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Weather
by Don Gilliam

	Hi	Low	Pre.
Wed., Jun. 28	86	58	
Thurs., Jun. 29	81	56	.03
Fri., Jun. 30	81	58	
Sat., Jul. 1	81	54	.50
Sun., Jul. 2	74	48	.50
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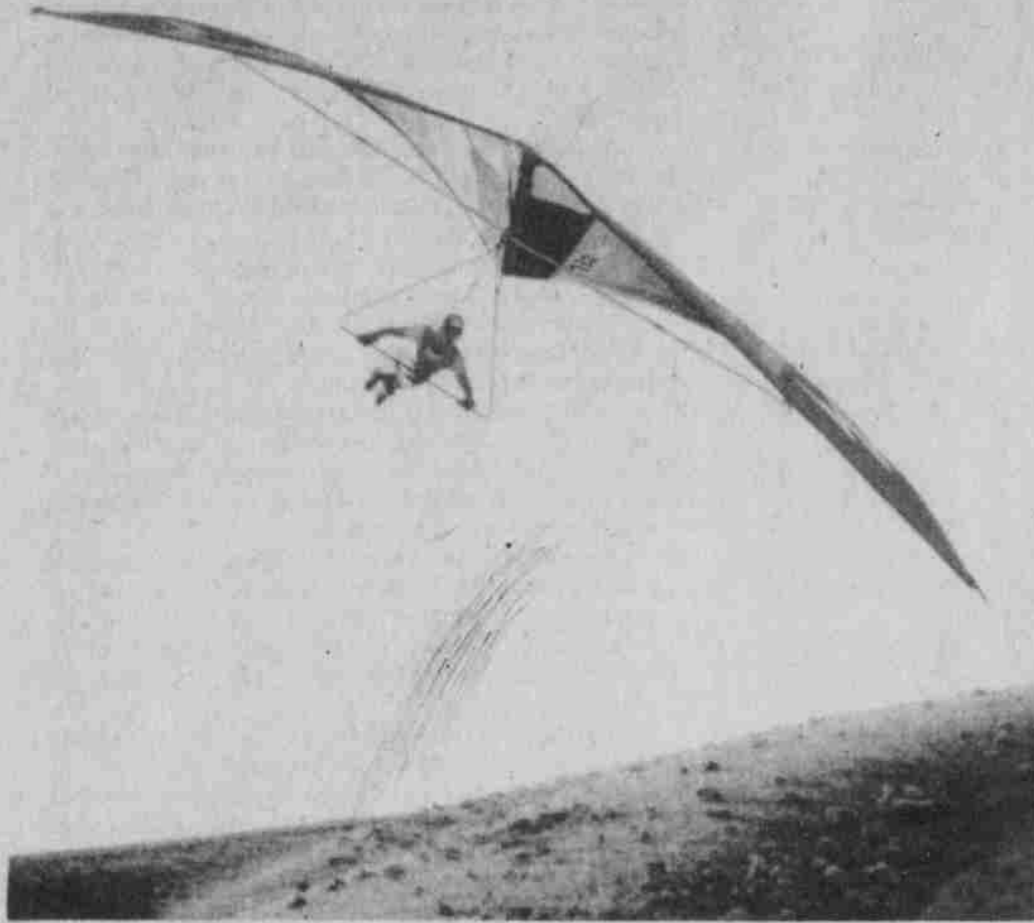
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Rick Peterson of Ione rides thermal draft over McNab rangeland, as he practices for upcoming national hang gliding competition. See story and more photos on page 3.

Foster homes needed for 3 Morrow children

Foster homes are needed for three children in Morrow County, a girl age four and two boys ages three and two, according to Bill Sheirbon, caseworker for the Children's Services Division in Heppner.

"These kids are brothers and sister and we would like to keep them together if possible," said Sheirbon.

New monthly payment rates for family foster care are now in effect, as follows: children 0-5 years, \$132 per month; children 6-13, \$154 per month; children 14-21, \$209 per month.

"The need for foster families in Morrow County is with us constantly, but finding a home for these kids is an immediate concern," said Sheirbon. "It's much better to keep the children here than ship them off to another area, so we can work to re-unite the family."

Interested persons should contact Children's Services Division, South Main Street, Heppner, Phone 676-9121.

Ione teenager shot; no charges yet filed

A 16-year-old Ione youth, Alan Lee Roberts, was the victim of a single wound from a small caliber handgun about 10:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29.

