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Weather

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	High	Low	Precip.
Tues.	61	34	.11
Wed.	55	36	.01
Thurs.	56	35	.00
Fri.	61	41	.00
Sat.	70	43	.00
Sun.	81	48	.00
Mon.	82	48	.01

Poison Hemlock sprayed on Willow Creek



Volunteer crew gets equipment ready for spraying.

The extremely dangerous poison hemlock has been sprayed along the banks of Willow Creek within the city limits of Heppner. The combined effort between the city and Jim VanWinkle, Morrow County weed

manager was aimed at eradicating the noxious weed because it is fatal both to people and livestock.

All parts of the plant are poisonous. It grows like a wild carrot ranges from 4 to 10 feet tall. The

stem is generally stout, erect, hollow, ridged and with purple streaks or blotches and the flowers are small white and look like umbrellas.

Poison Hemlock has been found

not only along Willow Creek but in pastures, roadsides alfalfa fields, idle land and even in home yards.

Jim VanWinkle along with city foreman Dave Winters sprayed the weed on portions of Willow Creek last week.

Mayor Cara Costa praised the operation as a joint effort between the two parties. "We didn't have the money in the budget to hire the spraying done and Jim VanWinkle donated his time and provided the equipment," stated Costa.

It cost the city \$48. to buy the chemicals, 24D and Banvel, used on the weed. VanWinkle and Winters armed with backpack sprayers sprayed 50 gallons in three and one-half hours.

"City residents also have taken an interest in eliminating the weed and have called me to inquire what kind of chemicals to spray," VanWinkle said.

Scott Madison, member of the weed advisory board and a director of Morrow Soil and Water district, also praised the project saying, "Jim is available to the public to help identify and make recommendations on weed problems, and earlier this year Jim worked with the city of Irrigon to spray thistles."

VanWinkle suggested that the city of Heppner could also develop their own weed program. "For a very small amount of money, the city could invest in a back pack sprayer and chemicals," he said.

Ione trackster to hurl javelin in Canton

An Ione High School trackster received word last Friday that she has been chosen to accompany a group of high school athletes to a track meet in Canton, China. Chosen by the International Sports Exchange, a non-profit California corporation, athletes from class "A" and "B" schools throughout Oregon and Washington will travel in Asia from July 5-12.

The letter informing Deena Hams and her track coach, Del LaRue of her selection to the team of athletes "must have been lost in the mail," she said, because "it was postmarked two weeks before we got it and the second letter confirming that we had returned information to the sports exchange came the same day as the first letter."

Deena Hams, a junior at Ione High School, was selected on the basis of a 134'5" throw of the javelin at the state track meet last year. The toss earned her a third



Deena Hams

place for the state. She is already throwing 131' this season which she says is good because last year, it took her the entire season to work to

where she finished the year before.

Although she will compete only in the javelin at the meet in Canton, the robust teen also hurls the discus and occasionally competes in the shot put.

She holds the current school record of 97' in discus competition.

"At first, I couldn't believe it, but I think it's really great to be chosen," she said. Although "I've never had the urge to go to China, I'm glad that I'm going. Maybe I'll come back liking Chinese food."

In addition to competing at the Canton track meet, "They've promised lots of sightseeing," Hams says.

The cost of the trip is \$1,700 plus, which is a lot to raise before July, but "my friends have shown a lot of enthusiasm for helping me with a dinner and raffle. Since no one from Ione has gone yet, we hope it won't be too hard," the sturdy trackster concluded.

County levy reduced by \$99,690

The Morrow County Special Levy has been reduced \$99,690 since voters rejected the county proposal in the March levy election. The levy cut reported in the headline in last week's Gazette-Times, \$48,083, was the amount cut from the county's general fund.

The remainder of last week's article concerning the proposed special levy was correct.

May 20, voters will decide on a \$2,469,040 one-year special operating levy. Tax rate for the levy will be \$3.74 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The hospital levy and the Lifeguard serial levy have already been approved with tax rates of 48 cents and four cents respectively; the total tax rate for the combined levies is \$4.26 per \$1,000 valuation.

The following cuts were approved by the County Court.

-\$39,255 from the Road Fund.

