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Weather
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	High	Low	Prec
Tues., Aug. 21	91	52	
Wed., Aug. 22	88	51	
Thurs., Aug. 23	80	44	
Fri., Aug. 24	82	44	
Sat., Aug. 25	86	46	
Sun., Aug. 26	95	59	
Mon., Aug. 27	86	44	

Tony Currin named All Around Morrow Co. Cowboy

Tony Currin received the All-Around Cowboy Award at this year's Morrow Co. Rodeo. He outdistanced the other competition by placing second in cow milking, steer wrestling, open calf roping, amateur calf roping, and fourth in team roping, for a total of 23 points. He received a silver trophy belt buckle donated by Morrow County Grain Growers for his efforts.

Pat Schwarz again took a Severe Bros. saddle home with him. In 1983, Schwarz was named Morrow County All-Around Cowboy and won a saddle donated by Morrow County Grain Growers, this year, for winning the amateur calf roping event, Harry Kennison, manager of Kinzua Corp., presented him with the Kinzua donated saddle.

The hardluck horseblanket award donated by Sears will be sent to Pendleton Round-Up Princess Cindy Insko.

Other results from the Morrow Co. Night Show have been submitted as follows:

Morrow Co. Rodeo Results:
Cow Milking: first-John Moyer and Kirk Madder, second-Tony Currin and Mike Currin, and third-Sid Britt and Marti Britt.

Steer Wrestling: first-Pat Schwarz, second-Tony Currin, and third-Cliff Dougherty.

Cow Riding: first-Jack Yocom, second-Steve Currin, and third-John Moyer.

Sr. Barrel Racing: first-Joan Eckman, second-Maureen Healy,

third-Randy Britt, and fourth-Tara Mahoney.

Jr. Barrel Racing: first-Michelle Papineau, second-Lori Cecil, third-Jennifer Currin, and fourth-Heather Eckman.

Open Calf Roping: first-Dick Hoffman, second-Tony Currin, third-Pat Schwarz, and fourth-Don Papineau.

Fair & Rodeo list gate receipts

Paid attendance at the 1984 Morrow County Fair was 784 for the three days with gate receipts totaling \$928. Family Night attendance was 255 with receipts totaling \$2,076 according to a spokesperson at the Fair Office.

The Morrow County hosted WRA-Small fire brings big response

Monday, Aug. 20, three fire trucks and 13 Heppner firemen responded to a telephone pole on fire near Linden Way and Quaid streets in Heppner reported Heppner Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine. The apparent cause of the fire was an

Amateur Calf Roping: first Pat Schwarz, second-Tony Currin, and third-Steve Currin.

Team Roping: first-Dick Hoffman and Howard Bryant, second-Trisha Mahoney and Tara Mahoney, third-Don Papineau and Dick Hoffman, and fourth-Tony Currin and Steve Currin.

NRA-IRA rodeo had a sizable increase in the number of entries, said rodeo committee member, Jim Hayes.

The gross gate receipts, however were down from past years: 1984-\$5,135; 1983-\$5,903; 1982-\$5,895; 1981-\$6,933.

electrical transformer on the pole.

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op also had a pumper truck at the scene. According to C.B.E.C. manager Fred Toombs, the pole won't need to be replaced. It was just "smoked up a bit."

Irrigon company awarded septic construction at Ione schools

Bids for construction of a septic system at Ione schools came in lower than expected; however, additional work may drive the total cost back up near \$19,000 the school board was told Monday, Aug. 20.

Low bid for replacement of the septic system for Ione grade school and high school submitted by L.

Cyote construction Co. of Irrigon was \$12,273.50, much lower than the engineers' earlier estimate of \$19,000; however, existing tanks in the system may be cracked which would require replacement for an additional \$4,000. This cost along with engineering fees of \$1,800 may drive the final cost up.

"The tanks may be cracked, but we won't know for sure until they are pumped and inspected," School Superintendent Doyle McCaslin said. "We hope they're not," he added.

Ione has been having problems with the system for some time, but conditions got worse last spring when with the above average rainfall the drainfield quit operating, requiring the pumping of the two septic tanks periodically.

A representative of the Department of Environmental Quality told the district it would need to correct the system to meet DEQ standards, and Monday said the proposed construction would remedy the situation.

The contract calls for installation of a precast concrete septic tank, PVC pipe, and pumps in the existing tanks. The new tank would be installed across the road from the high school, and placed at a high elevation than existing tanks.

The project, money for which will come from the district's contingency fund, will begin shortly and is expected to take about 60 days, McCaslin said.

