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Weather

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	Weather		
	High	Low	Precip
Tues.	91	54	.0
Wed.	92	53	.00
Thurs.	90	53	.00
Fri.	93	53	.00
Sat.	75	34	TR
Sun.	76	47	.00
Mon.	79	45	.00

## Pre-applications sought for housing project

The City of Heppner and the Heppner Economic Development Corporation are again seeking pre-applications from prospective tenants to get an indication of the extent an elderly housing project would be used. Proposed for the Heppner Hotel, the project calls for developing a 24-unit senior citizens apartment complex.

The simple pre-application form below may be completed by those senior citizens interested in renting an apartment in the apartment complex if the project is approved. The city, says city attorney Bill Kuhn, will keep the pre-applications on file to establish a prospective tenant list and to show the Housing Authority that there is a need for the project

and that there are people who want to be there.

The Oregon Department of Commerce Housing Division has been "dragging its feet" with respect to processing the city's loan proposals for development of the project, says Kuhn. Originally the housing division was enthusiastic about the project, but for reasons unknown to the city, the application is not receiving any attention from the division.

The Heppner Economic Development Corporation and the city would like to gather pre-applications to present to the housing division in order to regain their attention and convince them of the need for the project in this area. "We will keep bothering them until they do something," said Kuhn. If this drags on too long the

city may lose the \$500,000 it already has in the form of a block grant from the Oregon Community Development Commission. Receipt of the block grant is contingent upon the city's ability to raise the \$600,000 needed to fund the balance of the project.

The proposals for the hotel would develop the hotel into a 24-unit apartment complex. The apartments would be one-bedroom fully self-contained units. Additional guest rooms for visitors of the tenants, laundry facilities, and communal meeting facilities are also included in the plans.

The Hotel is conveniently located in the center of Heppner within walking distance of doctors offices, an optometrist office, banks, grocery stores, hardware store and clothing store. Pioneer Memorial Hospital is only a two-minute drive from the unit.

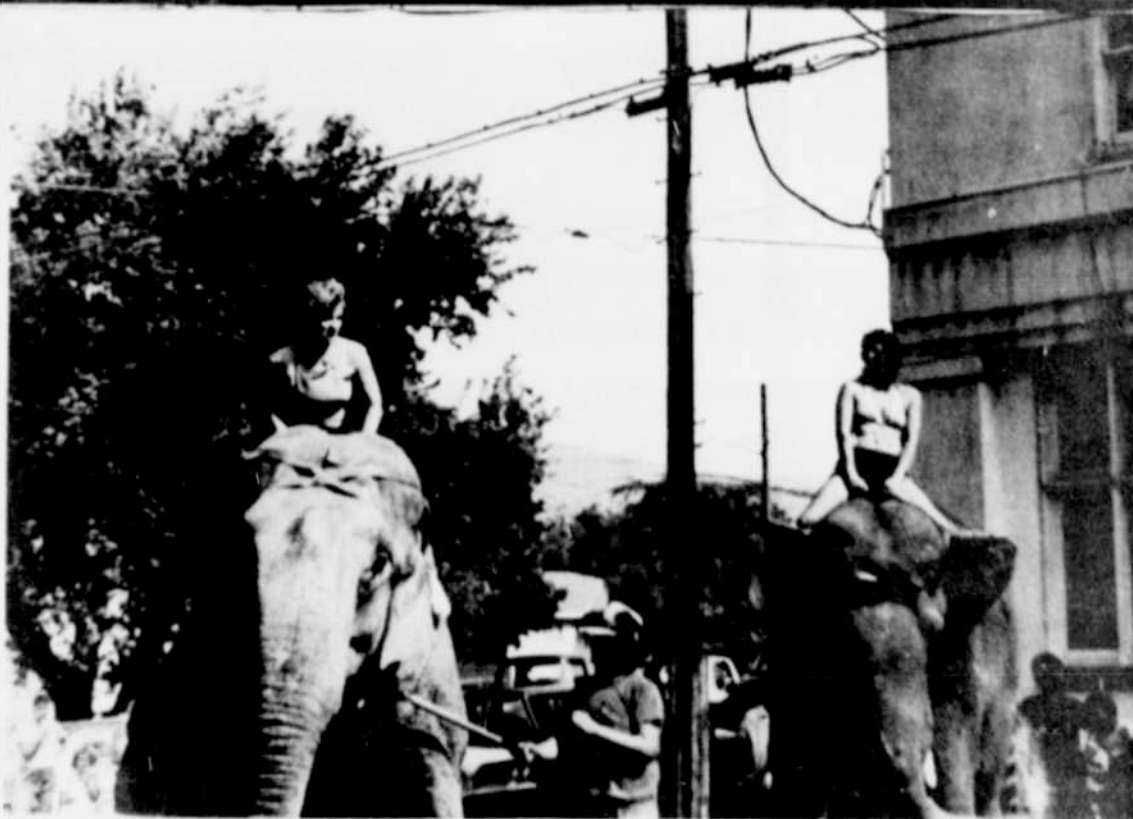
Recreational opportunities in the area are also excellent for seniors. The community has an active membership of senior citizens in the process of developing a senior citizen community center. The Willow Creek Dam is a little less than two miles away and offers excellent fishing. The Blue Mountains are only 20 minutes away.

