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Weather

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., June 16	65	42	.07
Wed., June 17	69	49	trace
Thurs., June 18	72	51	.03
Fri., June 19	77	48	0
Sat., June 20	69	48	0
Sun., June 21	77	49	0

Eleven arrested in Sheriff's investigation

A four-month-long investigation in northern Morrow County culminated in the arrest of eleven people on charges ranging from delivery of a controlled substance to theft to solicitation to commit murder, according to Morrow County Sheriff Larry Fetsch.

Fetsch said that a number of drugs were confiscated during the arrests. Morrow County District Attorney Annetta Spicer said drugs included amphetamines and LSD as well as marijuana.

Fetsch stated maximum penalties for conviction on charges of delivery of a controlled substance, a class 'B' felony, could range as high as 10 years imprisonment and/or a \$2,500 fine.

Those arrested June 21 in connection with the investigation were:

- Howard Lee Fitzgerald, 22, Desert Springs Estates, Boardman, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant by Morrow Co. Sheriff's deputies and the Boardman Police Dept. for alleged delivery of a controlled substance and criminal conspiracy.

- Yvonne Louise Fitzgerald, 19, Desert Springs Estates, Boardman, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant by Morrow Co. Sheriff's deputies and the Boardman Police Dept. for alleged delivery of a controlled substance and criminal conspiracy.

- Frank Albert Morgan, 20, Whitney Trailer Court, Boardman, on a Morrow Co. Circuit Court warrant by Morrow Co. Sheriff's deputies and the Boardman Police Dept. for alleged Theft I and solicitation to commit murder.

- Jay Louis Sullivan, 20, 200 Second Street, Boardman, on a Morrow Co. Circuit Court warrant by Morrow Co. Sheriff's deputies and the Boardman Police Dept. for alleged delivery of a controlled substance.

- Jack Lee Brasel, 23, 700 Wilson Road, B-1, Boardman, on a Morrow Co. Circuit Court warrant by Morrow Co. Sheriff's deputies and the Boardman Police Dept. for two counts of alleged delivery of a controlled substance.

- Paul Richard Simms, Jr., 21, Rt. 1, Box 5, Boardman, on a Morrow Co. Circuit Court

warrant by Morrow County Sheriff's deputies for alleged delivery of a controlled substance.

- Patrick John Nelson, 19, Rt. 1, Box 49B, Boardman, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant by Morrow Co. Sheriff's deputies and the Boardman Police Dept. for alleged delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

- Bernard Ray Hecker, 21, Desert Springs Estates, Boardman, on a Morrow Co. Circuit Court warrant by Morrow Co. Sheriff's deputies for alleged delivery of a controlled substance.

- Gary Marvin Titus, 19, 316 Boardman Avenue, N.E., Boardman, on a Morrow Co. Circuit Court warrant by a Morrow Co. Sheriff's deputy for alleged delivery of a controlled substance; and

- Ladd Wayne Kanyid, 20, Hab Doc Apartments, No. 3, Boardman, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant by a Morrow Co. Sheriff's deputy for alleged delivery of a controlled substance.

A Heppner man, Noel G. Harshman, Jr., was arrested

on June 19 on a Morrow Co. Circuit Court Bench warrant in connection with the investigation. Harshman was arrested by the Umatilla Police Dept. for alleged delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

- At presstime Howard Fitz-

gerald, Morgan, Brasel and Sims had not posted bail and were being lodged at Umatilla Co. Jail. Harshman, who also had not posted bail, was lodged at the Umatilla City Jail.

Arraignment has been set for this Friday at the Morrow Co. Courthouse in Heppner.

Ten hour courthouse work days proposed

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Discussion on ten hour work days for certain departments was held before Morrow County Court last Wednesday, June 17.

Greg Sweek, county assessor, suggested ten hour work days for appraisors while they are in the field. Currently, says Sweek, field workers must include travel time of up to two hours in their eight-hour day, leaving little time remaining for appraising.

Barbara Bloodworth, county clerk, proposed that her office employees work ten hour days to make up for time spent helping the public.