Capital outlay was reduced by \$7,200 for the purchase of a pickup, \$1,000 for purchase of a radio, and \$3,000 for purchase of air conditioners for three blades. The balance of the cuts were in the area of materials and services: \$10,000 from weed spraying, \$2,000 from fire insurance, and \$10,000 from diesel purchases since the cost of petroleum products has gone down recently.

-\$8,543 from the North Morrow Ambulance Levy.

-\$1,604 from the North Morrow Medical Clinic.

-\$904 from the Fair and Rodeo Fund.

-\$1,841 from the city road districts, an automatic reduction because the total is figured on a

percentage of the levy for the county road fund.

-\$48,083 from the general fund; \$20,000 from the Sheriff's Department jail fund.

Also from the General Fund, the Weed District was cut \$1,000; the Soil and Water Conservation District \$1,500; the Extension Service \$1,000; the Watermaster \$100; the Lexington Blow Control \$25 (a 50% cut); the Veterans Administration \$100; and the County Counsel \$2,401.

Daylight Time begins April 27

Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, April 27. Remember to set clocks FORWARD one hour before going to sleep Saturday night. Remember the phrase: "Spring forward - Fall back," and be on time.

Eighth graders trade schools for a week

The biggest difference between Heppner and Portland is that at home, "You don't ride horses down the middle of Main Street," said Carrie Mumford of the Centennial School District in Portland.

She was one of the eighth graders from Lynch Terrace Middle School who exchanged places with eighth graders from Heppner last week. In its sixth year, the program has proven itself, but for the youths involved, the week provided new experiences.

Nineteen Heppner youths spent the week with host families at Lynch Terrace Middle School where 220 eighth graders attend regularly. Their week included tours and lectures on the Columbia River Gorge, the Banfield Transitway project, Boeing, Reynolds Metals Co., the Clackamas Town Center, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, the Washington Park Zoo, old town Portland, Yamhill Market, Pioneer Square, Terminal 6, containerized cargo loading, Terminal 4 loading and unloading grain, and a ship repair yard.

Twenty-five eighth graders from Lynch Terrace spent the week with host families in Heppner. During the week they attended classes at Heppner Elementary school and tours by the Wheat League, the CowBelles, of the Ghost Town of Hardman, of Willow Creek Dam, of Kinzua sawmill, of Morrow County

Museum, and of the PGE coal fired plant.

Dave Olcott, a teacher from Lynch Terrace who has participated in the program every year says that the experience is always unique because of the different composition of the group he brings with him. "It's difficult to think that in a week the students can develop such strong feelings about a community and its people," he said. The different environment provides the opportunity for the kids to blossom; some become more overt here, and all become complete individuals for him where before he was able to see them only as students in the classroom.

The exchange generated excitement at least among the Lynch Terrace students as they shared some of their experiences last Friday. Words tumbling out on top of one another, "You'd get killed if you walked down the middle of the street at home," Carrie Mumford declared, but here that's the way we walk home after school.

Here 17 students is a "big class" and there is only one teacher per class where at Terrace there are four, they said. "It's hard to imagine a whole junior high on one floor, in seven rooms," asserted John Swinski.

They were surprised that students here are excused from school at 10 a.m. for a track meet. "No way, do you get out of school that early at

home," affirmed Laurie Raihala. Ryan Young chimed in that here the track team was 10 people contrasted with 140 team members at Terrace.

Kids here don't have as much variety, they said. At Terrace this year, Carrie has participated in downhill skiing; Ryan has gone out

for wrestling, track, soccer, and football; John has been on the football, wrestling, and baseball teams; and Laurie on the volleyball, basketball, and track teams.

All four seemed in agreement that people are nice in Heppner. Everybody waves, they said. At

home, if somebody you don't know waves, you run the other way, Carrie asserted.

Cars are different here, Laurie pointed out. In Portland, most are compact cars, but in Heppner "everybody has rigs or trucks." And, nobody even tries to lock them;

they just leave the keys in the ignition. If you did that at home, there would be "no car left," John agreed.

John also was impressed with the beef tour, how somebody actually let

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Lynch Terrace exchanges in front of Heppner Elementary School.