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Weather

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	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., July 23	87	50	
Wed., July 24	85	52	
Thurs., July 25	93	58	
Fri., July 26	95	55	
Sat., July 27	94	57	
Sun., July 28	95	58	
Mon., July 29	96	65	02

'Big Tom' helps create the mood for fair & rodeo



It must be time for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Tom Simonton was in Heppner last week painting his famous window cartoons for area businesses.

"Big Tom" has been coming to Heppner for more than

ten years now to help promote the area's fair and rodeo and for three years, the St. Patrick's day celebration. Although working alone for the moment, he normally creates his transient masterpieces while an entourage of area children look on.

Fairgrounds work day set Aug. 4

Open Class

All superintendents and everyone who can help make things ready for the Morrow County fair should come to work at 1 p.m., Sunday, August 4, and bring potluck food for a 4 p.m. meal. Wear work clothes advises Fair Committee Chairman, Jane Rawlins.

4-H

4-H leaders and members are reminded that Sunday, August 4, will be a "get ready for fair" workday at the county Fairgrounds, says Birdine Tullis, OSU Program Assistant with the Morrow County Extension Service.

Parade judges named

Joyce Hughes, Chairman for the 1985 Fair and Rodeo Parade sent word to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce that judges were still needed to award ribbons and prizes to parade participants on Saturday morning, August 17.

The following volunteers responded: Mayor Cara Costa, Mary Goheen, David Sykes, Bob Costa and Bill Kunh, along with Bobbi Angell, Don Shelton, and Clista Venard. There is still room for a few more judges. Interested persons should contact Hughes at 676-5818 or 989-8412.

Following the work, a potluck dinner is planned at 4 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and add

Call fair office for trailer parking

Anyone who wants to park a trailer house at the Morrow County Fairgrounds during the fair are to call the fair office, 676-9474. All trailer houses are to be parked on the grounds by Tuesday evening, August 13.

Hughes reports that entries for the parade are coming in slowly. She says she is hopeful that part of the Happy Canyon Indian contingent will enter.

She concluded that the deadline for entering the parade is being extended to Saturday, August 10. Please send your entries in.

CBEC accepting nominations

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. is accepting nominations for the following two director's positions:

their help to getting everything in top shape for the big county event.

Home ec and creative arts leaders and helpers are needing to get the 4-H Annex set up and decorated, Livestock, etc., to get all the barns and out buildings ready.

The same schedule and work day needs apply to both 4-H and open class.

Bring along your family and potluck foods, join the fun, and get ready for fair, Tullis encourages.

BPA outage effects CBEC service area

An outage in the Bonneville Power Administration system between Arlington and Boardman was responsible for the late Monday night power outage over all of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op system, reports Bill Gentry of CBEC. The power was interrupted for three minutes and then switched back on, but "it didn't hold," he said. The second outage lasted 27 minutes and was resolved when BPA switched the service to another circuit.

CBEC accepting nominations

Zone No. 1: That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative lying West of the Morrow-Gilliam County line and North of the Township line dividing Townships 3 South and 4 South.

Zone No. 7, Fossil Zone: That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative within the incorporated city limits of Fossil, Oregon.

The members of the nominating committee are:

Zone No. 1: Ernest J. Barnett, Mikkalo, Oregon

Zone No. 7: Steve Conlee, Fossil, Oregon

The nominating committee will accept nominations up to and including the last day of August, says the Co-op. Nominees must be members of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. They must reside in, and receive service in, the Zone in which they will be running.

No pesticide contamination found in Oregon watermelon samples

Final laboratory analysis, reported July 19, found no trace of pesticide contamination or residue in any of the 86 samples of soil and watermelon tested. The samples were taken from more than 1,100 acres in the Hermiston, Oregon area, and approximately 60 acres in 10 southwestern Oregon watermelon fields, according to Leonard Kunzman, Director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

"We are very gratified to report that all watermelon commercially grown in Oregon is free of pesticide contamination," Kunzman added. "Consumers can be assured that Oregon-produced watermelons are completely wholesome and safe to enjoy."

The sampling and laboratory analysis are part of an Oregon Department of Agriculture program to certify all watermelon produced in Oregon free of pesticide contamination.

Heppner girl takes first at Nationals

Trisha Mahoney, 18, Heppner, has earned a first place in Breakaway Roping at the National High School finals held at Rapid City South Dakota, July 22-28.

Mahoney, a 1985 graduate and Honor Scholar of Heppner High School, is the daughter of Bob and Sheri Mahoney. Look for more details of her trip to the finals in next week's Gazette-Times.

Meet the Senator Aug. 5

An ice cream social to allow constituents to meet Senator Mark Hatfield will be held Monday, Aug. 5 from 3-4 p.m. at Heppner City Park on No. Main Street by the library. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sign up for county horse show

Sign up for the Morrow County Horse Show will be Saturday, August 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the dorm building at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. Janelle Bailey, secretary, will be on hand to take entry fees.

Teen 4-H'ers return from Alaskan trek

Ready to go again and definitely glad they chose this option, Andrea Ball, Marion McMillan and Kimberly Wright are among a group of 4-H Teen Club members who recently returned from the cool Alaskan rainforest. Noella Rill, Kevin Hughes, Teresa Lindsay, Andrea Ball, Jason Palmer, and Bobbie Jo Medlock of Spray, also made the trip.

Each paid his own way, the travelers report, by doing housework, painting, cooking, doing odd jobs, and "you name it, somebody did it." Each needed enough money to pay his share of the rent on a van which chaperone Judy Wright chauffeured to Prince Rupert, as well as spending money, money for the campgrounds where they stayed, the ferry trip from Prince Rupert to Juneau and food.