Morrow County Sheriff Larry Fetsch said Roberts was on private property between Main Street and Highway 74 when the incident occurred. The single bullet entered the boy's chest near his right shoulder.

Fetsch said the bullet was removed and Roberts was released to his home, where he is reportedly "doing fine".

A suspect in the shooting, LaVerne (Pete) Hains, 57, of Ione was questioned in regards to the incident. No arrests have been made or citations issued, pending further investigation, according to Fetsch.

Fetsch said his office would finish the investigation as soon as possible and would turn the information over to District Attorney Dennis D. Doherty, who had no comment at this time.

Flash flood threat becomes reality for Harold Holtz family of Ione

Whenever thunderheads boil over the rolling Morrow County wheatland, and thunder echoes through the rocky gullies, flash flooding becomes a distinct possibility.

That possibility became reality in a portion of the Eightmile area southwest of Ione last Thursday.

Rancher Harold Holtz had seen the thunderclouds and felt a brief sprinkling of rain while working in the fields that afternoon. At the time, he said, he didn't feel the weather was much to be concerned about.

When he returned to his home, which is fronted by a normally bone-dry gully, his son was moving the ranch's trucks up a slight grade and parking them, so rainwater could drain out. A flood was not expected, just the possibility of some more rainfall.

As it turned out, the boy's efforts may have saved the vehicles from destruction.

"Just after he finished moving them, I saw a big wall of water coming down the gully," said Holtz, who estimated the floodwave's depth at about four feet.

"It was a strange sight," added his wife, Irene. "There were weeds and junk rolling around in front of it...you'd have to see it to know how strange it looked."

The Holtzes retreated to their home, and watched as the water swirled around a combine parked in front of the shop. The water pushed the combine about 50 feet downstream before it came to rest.

"Luckily, it was left out of gear, without the brake set. If it had been in gear, it would have been rolled over for sure," said Holtz.

Sumner recount fails to alter primary vote

A recount effort by Rep. Jack Sumner, D-Heppner, to regain his party's nomination for District 55's seat in the Oregon House of Representatives, failed to turn up any new votes in his favor.

State elections officials conducted the recount late last week of four Heppner precincts and two precincts in Condon. In the precincts in question, Sumner lost by substantial margins during the May primary.

Morrow County and Gilliam County poll officials on Monday confirmed that as a result of the recount, all votes remained unchanged.

Sumner, a long-term member of the House, a member of the Ways and Means Committee and the Executive Board, lost to political newcomer Chuck Bennet of Gates during the May primary. Bennett won the Democratic nod for the House seat by a 2,490 to 2,366 margin.

It's two communities searching for three doctors now in Morrow County and a full-scale effort is underway.

At a meeting last Thursday in the Courthouse, 22 persons from throughout the county gathered to plan a campaign that would attract doctors to county-owned clinics in Heppner and Boardman. Residents of north Morrow County have been searching for a doctor for the past several months and with the recent announcement that Heppner would be losing two of its physicians, the search for doctors became a county-wide necessity.

Kent Goodyear, appointed chairman of the Morrow County Doctor Search Committee by Judge D.O. Nelson, opened the meeting with comments stressing the urgency of locating physicians for the two communities and appointed committees to carry out and prepare for special efforts.

The committee decided to look into a two-fold approach that would include finding temporary physicians to service the communities while attempting to attract doctors that would want to establish a permanent practice here.

Alice Bartlett of Boardman, who has been a driving force behind the search for a doctor there, told the group that the Health Service and Research Institute of Salt Lake City had a program through which communities could contract for doctors—either for long term or short term situations.

A representative of the Institute will be arriving at the airport in Lexington Thursday, July 6 to inform the committee of what his organization has to offer. A luncheon meeting will be held at the West of Willow Restaurant.

"We have to do everything we can to reduce the amount of lag time between August and the time we get doctors here in the community," commented Mark Murray, vice-chairman of the committee. Heppner physicians Richard Carpenter and Joseph H. Diehl have said they will discontinue their practice here as of August 1.

In addition to working with a placement agency for locating temporary doctors, the committee discussed what approach should be taken to find permanent medical staff for Morrow County.

It is expected to cost at least \$3,000 a month for an interim physician, with all patient fees collected during that time being used to offset the cost of paying the doctor.

The committee decided that promises of financial help were not to be considered in attracting new doctors, with the exception of the two clinics that would be rented to them for a nominal monthly amount.

"We need to sell the community to the doctors... make them want to come here to establish a practice," commented one member of the audience.

