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Jerry Healy retires as CBEC general manager

Jerry Healy is well known as the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op general manager and as a member of the large Healy clan in Heppner, but not so well known as a principal driver of the burgeoning economy in Morrow County.

Healy officially retired August 29 after 33 years with the co-op, but plans to continue his work as an active member of the Port of Morrow Commission Board. During his stint of around 20 years as Port of Morrow Commissioner, the Port has developed into a powerhouse, enticing big corporations, including Amazon, ConAgra and Tillamook Cheese, and many other large employers, to locate at the Port.

Healy is also an active member of Morrow Development Corporation, which has provided gap financing through USDA for small business loans in Morrow County.

He has served on the board of Inland Development Corporation (Wind-wave) since its inception. Starting out as a non-profit organization, Inland provided the first fiber optics to much of Morrow County, serving schools, the hospital and libraries.

Healy, 64, was one of the first babies to be born at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. The hospital opened in June of that year, and he was born that October. His grandmother, Ida Coleman, was a cook at the hospital at that time.

Jerry's dad, Jack Healy, was a descendant of the Irish in Morrow County and his mother, Gwen (Gaarsland) Coleman Healy, descended from Norwegian stock. He was one of five children born to Jack and Gwen, along with brothers, Jim and John, and sisters, Jean Marie and Judy.

He graduated from Heppner High School in 1969 and then attended Eastern Oregon University at LaGrande for a year before transferring to the University of Oregon where he received a bachelor of science degree in finance in 1973.

The next year brought Healy a life-changing experience when he volunteered for a stint with the Peace Corps, traveling to the Dominican Republic in August of 1974.

"It was great," laughed Healy. "It was warm; there were pretty women." Indeed, while he was there he met and married one of those lovely women, Carmen Tineo, on October 11, 1975.

As a member of the Peace Corps there, Healy was a part of a group of 35 people working with agricultural, savings and loan and consumer co-ops, mainly in accounting and promotion. The goal was to follow USDA funds that had been sent there, however the \$4 million sent to the Dominican in February had been already spent by the time he arrived in August.

He started out in the largest coffee cooperative

in the country and also worked in a honey coop. The honey coop provided an unusual experience, with honey growers bringing in five gallon containers of honey, with bees swarming all over. He said it was much like pictured on television, where the bees were so plentiful they landed all over them in swarms. He said that he and the other workers just wiped them off of their faces and arms. Fortunately, said Jerry, the bees were not interested in stinging, but more so in the honey. Unfortunately, however, it soon became evident that the co-op was broke, so he moved to a regional coop that provided accounting services for six different operations in rice, savings and loans and a small grocery store.

While still in the Dominican, Jerry had become ill, with suspected Typhoid Fever, which was never confirmed, however, and lost quite a bit of weight, weighing in at only 140 pounds upon his return. The couple was also concerned about Carmen's health at

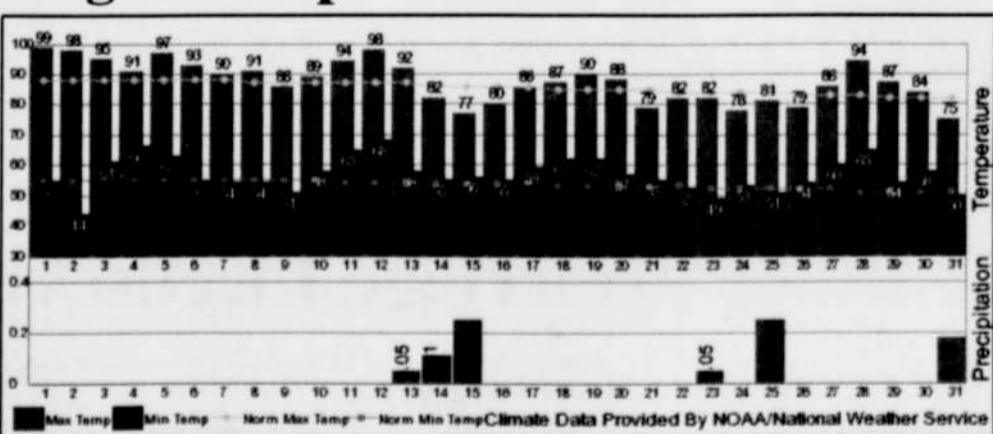


Jerry Healy



Jerry and Carmen Healy, 1975

August temps warmer than normal



According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton Oregon, temperatures at Heppner averaged warmer than normal during the month of August.