According to Bloodworth, the regular eight-hour day doesn't leave enough time for indexing and filing, while assisting the public and answering phones.

Bloodworth suggested that her four office workers stagger their work days, giving each of them an extra day off. Wednesday would be a full work day for everyone.

Sweek and Bloodworth recommended to the court that

the ten hour work days be used on a trial basis for two to three months.

County Court deferred their decision to discover whether other departments would benefit from such a procedure.

Business continued with Morrow County Court accepting the resignation of Monica Swanson, from the Morrow County Planning Commission. According to her written statement, she resigned because of other responsibilities. Her resignation is to be in effect as soon as a replacement is found.

In other business, county court agreed to allow the state archive personnel to sort out old county records and microfilm them.

The state agreed to be finished with the two-year project by 1985. The records date from before 1900 through the 1930's, and are said to be of considerable historical value.

Roger Rickey, representing the state archives, stated that Morrow and Umatilla are two of the few counties in Oregon that have retained their old records.

Nathaniel Nolan is Dad's Day baby



Gary Nolan, Heppner, got quite a present this Father's Day - a new baby boy. Although Nathaniel Levi Nolan didn't arrive until June 22, because he was born closest to Father's Day, his dad was awarded a \$10 beef certificate from the CowBelles.

Pictured above are mom, Heather Nolan, Nathaniel, dad Gary, and CowBelle Clista Venard.

Nathaniel, who weighed 8 lbs., 8 1/2 oz., joins brothers, Jonathan, Timothy, Anthony and Charles, and sister, Tamar, at home.

Ballot to hire two county personnel, reduced road levy major changes June 30

A separate ballot to fund hiring of two new county personnel, and a greatly reduced road improvement levy are major changes voters will find when they go to the polls for the second time on a county budget June 30.

In addition county voters will find all ballots, clearly marked 'A' or 'B' which was not done at the last election May 19.

The county 'A' ballot, that portion of property tax levy eligible for state reimbursement, will remain the same at \$1,927,583.

A 'B' ballot, asking for \$108,565 to fund the county hospital and north end medical services, will also be the same as the last election.

What will change is the county has added a third 'B' ballot separating out a \$40,778 tax to hire a county building inspector and a sheriff transport deputy, and purchase an additional car for the county.

These expenditures were included in the 'A' ballot May 19.

The transport deputy and car are needed to carry prisoners to and from jails in Umatilla County, and the inspector would simplify and speed up building permit approval in the county, the County Court has stated. The inspector would also pay his salary with fees that now go to the state. If this 'B' ballot is passed, the fees would come to the county, the court says.

The third 'B' levy, a controversial three-year levy to pay for major upgrading of the county's roads, has been cut by nearly one third from the original proposal voters rejected May 19.

The new revised road levy is asking for \$1,655,551 per year for the next three years. The money would be used to grade, pave and fix roads throughout the county.

The five cities in the county would split according to

population (\$186,761 of the road levy funds if the road levy is approved. The cities would use the money for improvements of city streets and bridges, according to Dorothy "Dode" Krebs of the Morrow County Court.

"We have cut money from the budget (since its defeat May 19)," Krebs said Tuesday.

She outlined cuts in salary made in the budget since final agreements were reached with county employees, saying the county settled for less than had been originally anticipated.

In addition she said cuts were made in machine maintenance contingency and other areas, but that the overall budget was not reduced because an upcoming murder trial in the county is going to be expensive.

"Court costs are going to take over all these cuts we've made," said Krebs with re-

Petition for repairs on Penland presented to court

By MARY ANN CERULLO

A petition for Morrow County to provide repairs to the road into Penland Lake was presented to Morrow County Court last Wednesday.

"Being as Penland Lake in the Umatilla National Forest is a major recreational spot for the area, the undersigned

feel that an adequate passable road for family cars be maintained," stated Charlene Papineau, chief petitioner.

"We're not asking for a major highway," she said, "just a decent road." The petition currently lists approximately 130 signatures.

The road is reportedly impassible for most vehicles except for those with four wheel drive. It is currently classified as a public right-of-way by use, because it crosses private property belonging to Dick Wilkenson and Terry Thompson.

