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Warmer pool water costs city dollars

By Avon Melby

Higher temperature in water at the municipal swimming pool is costing the city more for the 1987 swimming season the city council was told. Because parents complained about cool water this spring the temperature has been increased to 80-81 degrees. The higher temperature creates a need for more purification to keep the water pure. It also is taking more oil to heat the water. Added to the trouble is that quite a few of the pipes put in when the pool's solar heating system was installed have had leaks and had to be replaced.

A sum of \$2,000 was transferred from the general fund contingency to the pool fund to pay the costs until the pool closes at the end of August.

Request for city water for irrigating the courthouse lawn was made by Phil Aikman, Morrow County public works director. He said the water now being used from the county reservoir was marking county vehicles with rust stains. The pump on the well was too old for the job, and was expensive to use, he said. The use was granted.

Aikman reported work at the hospital area was about complete, only paving in front of the new justice of the peace office in the

county annex building and a screen requested by neighbor Fred Toombs remained. Toombs had objected to the screen the county was installing. Plans now are to look into use of shrubbery.

New liability insurance practice was explained by Bob Kahl, agent for the city's liability policy. He said a change made by new policy would require additional premium if the city wanted full coverage above the present \$300,000 one. Since the insurance bills for the city now are running \$21,000 per year decision was not to have the additional coverage.

Public hearings on three ordinance changes was held. Adopted without opposition were Ordinance 469 which allows the city to set liens against property for unpaid sewer and water bills, and Ordinance 470, a 40-year old ordinance on dangerous buildings. The new version will provide for clarification of notifying the property owner when action is to be taken. It also provides for a \$500 fine if compliance not received.

Public hearings were held on Roark property at 680 Elder street, and Ponsereello property at 387 E. Linden Way. Both have made efforts to clean up their property since being notified the city would take ac-

tion, so additional time will be allowed, but they will be advised they must cut or burn the dry high grass on their property, or the city will do so and bill them for costs.

Cal Sherman told the council he had changed the name of his station to Cal's Service Center, and wanted to replace the sign he has had there for many years with another the same size. Under the new zoning ordinance, which sets size of signs allowed to proportion of size of building, he said he could not install one nearly large enough for his purpose. He was advised to ask the planning commissioners for a variance at the planning meeting next Monday.

John Skow, owner of the RV park on Main Street and of Northwestern Motel, said the RV Park was closed and he wanted an adjustment on the \$71 sewer charge he received each month from the city. He claimed since he wasn't renting spaces he shouldn't be charged. Council members said the policy adopted recently required payment, whether the rentals are filled, or vacant. After extended objections were voiced, Wilbur Jackson, councilman, was appointed to meet with him and go over the questions and make recommendations at next month's council meeting.

Queen Cindy serious about her duties

Being Morrow County Fair and Rodeo queen is a lot of fun, but a lot of responsibility, too, Queen Cindy Davis said. "You have to be serious about it."

And serious she is. Queen Cindy was a princess on the 1985 fair and rodeo court during the reign of Queen Bridget Greenup. Since then, she said she decided to try out for queen to fulfill her enthusiasm.

As queen, Cindy said she makes more speeches than she did as a princess, and now must be the one to help the princesses know what to do.

Parade days can be hectic, the queen admits. She has to arrange for time off from her fulltime job at Central Market in Heppner, get up at 4 a. m. to fix her hair and catch and brush her horse sometimes with her head still full of curlers.

After loading her official mount, Jeep, a quarter horse appaloosa gelding, Queen Cindy said she tries to leave the house on time.

It's more than worth the effort though the gracious queen said, when the little kids look at you like you're somebody.

None of the early morning activi-

ty is evident as the composed queen rides the parade route, and grand entry and visits with people in her sparkling white suit. Weekend events are more relaxed she said. She especially enjoyed Prineville in spite of misplacing her gloves.

The best part of being on the court is getting to meet lots of people, the pleasant queen said, to tell them about Morrow County and how much fun it is to come to our fair and rodeo.

Cindy enjoys visiting with and listening to people. She likes to work with kids especially her small cousins who come to ride horses. It's cute to watch them start learning to ride, she said.

Queen Cindy, a 14-year Heppner resident, moved here from Kinzua. She is the daughter of Wayne and Judy Davis and has one older sister, Tina Rinsaw.

She is a 1986 graduate of Heppner High School. While still in school, she was active in FFA livestock, crop judging, and tractor driving, and garnered several awards.