Questions concerning the proposed project may be directed to city attorney Bill Kuhn, 676-9141.

## Chamber names committees

Two committees were named at last week's Chamber of Commerce meeting. Bob Kahl and Joyce Hughes will organize this year's Fair and Rodeo parade. To enter the parade, call Kahl at 676-9113.

Jane and Bill Rawlins volunteered to put together the Morrow County Booth at the Oregon State Fair in Salem.



Elephants and riders get ready for race down Willow St. before last Friday's performance of the Ford Circus.

## Ballot deadline June 24

Fifty percent of the ballots mailed to registered voters have been returned to the Morrow County Clerk's Office for the June 24 levy election. The Morrow County special one-year operating levy and the city of Irrigon levy are the only measures on the ballot in this election.

Because ballots will be opened and counted on the official election day June 24, Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodsworth emphasizes, they must be in the Clerk's office by 8 p.m. election day.

Many ballots have been hand-delivered to the office, Bloodsworth reports, with more coming in every day. The Clerk's office will be open until 8 p.m. June 24.

## The circus came to Heppner



Bobbie Angell, winner of Friday's elephant race receives her first place ribbon. Her entry in the race was a birthday surprise from her kids.

## School levies will go to voters August 12

The Morrow County School Board Monday night voted to adopt the 1986-87 school budget and to try to fund it with a \$5,140,643 one-year special levy and a \$473,786 three-year serial levy to go before voters August 12.

Board action followed discussion and Superintendent Doyle McCaslin's advice that they accept the recommendations from the June 4 budget committee meeting. "I must emphasize again that this business of going for a special levy and a serial levy is a first for this district," McCaslin said. Although it will be very difficult to pass both levies, the budget is squeezed about as tight as it can be.

"We need to be committed," he told the Board. "Once we go out for both levies, we can't very handily back away from that. We must continue to try to get the money as best we are able or say, 'no, we're only going for a special levy,' and then cut more from the budget. However, I don't believe there is any good way to cut more from the serial levy without seriously impacting programs and seriously impacting personnel."

Some areas of the budget, he said were hit extra hard, and recommended that administrators be ready later on to recommend adding replacement of three heat pumps costing a total of \$22,000 at Heppner High School, repair of shower room floors at Heppner and Lone back into the budget if it should be possible to find additional funds.

The Board also decided to use district personnel to put in a sloped hill which would support the crumbling retaining wall along the tennis courts at Heppner elementary school. Total cost to the district for the fill would be about \$5,075 and if the hill were later determined unsatisfactory, could be removed. The Board acted after hearing estimates of \$18,832 and \$22,112 obtained from two different construction companies for replacement of the retaining wall.

McCaslin told the Board that some playground space will be lost with the hill, but that it would not be

a good idea to approve spending nearly \$20,000 before the budget election. "Even if the budget passed, it would be tapping at the contingency fund rather heavily this early in the year." He recommended the board approve the least expensive solution even if only temporarily because the city has in the past repaired defective sidewalks and billed the owner for the work. The school district would be negligent, he said if it failed to take action and the city made the necessary repairs.

In other business, the board: -approved purchase of additional insurance to cover one of the district's buses for out-of-state trips. -heard a "thank you" card and letter from the Willow Creek Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints for the district's allowing them to meet at the district office building before their Church was built.

-heard from the Population and Building Study Committee that it would be inappropriate to recommend building programs before the budget passed.

-heard that the terms of two budget committee members expire this month.

-heard that the district's Learning Center had received statewide recognition as an exemplary program.

-voted to endorse the governor's tax reform plan.

