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Weather

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	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Oct. 9	76	43	
Wed., Oct. 10	75	44	.29
Thurs., Oct. 11	56	33	.01
Fri., Oct. 12	62	38	.03
Sat., Oct. 13	54	38	.01
Sun., Oct. 14	49	30	
Mon., Oct. 15	54	29	

Soroptimists donate tree for 4-H mini park



Heppner Soroptimists donate spruce tree for 4-H mini park which was dedicated during the centennial celebration last Saturday. Pictured (L to R) Naella Rill, Alecia Tarnasky and Bettie Doherty, president of Heppner Soroptimists. (For more centennial coverage see page 6.)

Power outage scheduled for South Morrow Co. Sunday

Electricity will be out Sunday, Oct. 21 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. for most Columbia Basin Electric Co. customers, the cooperative has announced.

Customers in the following areas will be affected: Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Ruggs, Hardman, Olex,

Eight-Mile, Ceci and Morgan.

According to a Columbia Basin spokesperson, Bonneville Power Administration crews will be working on their substation in Boardman and at the same time, the cooperative will be working on the electrical connections to Kinzua's generating facility.

School Board learns Riverside could move into AA athletic division

Riverside High School in Boardman is 15 students shy of moving up into the AA athletic division, the Morrow County School Board was informed Monday night.

The board was told that Riverside's attendance during spring term this school year will determine what athletic division the school competes in over the following four years.

"We're a borderline school," said principal Dan Daltoso. He said rules require that any school having 200 students in the upper three grades during spring term of 1985 to move up to AA. He said the school now has 185 in those grades.

When asked if there was a possibility there may be 200, Daltoso responded, "15 students at Riverside High School could happen in two days."

Schools throughout the state are ranked according to size, and

usually compete only against teams from the same ranking. Riverside, along with Heppner are now single A schools, while Ione high school competes in the B league. The largest rating, of which Pendleton, Hermiston and most Portland schools belong is the AAA. Each league holds district and state playoffs in football, basketball and other sports each year, with state champions being picked in each league.

If Riverside were to move up to the AA ranking it would mean its teams would be competing against larger schools.

Daltoso pointed out that if Riverside moves up to AA it would be required to stay there for at least four years. "You can petition to come back down," he said if the school's enrollment drops way off, but he said in most cases the school stays in the new league for at least

four years.

Daltoso indicated that it may only be a matter of time before Riverside moves to AA. "If population trends continue, we will move up (over 200 in 10, 11 and 12 grades) during the next four years," he said.

In other sports related business the board discussed the possibility of adding a wrestling program at Columbia Junior High in Irrigon. Because of the large number of students at the school the principal says there is a need for more extracurricular activities.

Columbia Jr. High competes against Tri-City area schools in sports, and those schools all have wrestling programs so there would be competition available, the board was told.

If wrestling were added in the future, however, it may mean Riverside High School parents

would want wrestling there, Daltoso said.

Boardmember Pat Wright objected to adding wrestling, saying other activities such as a chemistry or chess club should be explored, saying, "How many of these kids are going to make their living off wrestling anyway?"

The board took no action on the wrestling program.

In other business, the board: -approved early graduation for Jeff Zuver and Kirby Brace of Riverside High.

-approved field trips for the Riverside High band to stay Oct. 20 and 21 on the Umatilla River where the band would stay in cabins and have opportunity to practice, and for the migrant education chapter to spend the day at the Portland Zoo and OMSI (no date has been set).

-appointed William Payne of Irrigon to the Boardman-Irrigon advisory committee. Payne has lived in Irrigon for three years and is pastor of the Columbia View Community Church.

-voted to buy a \$22,000 van to transport handicapped students to Hermiston for special classes. The district has been using an old Jeep Wagoneer; however, it has broken down twice in Hermiston last week and "has become unreliable", according to Jim Bier of the district transportation committee. A total of five students from the county go to the special Hermiston classes each day. The district used emergency funds of \$10,000 to make the down payment on the lease-purchase agreement for the vehicle, with the remainder to be included in next year's budget.

-heard an update on the replacement of the lone septic system. Everything is installed, said superintendent Doyle McCaslin, except for some pipe which has not been delivered. Department of Environmental Quality also has to inspect the project before it is approved.

-heard that Cascade Natural Gas Co. installed a gas line up to the high school in Boardman free of charge. The school may hook to gas at a later date, however Cascade was installing gas mains in Boardman last week.

-heard that a meeting between the district contract negotiating team and the teacher's union is scheduled for Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at Riverside High School in Boardman. The meeting will be open to the public. (see related story)

School Board hires Albany man as professional negotiator

Contract talks begin Oct. 29

The Morrow County School Board has hired Jack Liles of the Oregon School Board Association as a professional contract negotiator in dealings with the district's teachers and other employees.

A former teacher, school superintendent, principal and school board member in the Albany area, Liles has bargained numerous col-

lective bargaining agreements throughout the state, as well as other work including management studies, superintendent searches and board training activities.

Bill Jacobson, cadre negotiator for Oregon Education Association will be the spokesperson for Morrow County teachers. Jacobson is currently a biology instructor at

Blue Mountain Community College.

Contract talks between the district and the teacher's union get underway Oct. 29, 7 p.m. at Riverside High in Boardman. The meeting is open to the public.

Both the teacher's and classified staff (cooks, custodians, etc.) have contracts which expire in July of 1985.

