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### Early, wet snowfall causes problems

A wet heavy snowfall in south Morrow County plagued homeowners and businesses alike Monday and Tuesday.

Jerry Healy, office manager at Columbia Basin Electric (CBE) in Heppner, said that problems started Monday morning as the heavy snow downed trees and power lines.

Healy said that electric outages occurred in Fossil, Condon, Mayville, Olex, Ione, Rock Creek and Rhea Creek.

Healy told the Gazette-times Tuesday afternoon that CBE crews had been working for over 30 hours to repair the lines. He said that some people may be out of power until Wednesday or Thursday.

Healy cautioned people about the extreme danger in touching downed power lines. "If a power line is down on a fence, don't touch the fence," he added. "Leave it alone."

The temperature shot from near freezing on Monday to over 60 degrees on Tuesday. The heat wave was short-lived, however, as the mercury plunged 20 degrees in 10 minutes and another 10 degrees in as many minutes as an icy fog rolled in Tuesday afternoon.

Melting snow caused problems for Heppner businesses as water pooled on flat roofs and roofs buckled and sprang leaks.

Water ran down a light fixture at VanMarter and Kahl Insurance in Heppner and dumped water on a desk and floor. "It was a mess," said owner Bob Kahl. "But we're getting it all dried up."

Pooled water on the roof of the Shoe Box in Heppner caused a tile in the ceiling to cave through, leaking water all over a boot display table. "There was probably \$1,000 worth of shoes damaged," said JoyceKay Hollomon, owner. Hollomon put out buckets to catch the rainfall.

Bob Ployhar of Ployhar Insurance on Main Street in Heppner also saw water damage to his business. "When I came in this morning it was just like it was raining inside," said Ployhar. "I'm just lucky it wasn't out in the front office." "You know insurance doesn't pay for leaky roofs," he added. Ployhar said he bought a wading pool at Coast to Coast in Heppner big enough to catch all the leaks.

Heppner TV cable customers experienced interruption in their service Tuesday morning since the head end of the cable on Hoskins Hill requires electricity to operate.

Problems may not be over yet, since rain began falling heavily again later Tuesday afternoon.



JoyceKay Hollomon dumps water-filled boot into bucket



Bob Ployhar uses wading pool to catch leaks

### Girls basketball clinic offered

A Colt basketball clinic for girls only will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 20-21 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Heppner High School.

Girls in grades three-six are invited to attend the free clinic.

### St. Pat's Church plans 25th anniversary

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Heppner, would like to invite present and past members to a celebration Mass on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m. The "Faith Family Reunion" will be held in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the new church.

St. Patrick's welcomes anyone who has been a part of the parish in the last 25 years. An invitation is also extended to anyone in the community who would like to share in the celebration.

A reception will follow in the parish hall.

### HHS Drama Club play Nov. 21-22



Carolers L-R standing: Macy Rhea, Leah Denton, Kim Pointer, Allison Sykes, Heidi Turrell, Becky Ward; and L-R seated: Jake Roy, Travis Judd and Mitch Mathews rehearse for play.

The Heppner High School Drama Club invites the community to the production of Don Elser's "Grandad Hangs the Holly," (distributed by the Eldridge Publishing Co.) on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Ever since a tragedy befell Grandad Howard (Jason Wolford) on Christmas Eve 25 years ago, he, instead of celebrating Christmas in the traditional way, makes life miserable for everyone, including himself.

The Howard family is bravely trying to overcome his crepe hanging, but is making little headway. Mrs. Howard (Traci Dickenson) is conducting a drive to raise money for some homeless people and needs Grandad's assistance. He won't help.

Mr. Howard (Tim Dickenson) and daughter Susan (Brandi Marshall) are trying to borrow money from Grandad for a important business deal that literally means life or death to Susan's boyfriend (Brent Gunderson). Still Grandad will not assist them.

Young Larry (Josh Coiner) and Betty Leland (Julie Watkins), the neighborhood pests, are constantly running afoul of Grandad's temper. Even Ann (Sarah Greif), the maid, cannot escape his wrath.

The Drama Club supervisor is Nancy Swarat and the play is directed by David Michael and Robby Schultz. Refreshments will be provided by the National Honor Society. The cost for admission to the play will be \$1 for students and \$2 for adults.

The presentation is a change from the school calendar dates.

### Punch Card time again

It's Punch Card time again. Shoppers can now pick up their punch cards at participating businesses, have their cards punched when they shop, and then enter to win \$1,500 in gift certificates to be given away.

There will be Six lucky \$25 gift certificate winners each week until Christmas, and all card entries will be included in the grand prize drawing for \$750 in gift certificates to be given away to one extra lucky person on Dec. 26.

Pick up your punch cards at these participating area businesses: Central Market, Morrow County Grain Grower's, Green Feed, The Country Rose & Murray Drugs, Gardners Men's Wear, Peterson's Jewellery, Shoe Box, Coast to Coast, Les Schwab, Pettjohn Farm and Building Supply, Court St. Market and four new businesses this year: Yaws Restaurant, Willow Lanes bowling alley and Willow Lanes Restaurant and Lott's Electric.



Cast members L-R standing: Jason Wolford, Tim Dickenson, Traci Dickenson, Sarah Greif, Kristen Marshall; and L-R seated: Brent Gunderson, Brandi Marshall and Josh Coiner gather under Christmas tree.

### Shakespeare Festival actors to perform

Two actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) will present a special evening performance as part of the festival's annual School Visit Program. The actors will perform excerpts from Shakespeare, classic and contemporary literature at the Heppner High School cafeteria Monday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend.

The School Visit Program is part of the festival's commitment to bring "theatre to young people and young people to theatre." It is funded in part by a grant from the US WEST Foundation and the support of the members of the OSF. The Morrow County Museum is the local sponsor of the performance, which is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

### Flag donated

The flag at the Veterans' Memorial dedication was donated by Joe and Alice Anderson of Heppner.



OSF actor Jesse Patrick (photo by Gregory Leiber)



OSF actor Andres Alcala (photo by Gregory Leiber)

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