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Weather  
 by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., June 14	87	45	.11
Wed., June 15	72	44	
Thurs., June 16	84	52	
Fri., June 17	76	42	
Sat., June 18	64	39	.02
Sun., June 19	65	43	.01
Mon., June 20	69	42	

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HEPPNER, OREGON

## Photo shows robbery in progress; More chemicals spills reported in local area robber's gun still missing



This photo, taken with the lone Bank of Eastern Oregon's surveillance camera, shows the masked robber holding the gun police looked for near Ione last Wednesday. Over \$18,000 was taken in the June 9 heist.

Three chemical accidents in the Heppner area during the past week and reports of a fourth might have people wondering which is worse, the Western Spruce budworm, or the spills of the insecticide used to destroy it. However, the last spills have been minor compared to the accident

occurring on June 13 when a truck carrying 1,900 gallons of Sevin 4-oil and 500 gallons of aviation fuel crashed into Willow Creek near Cutsforth Park, spilling its contents into the water.

Contaminated water from that spill was being held in the reservoir at Willow Creek

Dam until noon on Monday of this week, when lab tests showed the chemical had been diluted enough to release the water. Soon after the accident water flow at the dam had been shut down, allowing only three cubic feet per second to flow downstream. Monday

afternoon water was flowing at about 35 cubic feet per second.

According to Glen Wrd of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Heppner, about 42,500 small fish (up to 12 to 14 inches in length) and 30,000 eggs and little fry just hatching were killed in the creek and in Cutsforth Pond. A large number of trash fish were also killed but not counted, he said.

"Hopefully we'll restock next spring," Ward said, provided there are enough insects the area for the fish to feed on. "We hope to have fish in the dam by next year at this time."

A camp for 4-H'ers planned for next week at Cutsforth Park has been canceled for the year. An Elks' Picnic, held annually at the park on Father's Day, was relocated to Anson Wright Park.

Cutsforth Park will remain closed until June 29 or 30, says Morrow County Public Works Director Don Briggs, unless D.E.Q. informs Morrow County that the park is safe before then. Briggs advises those who plan to visit the park to check with the Public Works Dept. in Lexington beforehand to make sure the park is open.

A second accident on Thursday, June 16, dropped about 100 gallons of insecticide-diesel mixture from a helicopter into the Chapin Creek area nine miles south of Hardman in the south end of Miller Prairie. Most of the chemical fell on land, with only a small amount reaching a small marshy area, according to Jeff Corneil, entomologist

with the U.S. Forest Service at John Day.

Corneil said the spill had been contained by spreading lime on the land area involved in the spill to neutralize the chemical, and by building two dams of hay and charcoal, as well as placing mounds of charcoal in the creek.

The accident happened, he said, when a helicopter owned by High Life Helicopters, Inc. of Puyallup, Wash., pulled up out of the meadow and a tank containing the Sevin 4-oil slipped, pulling a valve partially open. The pilot, realizing what had happened, turned the craft around and landed in the meadow.

On Sunday morning, a hose used to load helicopters with the spraying chemical fell off a truck carrying the spray to a nearby heliport. The hose was dragged along the road, tearing a hole in the hose and dislodging the nozzle. Ten gallons of the liquid spilled onto the road and shoulder area seven miles south of Fossil. Again lime was used to neutralize the insecticide.

In the meantime, things are looking up. Ward said Tuesday that fish in Willow Creek both above and below the dam were living, and the Department of Environmental Quality says the chemical is being further diluted by streams flowing in to Willow Creek before it reaches the Columbia River. And although it is still suggested that livestock owners who water their animals in the stream watch for fish kill, the worst seems to be over.

## Conservation twilight tour and B.B.Q. planned for Tues.

The Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year Twilight Tour and Barbecue has been set for next Tuesday, June 28. The father and son team of Al and Mike Bunch this year's award winners. Those who plan to take the

tour are to meet at the Al Bunch farm house at 4:30 p.m. for a tour of the farm.

A steak barbecue will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Heppner.

The annual event is sponsored by the Morrow County

Wheat Growers League and the Morrow County office of the OSU Extension Service. The program is co-sponsored by local agricultural supply companies and applicators who will be acknowledged during the tour and meal.

## School Dist. Superintendent announces resignation



Matt Doherty

Morrow County School Superintendent Matt Doherty announced Monday he is resigning his position effective January 1, 1984.

Doherty, 55, has been superintendent of Morrow County Schools for the past nine years. He succeeded Ron Daniels, who went on to become president of Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

Doherty did not indicate what his future plans are, only to say he will stay in the area.