In Juneau, they stayed with 4-H host families and each went his separate way. Andrea Ball says that she was most impressed by a flight with her host family over a glacier. "What looked like tiny cracks were really 100-200 foot deep." The ice cap with snow 1200 ft. deep was impressive also.

Lexington to hear comments on proposed Church

A public hearing will be held August 13 at Lexington City Hall, to consider an application from the Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) to build a church on property located adjacent to Tom Street and Highway 74 in Lexington. The hearing will start at 8 p.m.



Stephi Payne

Outstanding Heppner High School track athlete Stephanie Payne recently returned from a 10-day cultural exchange trip to China. She flew with a group of 150 American athletes to Tokyo, Japan, and then to Hong Kong where they stayed overnight then took the morning boat to Canton in mainland China.

The group of athletes spent three days in Canton touring ceramic and jade factories and participating in other group activities. Some of the food at the formal dinners she said was "interesting, but you would have to be there awhile to learn to

U.P. & Kinzua to work together

Union Pacific officials indicated at a July 18 meeting in Pendleton that they would be willing to cooperate with Kinzua Corp to keep the Heppner branch line operating said Kinzua general manager, Harry Kennison. The Heppner branch line is "under study" by railroad officials as well as the Condon, Wallowa, Enterprise, and Pilot Rock branches he continues.

Kinzua currently ships 3,500,000 board feet of lumber each month; 37 percent or 1,295,000 board feet of that goes by rail. With co-operation from the railroad, says Kennison, that could reverse and 67 percent be shipped by rail. What Kinzua would need to make the reversal is assurance that the lumber would be secured better in the cars and that prices would remain competitive.

He explains that among the many advantages to shipping by rail are that although some trucks currently go as far as Georgia, lumber can be shipped to farther destinations, markets are more available by rail,

and the railroad is more reliable. Trucks can be scheduled to arrive at a certain time, but we're never sure when they'll arrive because delays along their route can make them a day or more late. Trucks do have the advantages that the lumber is more secure and currently prices are lower. Rail prices are "not that far away" though, he says.

Should the railroad decide to discontinue the branch line, Kinzua would have two options: to ship everything by truck or to start a re-load system which would involve van shipping or "piggyback" which he says would not benefit Union Pacific or the branch line.

We would rather ship by rail because it's more reliable, we can load up our product and ship it out, he says. "It's very important to keep the railroad here in Heppner for reasons other than lumber. Some, not much, comes in now. It's just better for the community to have the rail head for future development."

Neighborhood Center tells new hours

The Heppner Neighborhood Center will open one-half hour later, at 8:30 for an indefinite period, center volunteer Neola Mackey has announced. The new, shortened hours, 8:30 - noon and 1-5 p.m. are a result of a nation wide reduction in federal block grants to county programs and neighborhood centers, Mackey explains. The Blue Mountain Economic Development Council

which administers block grant funds to the Heppner center has been meeting weekly to map out methods for cutting costs without sacrificing programs which are provided by the neighborhood centers. Cuts so far have included eliminating overtime and a cost of living wage increase and establishing a stringent no waste policy, Mackey concludes.

My host family could not believe how hot it is here and the spaciousness of the land, said Marion McMillan. He expects that they may want to come here next year in an effort to keep the 4-H exchange going.

Generally, Alaskan 4-H'ers are younger than those in Morrow County because the program is relatively new, the average age of Alaskan 4-H'ers is 12. 4-H lacks the variety offered in Morrow County; there were no cattle, sheep, pigs, or home ec 4-H clubs, but dogs and horses are popular, they said. McMillan said that his host family had a two-acre, 12 horse farm which was a "herd" compared with others in the area. They don't use horses for work like we do, just for fun. It's much more expensive there.

Impressed by the closeness of some whales on a fishing trip with her host family, Kimberly Wright reports catching, between her and her host mother, 20 pink salmon, a who caught three pink salmon on a trip with his host family chimes in trip with his host family chimes in

that aiser being used to putting a worm on a hook, and drinking a Mt. Dew while waiting for a bite, it was different to use a lure or herring, and constantly reel in and out. Wright continued that her host family canned their own fish and served much more seafood for meals than she is used to at home.

Wright also mentions that she was impressed by the ferry trip through the Wrangell Narrows at 2 a.m. Because it is so narrow and shallow, they had to go through at high tide and "there were lights everywhere, green, red, white-like a pinball machine." It took 20 minutes, but I'm glad that we went through first at night. It wasn't as exciting during the day on the return trip.

Other choices which were open to the teen club members this summer were OSU Summer Week, a leadership conference at Lake Tahoe, serving as a counselor at 4-H camp, and some of their members did more than one thing. The group of high school age 4-H'ers meets all year and participates in many activities including community service, discussions, and watching movies.

Early morning blaze guts apt.



Duplex kitchen left in rubble following early morning fire

Sixteen firefighters responded to a fire on Cowins Street in Heppner early Tuesday morning. A spokesperson for the department reports that because the Heppner city night patrolman saw the fire in its early stages and was prompt in turning it in, the fire department was able to have the fire under control quickly. The patrolman also turned a garden hose on the dry grass and brush surrounding the duplex which kept the fire from endangering a house and shed directly behind.

Firefighters worked at the site from 2-4 a.m. but were able to contain the fire to one apartment of the duplex with the other receiving only smoke and minor water damage. The apartment which was "totally involved in flames when we arrived" was gutted with only the shell left in tact, concluded the department spokesperson. The duplex is owned by Robert Bergstrom who is out of town; the department had not been able to contact him at noon on Tuesday.