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Weather

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	High	Low	Prec
Tues., Aug. 28	77	42	
Wed., Aug. 29	86	56	.31
Thurs., Aug. 30	78	51	.07
Fri., Aug. 31	76	46	T
Sat., Sept. 1	77	43	
Sun., Sept. 2	79	49	
Mon., Sept. 3	84	50	

Morrow Co. Schools open their doors Sept. 4, 1984



The end of the first day of school for Morrow County Schools; teachers sigh with relief.

Deadline for mayor, council positions Sept. 6

The City of Heppner announced Tuesday, Sept. 4 that three names had been filed for the position of mayor of Heppner. They are Justine Weatherford, Cara Costa, and Warren Plocharsky.

Marvin Lane and Floyd Wilks had filed for the Heppner city council positions leaving two positions open, stated a spokesperson at Heppner City Hall.

The City of Boardman has announced that Gale Grill has filed for the Boardman mayoral position. Three Boardman City Council seats are open with six filing, they are Dewey West - incumbent, Jerry Donovan - incumbent, Bill Sharkey - incumbent, Gene Trumbull, Ray Michael, and Howard Salmon.

Deadline for filing for the November 6 election is Thursday, Sept. 6.

Heppner-lone area affected by Thurs. morning power outage

Many people in south Morrow County woke to a power outage last Thursday where electricity was out from approximately 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Heppner area and until 8 a.m. in lone.

According to Fred Toombs, manager to Columbia Basin Electric

Cooperative, the cause was attributed to a power line pole that was connected to a transformer at Lexington. The pole had been hit by lightning days before and when the rains hit early Thursday it shorted out the transformer, continued Toombs.

Fair Board plans appreciation dinner

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrow County Fair Board will be held September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex Building.

Plans are underway for the annual Fair and Rodeo Appreciation dinner to be held September 23 at 1 p.m. at

the fairgrounds. The barbecue and dinner will be potluck with the meat, bread and drinks furnished. All interested persons are invited to attend. A session is planned for everyone to give ideas on the format for next year's show.

Bird and waterfowl seasons set

Oregon's upland bird and waterfowl hunters will face some shortened seasons and reduced bag limits this year that reflect poor bird survival and production this past winter and spring reports a news release from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The western Oregon goose season will be only one month long with a one-bird bag limit in most areas. Chukar and Hungarian partridge seasons have also been cut back in much of eastern Oregon, and some counties on the eastern edge of the state have been closed to these species.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the protective regulations during a hearing in Portland August 24. During that session, the commissioners also extended the pheasant season in portions of Umatilla and Morrow counties to allow additional harvest in irrigated corn circles along the Columbia River. New hunts for wild

turkeys have also been added.

October 13 will be the statewide opening date for ducks, coots, snipe, pheasants, partridge and valley quail. Eastern Oregon goose and mountain quail seasons also begin on that date.

Goose hunting in western Oregon will not begin until November 17. This shortened season and reduced bag are designed to protect steadily declining numbers of dusky Canada geese. Breeding success of these birds has deteriorated since the Alaskan earthquake of 1964 raised nesting areas six feet, changed the marsh habitat and opened the area to increased predation from bears and coyotes.

There will be exceptions to this one-bird rule, however. Willamette Valley federal bird refuges and the state-owned hunting area at Sauvie Island will have two-bird limits, but only one of the birds may be a dusky. This expanded bag is an experimental effort to see if hunters can

distinguish between the declining dusky and the increasingly available Taverners goose. Information on distinguishing between these two similar species will be handed out as hunters check into these areas.

Wild turkey tags have been expanded to 900 for the 1985 spring hunt, reflecting the continued prosperity of introduced Rio Grande turkeys in southwestern Oregon. Three new hunts have been added in Jackson and Douglas counties to take advantage of these increased populations.

Waterfowl Seasons
Ducks (includes mergansers): entire state except Columbia Basin counties, October 13-January 13, 1985. Columbia Basin counties (includes Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla), October 13-January 20, 1985. The statewide daily bag limit may include not more than two redhead or two canvasback or one of each; and not more than four pintail.

Geese: Western Oregon, November 17-December 16, 1984. The daily bag is one goose except two birds, only one of which may be a dusky, on William Finley, Baskett Slough and Ankeny federal refuges, and Sauvie Island Wildlife Management Area. There are in addition, coastal closures to protect the threatened Aleutian Canada goose.

