were numerous other outages caused by wind or wind downed lines, trees over lines, and poles which were hit by lightning.

The entire staff, he said was on the job trying to restore power to customers from 6:30 until approximately 2 a.m. Many dangerous situations occurred, he said, because people did not stay away from downed lines.

The Heppner Fire Department responded to three separate lightning caused grass fires. The first, at the George Steagall property one mile east of Heppner was doused by rain when the fire trucks arrived, according to Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine.

All three Heppner fire trucks also responded to a second fire at the Don Bennett Ranch seven miles east of Heppner. A third fire occurred about 11:30 p.m. about one mile north of Heppner. Burkenbine said that the fire department "spent more time looking for the fires than putting them out. They were in canyons not too well visible from the road."

The Gazette-Times has also received reports of lightning caused fires on rangeland at the Tommy Lentz and Paul Hisler ranch, the Don Robinson ranch and an area on Big Buttercreek which included a piece of Bob McLaughlin land.

Condon hosts Wheat Country track meet

Track and field enthusiasts from a wide area are being invited to the 8th annual Wheat Country Classic track and field meet traditionally sponsored by the Condon Kiwanis Club. The meet will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday, August 19, at the Condon High School track facility, Condon, Oregon announced a spokesperson for the event.

Track events include a 10K run, a mile run, a 1500 meter race walk (new this year), an 880, 440, 220, 100, a youngster's 75-yard dash and the popular finale - the watermelon relay. Field events will include the shot put, discus, long jump, triple jump and high jump.

Three trophies will be awarded - the Grant Weatherford Memorial

trophy given to the meet's overall performer, and trophies to the Best Female Performer and the Best Male Performer. Ribbons will also be awarded through sixth place.

Cal Boyd, a 61-year old resident of Winlock, earned the Weatherford trophy in last year's meet while 13-year old Jennifer Potter of Condon earned the Best Female Performer Award and Larry Palmer, 21, of Heppner earned the Best Male Performer Award.

The twilight meet begins at 4 p.m. on the CHS field and all comers are welcome to participate in the annual Kiwanis Club-sponsored family-fun event. Watermelon and refreshments are provided by the Kiwanis Club for all participants and meet officials following the meet.

Fall sports to begin at HHS

Both volleyball and football practice will begin at Heppner High School Monday, Aug. 20 announced H.H.S. coaches, Barb Stefani and Les Payne. Both coaches would like to remind their players: of the following: 1.) to have parent permission forms signed; and 2.) to purchase insurance or have a waiver form signed.

Players will not be allowed to practice if these forms are not turned in to the school by August 20. Also, freshmen, juniors and new students are required to have physicals.

Permission and insurance forms are available at the High School office.

Practice times for the girls volleyball team are as follows: August 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, and 31, from 8 - 11 a.m.; and August 21, 23, 28, and 30, from 8-10 a.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Practice for football will be at 6:30 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. for two weeks beginning Monday, Aug. 20.

Football uniforms will be checked out Sunday, Aug. 19 at 1:30 p.m. for Juniors and Seniors and at 2:30 for sophomores and freshman.

Nazarene Missionary to speak



Douglas Perkins

The Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Perkins, missionaries to Uruguay, will be at the Heppner Nazarene Church for the Oregon Zone Rally Sunday, August 19 at 5 p.m.

Douglas is currently involved in ministerial training and was appointed by the Church of the Nazarene in January, 1979. Before appointment to Uruguay, the Perkins family served in Argentina at the Nazarene Bible Institute.

The Rev. Floyd Wilks invites everyone to attend the Sunday afternoon service which will include messages from God's Word on missions and a challenge to all for missionary service, giving and prayer.

takes advantage of several popular food service trends - ethnic foods and barbecue. The Meat Board is also pleased because pizza is a product popular with the young, active consumers, and it is toward this group that the current beef promotion campaign is directed.

Pizza Hut officials say consumer response to the idea which originated within the Pizza Hut ranks has been good. The company plans to move from the test marketing phase of its marketing plan and will make the barbecue pizza available in all its stores by the end of the year.

On-cycle skills tests offered

On-cycle skills tests for a motor-cycle endorsement will be given at the Heppner office of the Motor Vehicles Division by appointment on Wednesday mornings only, starting Aug. 15 announced the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Applicants may still take the vision and knowledge tests at Heppner Monday through Friday. Applicants may make an appointment at that time for an on-cycle test.

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Cow Belle Corner

Mushrooms, onions, olives, peppers, sausage and hamburger-all toppings usually seen on pizzas. But now, a new addition has joined the ranks, and beef has found another outlet.

The beef topping is not just another hamburger-style topping, but rather a shredded, whole muscle beef product dipped in a special sauce and then smoked and slow cooked in a special oven. After cooking, it's put on pizza crust and covered with melted mozzarella cheese, according to Mary Adolf, food service coordinator with the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

What Adolf just described is the new barbecue style pizza being marketed by Pizza Hut.

According to Adolf, this is the first national chain to use beef (outside hamburger) as a pizza topping. She says the beef industry is excited about the new product because it