In other discussions, the board talked with Superintendent McCaslin, about hiring a professional negotiator to handle contract negotiations with teachers and other employees. The district has been handling its own negotiations, however, McCaslin said because of the seriousness and complexity of contract negotiations, the district should investigate hiring a professional.

"It is a specialized business, and



Dick Hoffman (left) and Howard Bryant (right) receive team roping award from Princess Shelley and Queen Sylvia

Combine rolls, starts fire

A fire which began when a combine rolled over while harvesting wheat on the steep side of a hill burned about one and a half acres of wheat and many acres of rangeland last Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The insured combine was owned by Herman Blettell who was custom cutting Al Lovgren's wheat field southwest of Heppner about two miles below Ruggs. Buz Logan of Cecil who was operating the combine was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital. He was reportedly doing well and was discharged from the hospital on Friday, Aug. 24.

The fire began about 8 a.m. and strong winds kept it blazing until late afternoon. A spokesperson for the Lovgrens said that Morrow County Grain Growers pumper truck, airplanes, and many neighbors came to help fight the fire which more than once, after they thought had been extinguished would start up again in another canyon, so that it was necessary to continue checking on the area into the evening.

Many attend Festival



Eighty-seven entries in the First annual Watermelon Festival held Saturday in Irrigon.

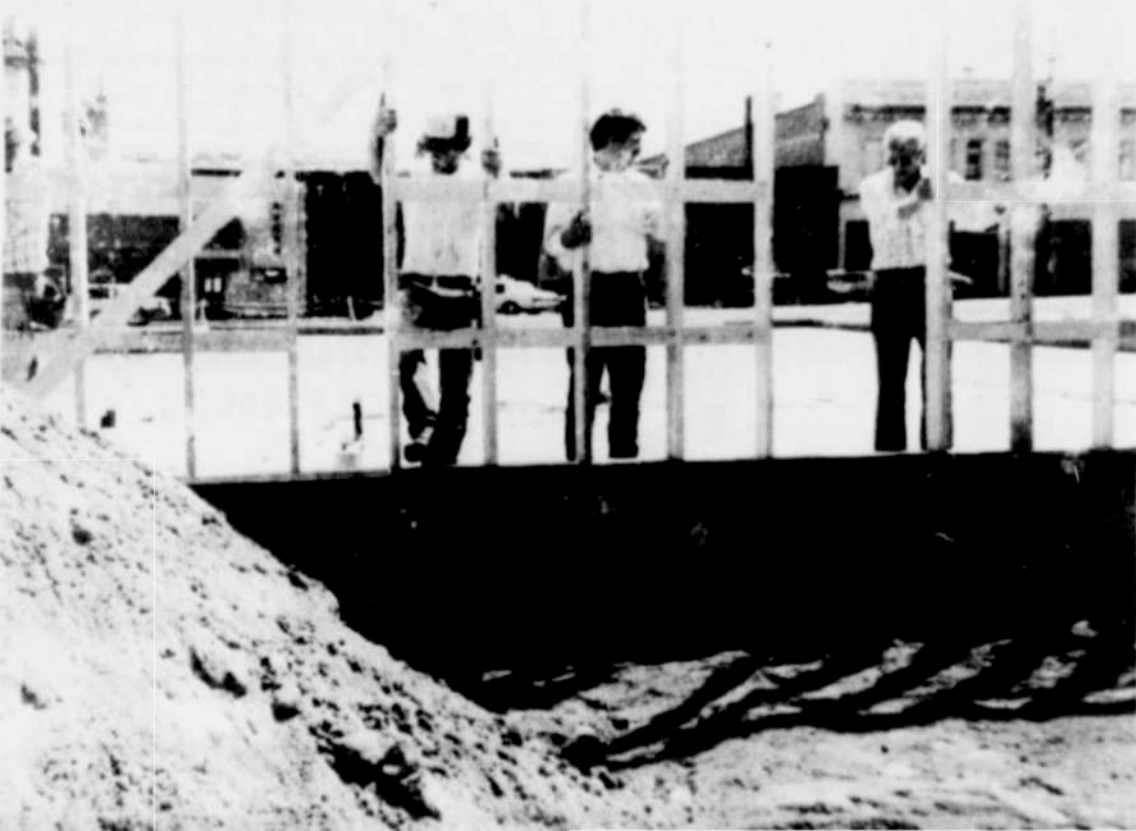
Chairman Barbara Wadekamper said she was really pleased with the turnout and will be planning next year's festival starting in October. She said she would eventually like to see a water float parade.