Tuesday log accident injures Heppner man

A Heppner man was in fair condition Tuesday at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner after a log, 4' x 8' in diameter, dropped on him at the Kinzua mill

where he is employed.

Ray Miller, 22, of Heppner was rushed to Pioneer Memorial after the Tuesday morning accident left him with a cracked rib, a possible broken collarbone, several torn

ligaments and a cut over the eye requiring stitches.

A spokesperson for Miller's family said that he would remain at the hospital "for the time being".

Elks to provide rides for voters

The Heppner Elks have announced that they will be providing free transportation to anyone wishing to vote on Tuesday, November 6.

"Your vote is important in a democratic process," said a spokesperson from the Elks.

To arrange a ride call 676-9181

from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Nov. 6. An Elks member will pick the person up and deliver them back to their residence.

Heppner City Police welcome new officer



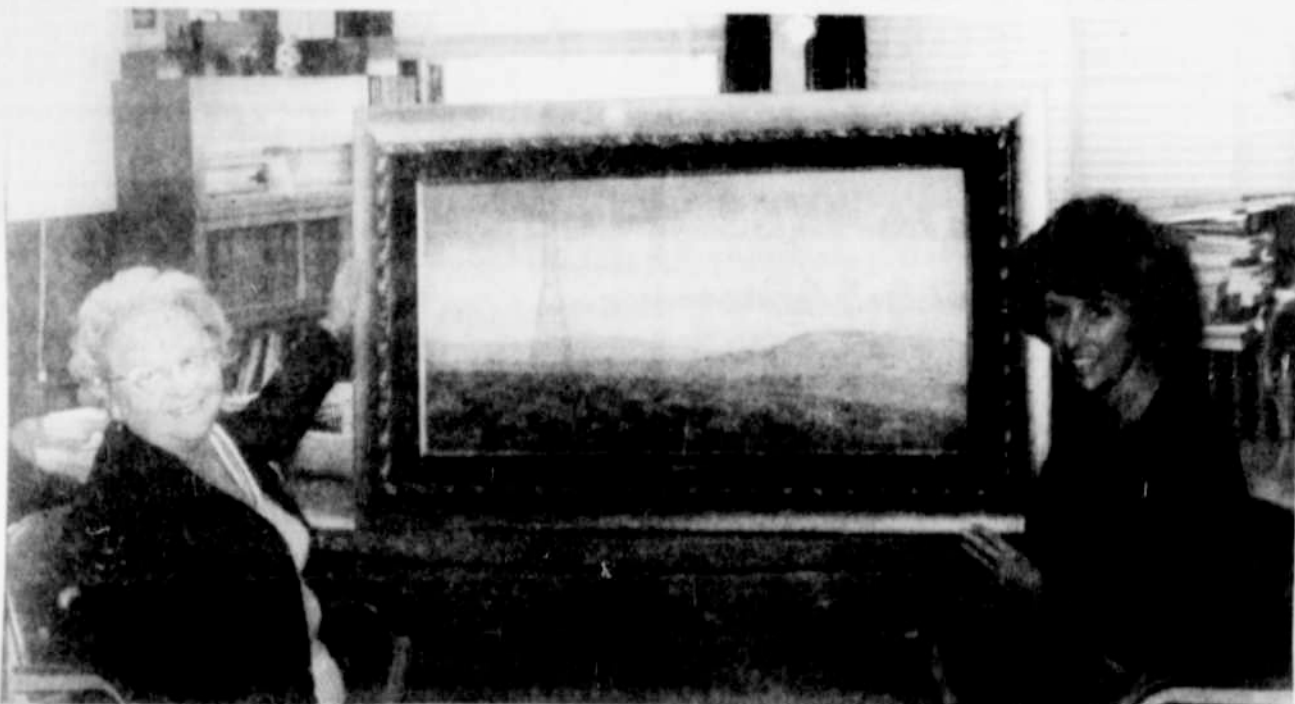
Gary Warren

A new Heppner City police officer joined the department this Monday from Warm Springs, Oregon. Gary Warren, 35, has just arrived after spending a year on the tribal police force at Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Before being a police officer, Warren taught school for 11 years; two years in Oregon and nine in Alaska.

Officer Warren will be living in Heppner with his wife, Susan and three children, Sean, 13; Chisana, 10; and Felicity, three.

Limited edition print to be available by Boardman artist



Delpha Jones (left) and artist Mary Lou Carlson display painting.

A limited edition print of a painting made by a Boardman artist will go on sale soon in honor of Morrow County's Centennial Celebration.

Only 500 of the prints depicting a colorful desert scene near Boardman will be sold, and proceeds will be used to benefit the friends of the library in Boardman.

Boardman artist Mary Lou Carlson painted the 18 by 36 inch original, which shows a scene in the desert near the old highway 80 looking towards the Crows Nest area. It took her four months to complete.

"These will be official Centennial prints signed and numbered," said Carlson.

Those wishing to buy the prints, which cost \$45 each, can send payment to Friends of the Library, Mary Michaels, P.O. Box 170, Boardman, OR. 97818.

"If they would like to order a specific number they should get their order in early," said Carlson.

Delpha Jones, chairman of the Centennial Committee, said the committee will hold a drawing for one of the prints, with tickets for that to go on sale soon. She also said one of the prints will be purchased by the committee and hung at the county courthouse in Heppner.

A print will also be hung on display at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner, added Jones.