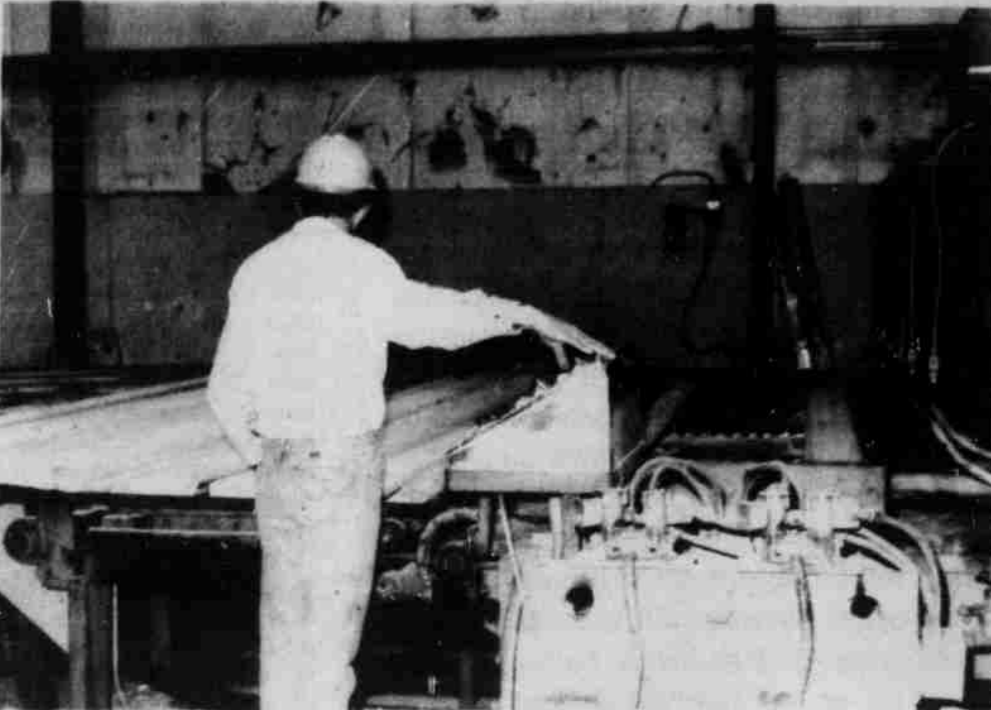
Morrow County Court moved that the petition be accepted and referred to the planning commission for the next scheduled meeting.

Local student wins OSU pharmacy award

Scholarships and awards to outstanding students in the school of pharmacy at Oregon State University have been announced. Vicki Edmundson, senior, received a School of Pharmacy service award for professional service and leadership.

The awards are made each spring and include top recognition given to students in pharmacy, Pharmaceutical associations and drug manufacturers provide most of the awards to recognize outstanding performance by pharmacy students.

Kinzua conducts tour of new small log mill



Elwayne Bergstrom operating the trimmer in Kinzua's new small log mill.

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Four company guides, Larverne Van Marter, Jr., Marsha Sweek, Kent Goodyear and Bob Lankford, conducted groups of ten or more interested persons through the Kinzua Corporation's new small log mill last Friday afternoon, June 19.

Each person looked at and listened to the automated electronic devices that perform such huge tasks and admiringly observed the skillful operators of these wonder-working machines while guides patiently tried to explain what was happening and to answer many questions.

I had not visited the mill since 1972 when the public was invited to view the new plywood facility there. Now the building where that was is almost empty and there is a possibility that the space will be converted to new uses.

During its operation many more female workers were employed in the mill than are working presently.

Viewers were told that the mill's stock pile of logs had been worked down to almost zero before the new small log operation took over. Presently the mill is working with pine logs from the Johnson Creek area and with fir logs from near old Kinzua.