The average temperature was 72.1 degrees which was 2.6 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 87.4 degrees, which was 1.9 degrees above normal. The highest was 99 degrees on August 1. Low temperatures averaged 56.7 degrees, which was 3.3 degrees above normal. The lowest was 44 degrees, on August 2.

On 11 days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.89 inches during August, which was 0.50 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation, at least .01 inch, was received on six days with the heaviest, 0.25 inches, reported on Aug. 15.

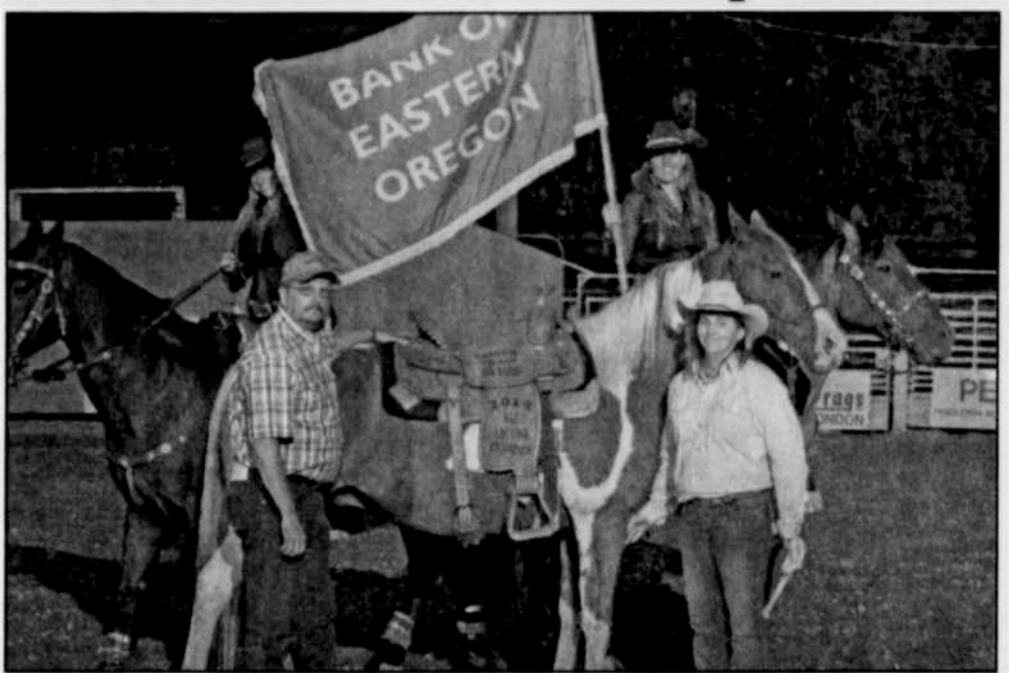
Precipitation this year has reached 8.48 inches, which is 0.90 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 10.85 inches, which is 2.59 inches below normal.