Tuesday morning power outage planned

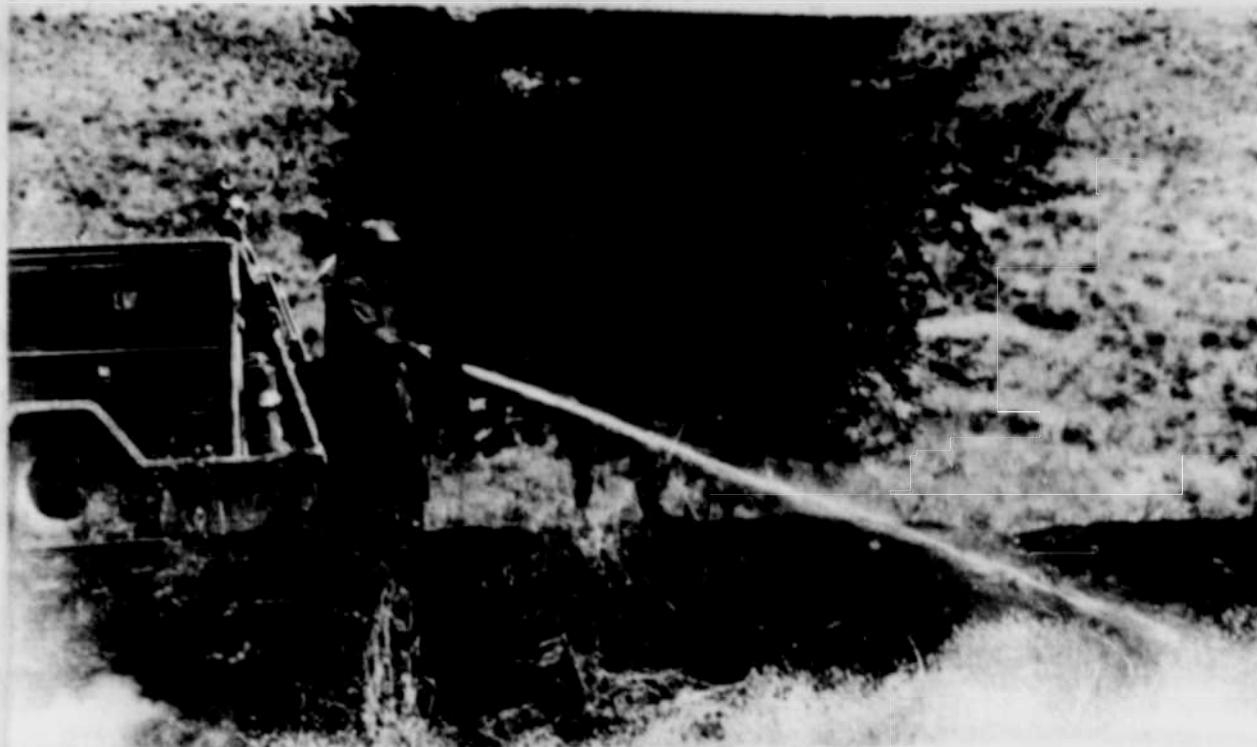
Connection with the new main power line was made during Sunday's 8 hour 15 minute power outage, Columbia Basin Electric Co-op Manager Fred Toombs announced Monday. We can expect one more major outage when the connection to the Heppner substation is made, and a few minor outages to connect individual lines to the main one, he said.

Tuesday, Aug. 11 from 5-7 a. m., customers in the Heppner, Willow Creek, Ruggs, Lexington and Blakes will be without power while Columbia Basin crews work on the new

Victim stable after logging accident

Jim Barrett is reported in stable condition at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton following a Thursday morning logging accident above Blake Ranch.

Barrett was felling a tree when it



Fire Season

Assistant Fire Chief Rusty Estes douses Tuesday morning grass fire. The blaze occurred on Aiken Street in Heppner near the Jim Bier and Vern Evans homes.

Child bitten by dog

Heppner's dog problem resurfaces

By Avon Melby

Residents soon may be asked again what they want done about

dogs in the city of Heppner.

A local child was bitten by a dog recently and the city found there was

not much it could do about it. State law requires the city to have a pound, and be licensing animals before it can destroy a dog that bites. A dog catcher is also required.

City Attorney Bill Kuhn said he told the police to pick up the dog and take it to the veterinarian because the child's mother said if it turned out the dog had rabies she would sue the city. Now the city has to pay a \$75 boarding fee for the 10 days required to see if an animal is rabid.

A couple of years ago the city was going to build a dog pound, but the expense was deleted from the budget by the budget committee. Since then the city has continued to control arking dogs by asking neighbors to sign a complaint at city hall. On the strength of the complaint an ordinance allows the city to notify the owner that his fine will be \$20 for the first complaint. It graduates by \$20 for each additional complaint. Some fines of over \$100 have been paid, and the owners usually see that the dog stops barking.

A biting dog can be destroyed on order of the health department, but the city has no authority to do so.

In a lengthy discussion on the issue at council Monday, Mayor Cara Costa said the city may have to rewrite some ordinances, and also to see if the city can get a dog catcher and pound approved and funded.

Councilman Chuck Holt, who brought the subject up, was appointed to see what kind of costs would be involved.

The city has not licensed dogs for more than 30 years. This is done by the county. When that agreement was reached the county had a dog pound operated by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, who also acted as dog catcher, both for the city and county. The county still does the licensing, but does not have a pound or dog catcher.

Fair and rodeo princess resigns

Princess Rachel Flannagen submitted her resignation as a member of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court citing health and personal reasons. Court Director Mickey Madison said her resignation has been accepted and she will be missed.

Special parking offered seniors/handicapped for fair and rodeo

Parking will be very limited at this year's Morrow County Fair, secretary Marlene Currin has announced. Space on the Little League Field will be used by a carnival, and therefore, will be unavailable for parking.

About 50 cars can be accommodated at the parking lot of the

plete distribution of the power line and until November 1 to remove the old line, he continued; however, we anticipate the contractor will finish before that.

Landfill closure funds turned over to city

By Avon Melby

City of Heppner received \$9,200 from Morrow County to close the South Morrow County Landfill at a special council meeting July 10.

The money came from a state grant the county was awarded when it owned the landfill. When the county decided it could no longer operate the facility the city took it over.

Expectation is that the landfill will still meet the needs of the city for at least another year, but sections are to be filled and closed as used up, and the money will be spent for this as well as the final closure.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

July 28 - August 3 High Low Prec.		
Tues.	86	53 0
Wed.	83	51 0
Thurs.	79	48 0
Fri.	74	44 0
Sat.	78	46 0
Sun.	86	50 0
Mon.	92	56 0

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Aug. 4	
Soft White	
Aug.	\$2.74
Sept.	\$2.76
Barley	
Aug.	\$82
Hard Red Winter	
11 protein	\$2.81
PIK	
Generic Certificates	107 1/2 % cash



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