-voted to take no action on a request from the Glendale school board asking the board's support of an initiative petition requiring a constitutional amendment stating that lottery profits be shifted from economic development to education.

-approved the 1986-87 school board meeting calendar.

-accepted the following fuel bids: Pioneer Chemical Co. for oil by the barrel, Heppner Nor-Gas for propane, Devil Oil Co. for diesel and gasoline per gallon, and Devin Oil for motor oil, and McCall Oil of Pasco, Washington for anti-freeze.

-approved maternity leave for Phyllis Prindle, sixth grade teacher at A.C. Houghton.

-approved the following transfers:

Sharon Dunlop from sixth grade at Sam Boardman to the Chapter I program at Riverside High School; Robbie Tye from fifth grade at Sam Boardman to third grade at Sam Boardman; Jan Sharp from third grade at Sam Boardman to sixth grade at Sam Boardman; Peter Longway-Vince from language arts-Spanish at Lone High School to language arts at Heppner High School; and transfer of one full time equivalent position from Lone to Riverside High School to provide for growth at the north end school as a temporary reduction at Lone to be re-evaluated at the end of the 1986-87 school year.

-approved hiring three new teachers, Joseph Olsen - art at Sam Boardman and A.C. Houghton; Mary Fatland - third grade at Sam Boardman; and Ron Prindle - fifth grade at Sam Boardman.

-accepted the following resignations: Ron Mack as head football coach at Riverside, Donna Parton as freshman girls basketball coach at Riverside, Andrej Doboszynski as janitor at Heppner Elementary School, and Dee Munkers who is retiring after working for 14 years as a cook at Heppner Elementary school.

-approved renewal of classified employee Robin Huxoll's contract as aide at the Learning Center.

-approved the following extended duty contracts for the coming school year:

Sam Boardman Elementary: Jan Sharp - academically talented coordinator, Milt Reynolds - computer coordinator.

Lone Schools: Del LaRue - assistant football coach, Jocelyn Jones, head volleyball coach, Del LaRue - head boys basketball coach, Jocelyn Jones - head girls basketball coach, Del LaRue - head track coach, Del LaRue - athletic director, Anna Morford - annual advisor, Geneva Mathews - music and pep band, Mark Jones - football coach, Barbara Collin - volleyball coach, Betty Rietmann - head elementary teacher, Marlene Davison - academically talented coordinator, and Darrel Wilson - computer coordinator.

Heppner High School: Tim Birkby - head football coach, Les Payne and Steve Brownfield - assistant football coaches, Mike Royer - head basketball coach for both boys and girls, Dale Conklin - head track coach, Dale Conklin - athletic director, Duane Neifer - golf, Linda Dutcher - academically talented coordinator, Barbara Hayes - computer coordinator, and Bob Isted - music, band, and chorus.

Riverside High School: Dirk Dirksen and Terry Starr assistant football coaches, Donna Barton - head volleyball coach, Kevin Egan - assistant volleyball coach, Kevin Pratt - freshman boys basketball coach, Dirk Dirksen - girls varsity basketball coach, Kevin Egan - JV girls basketball coach, Kevin Pratt - head baseball coach, Larry French - head track coach, Donna Barton - assistant track coach, Maureen McElligott - head tennis coach, Mike Wetherell - head golf coach, Bob Deeter - talented and gifted coordinator, Randy Gundlach - annual, Larry French - athletic director, Bob Deeter - computer coordinator, Kevin Egan - band, and Kathy Hoskins - chorus.

A.C. Houghton - David Ball - talented and gifted coordinator, and Greg Hansen - computer coordinator.

-approved transfer of \$45,512 from this year's contingency fund to cover cost of repairs to the boilers at Riverside and the lone sewer system, and added insurance costs.

## Bids let for Morrow Bridges

The Oregon Transportation Commission has announced that it will receive bids Thursday, June 26, for 15 projects throughout the state - including two from Morrow County - estimated at a total cost of \$3.9 million.

The first Morrow County project calls for replacing the Willow Creek (Huber) Bridge on Meadowbrook Farm Road, one mile southeast of Lexington. The work is estimated to cost between \$100,000 and \$250,000 and is expected to be completed by October 31, said the



Circus goers get a close look at one of the elephants.

## Market Report

Tuesday, June 17

	Soft White
June	\$2.88
July	\$2.75/\$2.71
August	\$2.71
Sept.	\$2.72/\$2.75
	Barley
June-Sept.	\$71
	Hard Red Winter
June	\$2.90
Corn (new crop)	\$78
PIK	105%

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