Twenty-six booths entertained, demonstrated and fed those that turned out for the festivities.

Committee members are as follows: Barbara Wadekamper, chairman; vice chairman, Becky Breithreutz; Recording Secretary, Charollette Line; Corresponding Secretary, Becky Shafer; Treasurer, Nancy Pearsall; Historian, Virginia Phillips; Publicity, Valorie Morris; Sergeant at arms, Patty Rodriguez; Telephone, Carleana Britt; Parade Chairman, Dorma Bell; Advertise Chairman, Gracie Morrell; Entertainment, Dick Broker; Lucy Burns, arts & crafts; concessions, Barb Wadekamper and Becky Breithreutz.

Banner, Gracie Morrell.

Many helpers build post office



Construction is progressing at the site of the new post office on Main Street in Heppner. Pictured above:

Jerry Gentry gets an assist from construction workers (?) Tom McElligott and Gerald Pierson as they raise one of the building's outside walls.

there are people who have degrees in this," he pointed out. He said laymen on the board are many times busy with their personal lives and do not have the time to handle negotiations the way they should be done. He said the negotiator may cost up to \$14,000.

McCaslin said both sides (teachers and district) would come out better with professionals. "The whole purpose of contract negotiations is labor peace, and that's what we're all aiming for."

In other business, the board:

-discussed minor problems in curriculum requirements with special reading classes, where students miss other studies to upgrade their

reading skills. No action was taken.

-learned that a new cook's helper was hired at Sam Boardman and A.C. Houghton. Shirley Donovan will split her time between the two schools.

-appointed Jerry Healy to a three year term on the budget committee. There is still one more position to be filled there.

-appointed a committee to look into the districts assets and determine if they are fully insured.

-appointed boardmembers Bill Doherty, Joe Stevens, Pat Wright, and Riverside High School Principal Dan Daltoso to the certified, or teacher, contract negotiating team,

And appointed Boardmembers Duane Carroll, Randy Hughes, Bob Mahoney and Ione Principal Chuck Starr to the classified (janitors, cooks, etc.) negotiating team. Both groups have contracts expiring in July of 1985.

-accepted the resignation of Mary Ellen Boynton, a language arts teacher at Riverside, and that of David Sime, music teacher at Ione.

-heard that the state will help fund "project Help," a program to try and keep students from dropping out of school. The state will pay \$33,000 and the district \$17,000.

Morrow County School District adds teachers



Teachers new to Heppner and Ione schools left to right: Debbie Christensen, Karen Clough, Sharon Morris, and Geneva Mathews.



Teachers new to Boardman and Irrigon schools, left to right: Phil White, John Hughes, Sheila Gilmartin Needham, Cathy Jurcich, Jay Harman, Gary Hendricks, and Terry Starr.

Teachers new to the Morrow County school district received an orientation tour of the county Monday, August 27.

The tour began with a presentation at Riverside High School in Boardman by representatives from the PGE Coal Fired Plant. From there, the teachers traveled by bus to the Port of Morrow Industrial development area. They also visited the Oregon Potato flaking plant, Irrigon schools, and Boardman Farms. At the North Lexington elevator, Bob Costa of the Morrow County Extension Service, and a representative from Morrow County Grain Growers met the tour and presented information about dryland farming.

After a lunch stop and explanation of payroll and insurance at the

District Office in Lexington, the educators continued on their tour to Kinzua Corp. in Heppner where Bob Lankford and Kent Goodyear guided them through the mill and cogeneration plant. The day's tour ended with a drive through Heppner and visit to the Heppner schools.

Assistant to the Superintendent, John Edmundson explains that the reason for the orientation tour is our "spread out school district. The only way to understand it is to visit the schools and to get an overview of the industry of the county."

Teachers attending the tour were: Debbie Christensen, grade two and Karen Clough, grade one at Heppner Elementary; Sharon Morris, grade three and Geneva Mathews, music at Ione schools; Phil White, industrial arts and Gary Hendricks, math at Columbia Junior High in Irrigon; John Hughes, language arts and Jay

Harman, industrial arts at Riverside High School in Boardman; Terry Starr, grade six at Sam Boardman Elementary; Cathy Jurcich vocal music at Sam Boardman Elementary and Riverside High School; and Sheila Gilmartin Needham, art at Sam Boardman and A.C. Houghton elementary schools.

Teachers new to the district, who were unable to attend Monday's tour are David Larson, grade five at A.C. Houghton and Curt Weiss, Speech therapist at the north county schools.

HHS sets signing

A Yearbook Signing Party has been set for Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria announced a spokesperson for the school.