The outlook for

September from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near to above normal temperatures and near to below normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner fall from 82.0 degrees at the start of September to 71.0 degrees at the end of September. Normal lows fall from 50.0 degrees to 43.0 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 0.56 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

OTPR All-Around Saddle presented



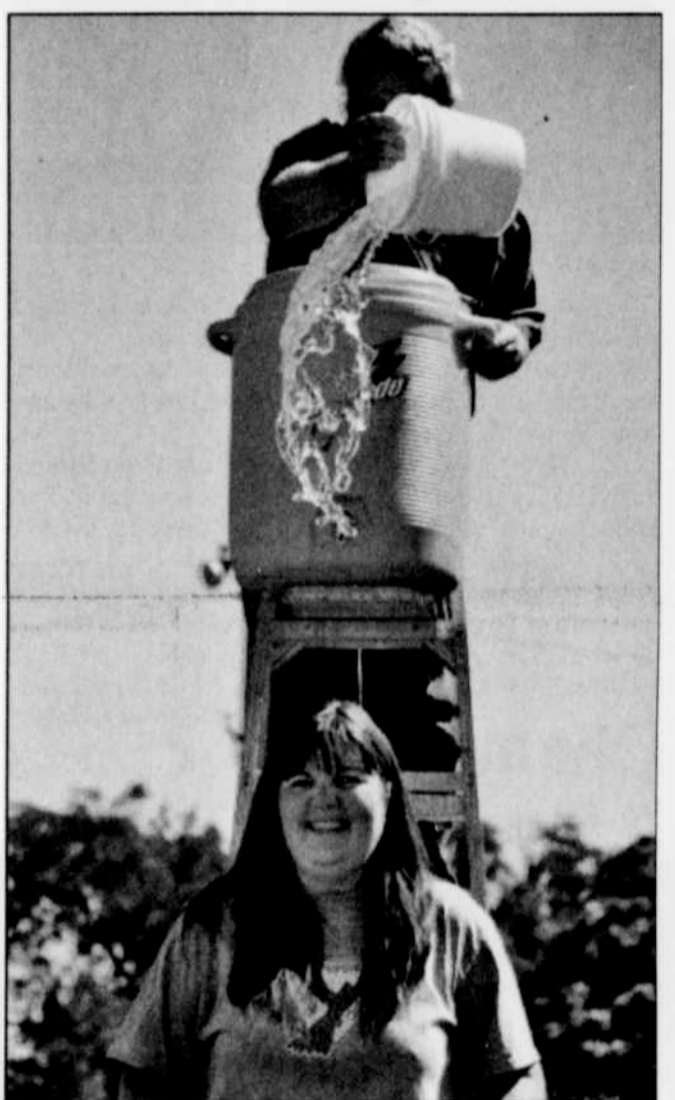
Above: Cameron Hopper (not pictured) was the winner of the 2014 All-Around Saddle this year, donated by The Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Right: Seth Hopper winner of the Mike Currin Memorial buckle with (l-r) Blane Mahoney, Jacee Currin Jaiden Mahoney

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Ione principal meets ice bucket challenge



Ione Principal Sarah Crane-Simpson gets soaked by Ashley McCabe in the ice bucket challenge. Students brought money to watch and raised \$129 for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

Crane-Simpson challenged Heppner Principal Matt Combe to complete the challenge next.

The full video may be seen on the Ione booster club Facebook page. - Contributed photo

Morrow County Health District adopts 'Promise of Excellence'

Last fall, Morrow County Health District defined its "True North" (direction) as "Welcoming our Patients and Providing Exceptional Care". "A natural extension of this redefined direction was to develop a common set of standards that each individual would agree to live by," said Dan Grigg MCHD CEO. "By creating and agreeing on a base set of expectations, every individual in our system knows what is expected of them at work. It aligns us as a team and helps us focus on our True North," he said.

The Promise of Excellence is a set of 43 promises that range from how staff will care for patients, to how they will communicate with others, to how they will keep patients and each other safe. The development of the Promise of Excellence began in January 2014 with the help of an outside firm called Impact Communications. All staff had an opportunity to give input and to help shape the final document. "We spent hours meticulously reviewing every suggestion from every employee, shaping

and revising each statement line by line", said Molly Rhea, chief nursing officer. "We wanted to make sure that it truly reflected the standards that we, as an organization, want to uphold".

Once the document was finalized, signing parties were celebrated with ice cream in Irrigon and in Heppner for staff to come and sign the document and to memorialize their ongoing commitment to building a culture of excellence, said

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