Eastern Oregon, October 13-January 13, 1985. Daily bag is three dark and three light geese with six in possession. Exceptions: Columbia Basin counties, October 13-January 20, 1985. Bag limit is three dark and three light geese. Baker and Malheur counties, October 13-January 6. Bag limits two geese, two in possession. Lake and Klamath counties will have two hunting periods with different bag limits. From October 13 through October 31, the daily bag is three white geese only. No dark geese (Canada and white-front) may be taken. From November 1 through January 13, the three of each bag limit is reinstated.

Coots and Snipe: Dates concurrent with ducks. The bag for coots is 25 daily and 25 in possession. The snipe limit is eight daily and 16 in possession.

The season for black brandt and cackling Canada geese will be closed to protect declining populations of both species.

Upland Bird Seasons
Ring-Necked Pheasant: western Oregon, October 13-November 11. Bag limit is two birds per day and six in possession. Eastern Oregon: October 13-November 25. Bag limit is two per day and eight in possession.

An extended season will be allowed until December 16 in portions of Umatilla and Morrow counties, with

a reduced possession limit.

Chukar and Hungarian Partridge: Columbia Basin counties, October 13-December 16. Bag limit is four per day and eight in possession. Other eastern Oregon counties: October 13-November 25. Baker, Union and the portion of Malheur County north of Highway 20 will be closed.

Chukar and Hun numbers were down generally throughout their ranges, but numbers were somewhat higher in counties along the Columbia River. While most populations were considered strong enough for limited hunting, the commission felt the birds hit hardest by the harsh winter deserved total protection.

Although the wet spring caused widespread nesting failures, biologists are now noticing signs of renesting in some areas.

Valley Quail: Western Oregon, October 13-November 11. Bag is five per day and ten in possession. Columbia Basin counties, October 13-December 16. Bag is ten per day and 20 in possession. Remainder of eastern Oregon, October 13-November 25. Bag limit is the same as the Columbia Basin.

Mountain Quail: Western Oregon (including Hood River and Wasco counties) September 1-November 4, and November 24-January 13. Bag is five per day and ten in possession. Other east side Columbia Basin counties, October 13-December 16. The bag limit is two per day and two in possession. Remainder of eastern Oregon, October 13-November 25. Bag is the same as the Columbia Basin.

Blue and Ruffed Grouse: Western Oregon, September 1-November 4, and November 24-January 13. Bag is three per day and six in possession. Hood River and Wasco counties are included in the western Oregon season. Eastern Oregon, September 1-September 23. The bag limit is three of each species, or six of each in possession.

Sage Grouse: September 22 and 23. The commission approved the two-day season, and also reopened the drawing for the 485 available tags. By the tag application deadline, only half that total had been received. The drawing is reopened for new applicants through September 5.

Wild Turkey: A total of 900 tags will be allocated for three areas each in central and southwestern Oregon. Three hunts in each area, with the exception of a later hunt in Douglas County, will be held between April 6 and April 25.

The new Douglas County season for gobblers will run between April 20 and May 12.

Boardman holds annual Harvest Festival Sat. & Sun.



Commercial Club member Ray Michael of Boardman displays a Smith and Wesson bolt action 1500 30-06 caliber rifle to be raffled off at the Marina Saturday.

Boardman will be celebrating another successful harvest with their annual Harvest Festival Sept. 8 and 9 at the Boardman Marina.

Beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday there will be a parade through town.

Other activities scheduled include Mini-Hydro boat races all day Saturday and Sunday, an auction on Saturday, plus food booths, bingo, softball, kid's games and a gun raffle by the Commercial Club.

Happy Canyon dances promise good music & good humor

A blend of good music and good humor that's been a hit all along the professional rodeo circuit will play for the Happy Canyon dances during the Pendleton Round-Up September 12-15, announced a news release from Happy Canyon.

"Organized Confusion" is how lead singer John Jackman describes the group. "Ricky and the Red-streaks." Jackman portrays "Ric-

ky" the tough guy biker of the group.

The famous Happy Canyon dances start at 9:30 p.m. nightly during Round-Up. Tickets are \$4 at the door or you can attend the Happy Canyon pageant and drop in at the dance afterwards for no additional charge.

Gambling games and a bar add to the fun in the Happy Canyon dance hall after the pageant.

Youth catches Whopper at Willow Creek Lake



Michael Dean Dupont, Jr.

Michael Dean Dupont, Jr., 8, son of Michael and Sherry Dupont of Belfair, Washington, had something to tell all his friends about the first day of school. While visiting his grandparents, John and Sandy Dupont of Heppner, he caught a 20 1/2 inch, four and one-quarter pound trout. He was fishing off the bank at the lake behind Willow Creek Dam, Friday afternoon, August 31, and he was using nightcrawlers for bait.