Raised in Morrow County, Doherty was born on a ranch north of Ione. He graduated from Ione High School and received his bachelor and master degrees from Eastern Oregon State College, and his administrative credentials from the University of Oregon.

Although Doherty will stay Heppner woman reports hit and run

A Heppner woman reported to police Sunday night that she had been hit by a pickup white walking home that evening.

Joann Hansen, 48, reported that a white pickup struck her down on May Street, not far from her home, at about 9:45 p.m.

She was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner where she was treated for multiple bruises and contusions. She was released the following day.

The Heppner City Police Department is investigating the incident.

on the job at least until January 1, he said early notification to the school board was given, so the district would have time to find another superintendent, and so the new person would have time to gain experience.

"This is an excellent school district," Doherty said. "And I've received all the cooperation I could hope for from the public, administration and teachers. I feel being here has been one of the high points in my professional career."

## Harvest Celebration set for Saturday

We have something for everyone at Saturday's Harvest Celebration," says Morrow County Extension Agent Bob Costa.

The program will be held at the fairgrounds in Heppner on Saturday, June 25. Harvest Celebration is sponsored by the Morrow County extension office and is free and open to the public.

Puppet shows and clowning by older 4-H members will entertain children, and a variety of demonstrations will be given continually from 1 p.m.

One of the demonstrations, "Fun Sewing" by Birdine Tullis and Ruth McCabe, will feature strip quilting, wind socks, toys and you can make folded star patchwork for a folded star potholder by bringing one-half yard small print or plain fabric, one-third yard contrasting fabric, a package of wide bias tape, scissors, and a needle and thread.

Samples and recipes for the Oregon Wheat Growers League Cake will be given by the O.W.G.L. Consumer Program Committee, during the afternoon.

Blood pressure testing will even be conducted during the event.

Following is a schedule of events:

1-2 P.M.  
 WHEAT WEAVING... Francine Evans, bring some wheat or some will be available, scissors or knife, old towel.  
 DORM EVERYTHING YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT MAKING A CAKE... by Helen Holcomb.  
 ANNEX FLOWER ARRANGING... by Heppner Garden Club  
 PAVILION

2:15-3:15 P.M.  
 GROWING, HARVESTING, DRYING, and USING HERBS... by Nancy Miller.  
 DORM BEEF COOKERY DEMONSTRATION... Morrow County CowBelles  
 ANNEX MAKING A WHEAT SHEAF... by Norman & Chuck Nelson, bring some wheat or some will be available, scissors, string  
 PAVILION

3:30-5:00 P.M.  
 DISCUSSION OF TOPICS for WHEAT GROWERS, weed control, diseases fertilizer, storage insects, and more, by Bob Costa  
 DORM FOOD PRESERVATION with LITTLE or NO SALT or SUGAR... by Elva Madden  
 ANNEX



State police, the county sheriff, sheriff's department officers and the county district attorney combed a field along Ella Road last Wednesday afternoon, near the area where the robber's clothing and an abandoned stolen pickup were found. The search failed to turn up the firearm.

## Sgts. Denton, Tullius receive commendation from officials



Morrow County Judge Don McElligott presents Detective Sergeant Verlin Denton (center) and Patrol Sergeant Greg Tullius with letters and certificates of commendation for their work that led to the arrest of a suspect in the lone bank robbery case. Morrow County District Attorney

Richard McNeerney (far left) and Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago (far right) look on. The awards, given by the sheriff's department, county court and the district attorney's office, were the first given in Morrow County.

## Krebs pleads not guilty

John Krebs entered pleas of not guilty to all three charges against him before Morrow County Judge Ralph Currin Monday.

The 32-year-old pleaded not guilty to charges of First Degree Robbery, being an Ex-conflict in Possession of a

Firearm and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle in connection with a robbery at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione the morning of June 9.

Judge Currin set bail at \$200,000 and remanded him to the custody of the Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

## Sr. Hisler named Fair & Rodeo grand marshal



Paul Hisler Sr.

Paul Hisler Sr., a life-long Butter Creek rancher, has been selected as grand marshal for the 1983 Morrow County Fair & Rodeo.

Born and raised on a ranch on Upper Little Butter Creek, Hisler says he hasn't missed a fair and rodeo "since it started." He served on the fair board for 15 years.

Paul and his wife, Kathleen, were married in 1928. They have three children: Mrs. Tom Bristow of Portland, Mrs. Jim Summers, The Dalles, and son Paul Hisler, Jr., who now operates the ranch on Little Butter Creek.