The group decided to contact all physician placement services—both those that charge a fee and those that don't—and in addition, will advertise in as many trade journals and magazines as possible.

A brochure will be prepared to send to prospective doctors and a hospitality committee was formed to meet with prospective doctors here and where they are located.

The search committee will also send a delegation to Portland Saturday, July 15 for a luncheon and reception sponsored by the Oregon Medical Association for all newly licensed Oregon physicians. A booth will be set up at the luncheon and interested doctors will be able to discuss the situation in Morrow County with members of the delegation.

Also discussed by the community was why the present doctors are leaving. Many reasons were speculated on, including continuing education, the combination of being a rural area and the workload involved, facilities for health care, and dissatisfaction with peers. The committee felt that they should be prepared to answer that question for prospective doctors.

Committee officers are:

Kent Goodyear, chairman, 676-5040; Mark Murray, vice-chairman, 422-7494; Pat Wright, secretary, 989-8256 or 989-8109; Larry Mills, treasurer and fund raising committee, 676-5546 evenings, 989-8221 days.

Committee assignments are: Alice Bartlett, Dick Sargent, Don Cole and Sheridan Tarnasky, social committee; Terry Hager and Jim Swanson, public relations; Pat Wright, Loa McElligott,

Dan Sweeney, correspondence.

A complete list of committee members follows and persons that have information or ideas are urged to call anyone on the committee.

Cheryl Ammons, 481-4160; Alice Bartlett 481-5505; Forest Burkenbine 676-9690; Home 676-9014; Bob Byrnes 676-9133; Don Cole 676-9425 or 676-9128; Liz Curtis 676-9454; Kent Goodyear 676-5040; Terry

Hager 676-9228; Bill Helphinstine 676-9187; Bus. or 676-9439; Home; Homer Hughes 989-8474; Margaret Jorgensen 922-3357; Frederick Martin 422-7142; Larry Mills 676-5546; Home or 989-8221; Bus.; Mark Murray 422-7492; D.O. Nelson 676-9775; Home or 676-9233; Bus.; Dick Sargeant 676-9961; Jim Swanson 422-7162; Dan Sweeney 676-9962; Pat Sweeney 676-9226; Sheridan Tarnasky 676-5059; Home or 676-5133; Bus.; Wallace Wolff 676-9250; Pat Wright 989-8256.

Funds are sought in search for doctors in county

The Morrow County Doctor Search Committee is currently launching a fund-raising campaign to help finance the effort that will ultimately attract three new physicians to Heppner and Boardman.

Larry Mills, chairman of the fund raising committee, said a group of persons will begin contacting business and industry for help but he added, "We need an all-out effort from the individuals in the community to raise the funds we need."

"Every dollar and ten-dollar donation will really help defray the costs of mailing, advertising and brochures that we need if we're going to attract competent physicians," continued Mills.

The committee has about \$600 left in the treasury from the last time the Heppner community tried to attract doctors. The committee hopes to raise several thousand dollars to meet their needs this time around.

Persons wanting to make donations to the Morrow County Doctor Search Committee should send them to the Bank of Eastern Oregon in care of the committee.

Council votes to outlaw band concerts from park

Heppner City Council Monday voted to outlaw bands from playing in the city park, and refused to donate an antique City Hall clock to the county museum.

The move to ban musicians from impromptu concerts in the park followed a rash of complaints over noise from residents of adjacent homes. The city already has noise and nuisance ordinances on the books, but Police Chief Dean Gilman indicated that he felt a specific rule regarding the park was necessary.

Councilman Hubert Wilson

introduced a measure that would have turned over possession of an antique, double-wind City Hall clock to the Morrow County Museum. Only Wilson voted for the clock's donation, with council member Cliff Green voting against the measure, and Larry Mills and Caroline Cole abstaining.

The council voted to enter into an urban growth joint management agreement with Morrow County, for adopting future zoning and planning rules for the area immediately outside the Heppner city limits.

In another development, the council voted to move forward with condemnation proceedings on a vacant house owned by Melvin Moyer near the corner of May and Chase Streets.

Councilman Mills initiated a discussion on implementing a previously adopted policy that the municipal planning commission chairmanship be rotated among commission members. City Manager Marshall Lovgren was asked to expedite the policy of rotating the commission's leaders.



Wash out

Flood debris, including remnants of a washed-out corral remain piled in front of water damaged barn at Harold Holtz ranch. Flash flood struck the Eightmile area northwest of Ione last Thursday.