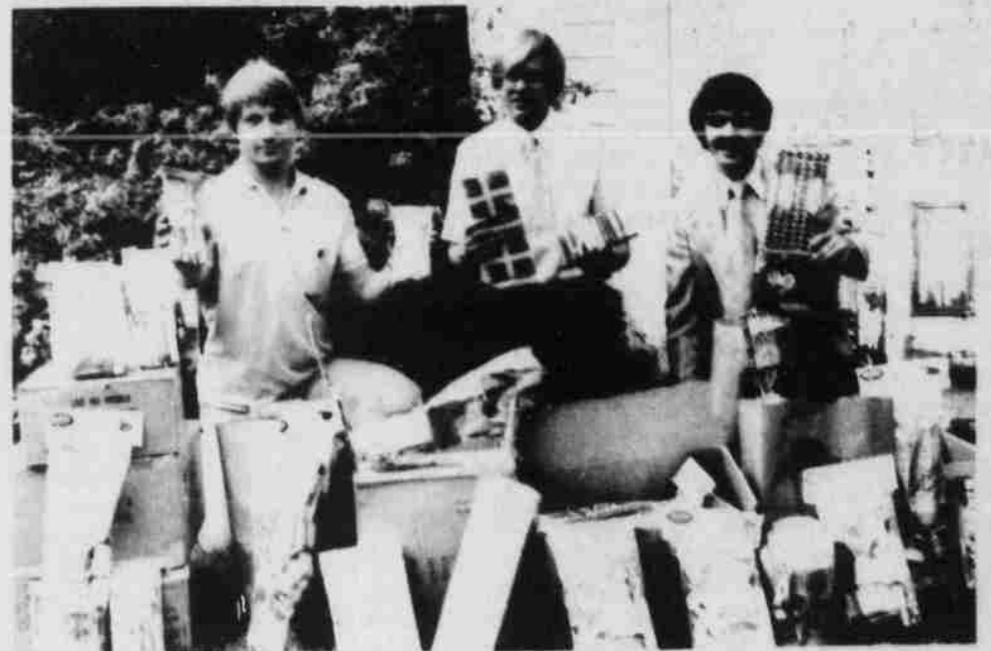
Inside the new mill the cutoff sawyer, Larry Angell, sees that intake logs are made into 20 foot and smaller lengths. Sawyer Don Papineau operates the big new head rig which cuts the logs into length-wise sections. Then these long sections go through other steps which cut away poor parts before the rough boards are automatically sorted and stacked for drying. After their time in the dry kilns they are run back into the large Stetson-Ross planer which planes them on all four sides. Delmer

Buschke is the planer set-up person. It was pointed out that all the cutting parts of the mill are well elevated to make for easier cleanup under these working parts. A reminding sign states "Down time is cleanup time."

After boards are planed they move through the grading line where Jack Ployhar, with 27 years of experience, and others carefully grade the boards as select, shop or common grade and have imperfect parts cut away from more perfect parts.

Then comes the final hand sorting and stacking by lengths and the last step before readying for sale which is the skillful tallying of the board feet in the principal, saleable merchandise. I was interested in learning that short lengths of boards have been sold to companies that make wooden shoe soles and to the manufacturer of Lincoln Logs.

Lions to vend fireworks



Lions display fireworks

Terry Hughes, (left) Bill Kuhn and Lonny Watne of the Heppner Lion's Club show 4th of July fireworks the club will be selling at a stand on Main St. beginning Saturday.

The fireworks, which are Oregon safety approved, will be sold to the public from a stand to be set up next to Abrams and Kuhn law offices.

Hours for the stand will be:
Sat., June 27 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Mon., June 29 - Thur., July 2 - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Fri., July 3 - noon to 7 p.m.
Sat., July 4 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

City raises water rates

In a meeting Monday morning the Heppner City Council raised water rates 50 cents a month for minimum billings. The rate increase, which will not affect elderly or low income water users, will

become effective in the July billing. In other action the council adopted a 1981-82 city budget amounting to a \$217,950 property tax levy, within the new \$125,000 tax base. Of the total amount, \$82,950 is a bonded

debt. Because the levy is within the new limitation, the budget will not go to a vote.

It was also announced that the Heppner swimming pool will not be open July 4.