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Weather
by the City of Heppner

May 13-19			
	High	Low	Precip.
Tues.	58	34	0
Wed.	60	33	0
Thurs.	63	36	0
Fri.	70	47	0
Sat.	78	55	0
Sun.	75	46	0
Mon.	77	48	0

School Board considers retaining wall options

The Morrow County School Board Monday refused to intervene into the transfer of a band teacher at Irrigon's Columbia Junior High School, which has some parents concerned.

School administrators have moved band teacher Kevin Egan out of the junior high, and Monday parents asked the school board to step in and stop the move.

Apparently parents want the popular teacher to remain at the Jr. High, but administrators say scheduling problems have made the change necessary.

Presently Egan teaches fifth through 12 grade band at Sam Boardman Elementary, Columbia Jr. High and Riverside High School. He travels 26 miles per day to teach at the three schools, and administrators say the arrangement is causing scheduling problems with the four music, (two coral and two band teachers,) who serve the schools.

Sam Boardman and Riverside High School are in Boardman, and Columbia Jr. High is in Irrigon.

Egan will now teach Kindergarten through grade 12 in Boardman schools.

Monday night board member-elect Mary Lou Carlson read a letter signed by six parents asking that the change not be made, and also read a letter from Boardman City Administrator Larry Dalrymple, and said she received 15 phone calls, all protesting the move.

"The change wasn't doing justice to Mr. Egan, and was not best for the music program," the letters said in part.

Parents say it is best for band students in seventh and eighth grades to be instructed by the same teacher as will instruct them in high school.

The administration says Egan's 26-mile round trip between three schools every day was costing the district \$1,600 per year, and caus-

ing scheduling problems with music programs at Sam Boardman and Riverside.

"In order to have the best education and budget solution in the schools, we determined there should be one instrumental teacher and one vocal teacher in each community (Boardman and Irrigon)," Superintendent Doyle McCaslin said.

"School board members Monday night wrestled with the problem of a crumbling retaining wall by the tennis courts near Heppner Elementary school.

It had earlier been estimated it would cost \$19,000 to put in a new retaining wall and sidewalk, and Monday the board heard an alternate plan that would cost less money.

Instead of a new retaining wall, the district could put in a sloped hill, and that project would cost only between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

Elementary school principal Don Cole objected to the slope, because it would wipe out much needed playground area.

School superintendent Doyle McCaslin recommended that the sidewalk be torn out and replaced

with gravel, and that the retaining wall be left in until it is determined how fast it is falling over, and the problem taken care of in a couple of years.

The school board took no action on the sidewalk.

In other business, the board:

-voted to raise temporary summer pay wages three percent. The starting pay for summer help is now \$5.36 per hour for student help, \$6.21 for college students, \$7.61 for semi-skilled adult help and \$8.32 for skilled adult help.

-voted to raise principal's salaries at the seven schools in the district by four percent. Principals now make \$39,997 per year.

-voted to give seven confidential employees, district secretaries etc. a four percent pay increase for 1986-87.

-accepted the resignations of 21-year lone teacher Gordon Meyers, and 11-year Riverside head basketball coach Larry French.

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Commencement exercises slated at area schools

Baccalaureate services at 7:30 tonight at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner begin the graduation services for area seniors. Baccalaureate for lone students will be Tuesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m. at St. Williams Catholic Church.

Commencement ceremonies are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 29 at the Heppner High School gym and at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at the Lone High School gym.

Heppner graduates will hear addresses from three honor speakers, classmates Lana Reid, Keith Kenison, and Chris McLaughlin. Additional Honor Scholars at Heppner include:

Keith Kenison, son of Don and

Judy Kenison is a 4.00 student who plans to attend Eastern Oregon State College as a presidential scholar and music education major. He is senior class president, student director of the band, and played golf and varsity basketball.

Chris McLaughlin, son of Bob and Betty McLaughlin is a 4.00 student who plans to attend Oregon State University as a presidential scholar and major in engineering. He was student body vice president and president of honor society and outdoor club. He participated in track and football.

Alex Lindsay, son of Larry and Corrine Lindsay of Lexington plans

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New doctor may come July 1

Dr. Curtis Thiessen, currently of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, will be in Heppner this week meeting with the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Administrator, John Hempel, and with the hospital board and arranging for housing and office space. Currently the best estimate is that he will be in Heppner ready to begin his

medical practice July 1, said the hospital administrator.



Local businesses close Memorial Day

Many local business and offices will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

Court Street, Central, and Bristow's Markets, however, will remain open Monday as usual. A spokesperson for Del's Market in Lexington was not sure Tuesday if the market would remain open next weekend.

The post office, the local banks, Extension office, Heppner City Hall and Morrow county offices will be closed Monday.

The following local businesses will close Monday as well:

Heppner Auto Parts, R&W Drive In, The Gazette-Times, Shoe Box, Petersons, Ron McDonald

Chevrolet, Coast to Coast, D&L Auto Parts and Repair, Les Schwab Tire Center, Murrays Drugs, Heppner Bowl, and Case Furniture.

Heppner Bowl and Case Furniture will be closed Saturday also.

Gazette to close for Memorial Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times office will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. The newspaper will be published on Wednesday as usual, but news and classified advertising deadlines will be moved up to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 27. Display advertising will be accepted until 5 p.m. Tuesday as usual.

Voter turnout heavy in county precincts

Registered voters cast their ballots at Morrow County Courthouse in Tuesday's primary election.

Morrow County Primary Election Results May 20, 1986		Morrow County only	Irrigon		Boardman		Lone		Lexington		Heppner		Hardman		Totals	
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
			Morrow County only													
County Measures	No. 6 Morrow County special \$2,469,040 one-year operating levy	FAILED	206	321	276	232	191	93	97	114	346	434	13	15	1129	1209
	No. 7 School Dist. \$6,180,808 special one-year operating levy	FAILED	230	302	316	199	191	99	76	137	316	468	7	19	1136	1224
	No. 8 Establish S.W.C.D and \$93,000 tax base	FAILED	154	358	210	294	153	129	94	116	367	398	10	16	988	1311
Non-Partisan Candidates	Dist. Court Judge for Morrow and Umatilla Counties Ralph Currin <small>Morrow County only</small>		388		388		237		186		679		24		1902	
	Justice of the Peace Charlotte Gray, incumbent	WON	333		264		230		148		620		19		1614	
	Justice of the Peace F.E. "Ed" Glenn		153		242		43		64		154		7		663	
	District Attorney Richard J. McNerney, incumbent		200		215		79		68		241		10		813	
	District Attorney Jeff M. Wallace	WON	303		290		196		145		526		16		1476	
Democratic Candidates	State Rep. Dist. 59 C. Stanley Rasmussen <small>Morrow County only</small>		211		177		95		69		266		8		826	
	County Judge Donald C. McElligott, incumbent		212		170		117		75		242		7		823	
	County Commissioner Irvin E. Rauch, incumbent	WON	132		112		90		76		262		6		678	
	County Commissioner Donald E. Jorgensen		131		102		34		22		92		4		385	
Republican Candidates	State Rep. Dist. 59 Ray French, incumbent <small>Morrow County only</small>		181		197		121		84		317		16		916	
	County Judge Louis A. Carlson		164		186		91		69		285		11		806	
	County Commissioner Cleo B. Childers		137		153		103		49		219		9		670	