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Weather
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June 17 - 23			
	High	Low	Precip
Tues.	86	51	Trace
Wed.	71	45	.00
Thurs.	72	45	.00
Fri.	72	42	.00
Sat.	79	48	TR
Sun.	88	52	.00
Mon.	95	57	0



Farmers who operate trucks with more than two axles will need to upgrade their licenses under new regulations.

Driver licensing laws change

Oregon will change the way it licenses drivers beginning in October. After that date, drivers renewing their licenses in person will receive a new license based on the class or type of vehicle they want or need to drive.

Drivers who now have a standard drivers license will receive a Class 4 license allowing them to drive a moped and any two-axle vehicle such as a passenger car or pickup, small trucks, a passenger car pulling a trailer weighing 8,000 pounds or less, and non-commercial types of trailers, any motor home, a bus that seats fewer than 24 passengers, a police car, ambulance, panel or van.

Drivers who now have a chauffeur's license will be converted to a Class 3 license allowing them to drive all vehicles allowed by a Class 4 license plus a three-axle vehicle such as a cement mixer or dump truck, or tow a single vehicle with a loaded weight of 8,000 pounds or less. Drivers who have a chauffeur's license will not be required to take a knowledge test or pass a driving test to be converted to a Class 3 license.

Drivers who do not have a chauffeur's license, however, will need to pass written and driving tests at local field offices. Heppner, Hermiston, and Pendleton field offices will be among those providing the tests by appointment.

Class 1 and 2 Driver Licenses will allow the driver to operate any motor bus with seating for 24 or more passengers and the vehicles in Classes 3, 4, and 5. Applicants for Class 1 and 2 licenses will need to provide a medical certificate at the time they are tested.

Representative Ray French, D-Dist 59, says that public hearings are still being conducted regarding the change in licensing procedures. The new classified licenses will prove inconvenient, especially for farmers, he says, if they want to have more

than a Class 4 license.

Many farmers have Class 2 vehicles, but do not have chauffeur's licenses because they are not driving for hire, French said.

He voted against the law in the legislature and is supporting repeal of the law because it will be cumbersome for people involved in agriculture. If the law is not repealed, he says he hopes that it can be amended during the next legislative session to make it more liveable for smaller businesses.

Some of the places in Oregon are remote making it difficult to get to DMV field offices which offer testing. Also, he says if someone should want a Class 1, 2, or 3 license in order to get a job, it is unlikely he will have or be able to rent a truck to take the test.

The conversion will take eight years, he emphasizes, since drivers

may renew licenses by mail one time. Current drivers licenses are valid until the driver has to appear in person at a field office to renew his license. Much misinformation about the new law exists, he continues. It is not necessary to re-license vehicles; the law applies only to driver licenses. Drivers will need only one license, but be allowed to drive vehicles in the classes which it covers.

The classified license law was developed, French continues, because trucks are involved in twice as many accidents as passenger cars. Professional truck drivers are concerned about the accident rate, he says, but contend that the accidents are caused by drivers with excess fatigue who continue to drive and by Drivers Under the Influence of Intoxicants more than by drivers who are not qualified to handle trucks.

A Classified Driver License "Fact Sheet" is available from the Heppner office of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Irrigon found negligent

Both Greyhound and Parker Brothers Refrigeration will be able to recover damages from the City of Irrigon said the jury following a June 10-13 trial before Judge Robert Abrams at the Morrow County Courthouse. Greyhound received nothing in their personal injury case. Burgess Trucking which was also involved in the December 27, 1983 accident had received payment for damages to their truck from their insurance company was not involved in the suit.

The accident apparently happened when Irrigon Police Chief Michael Cahill and Irrigon Police Commissioner William Cooley noticed a smoking rear wheel on a Burgess Trucking rig driven by Carl McGovern in the westbound lane of Hwy 730 near Irrigon. They pulled the truck over and advised the driver that because visibility was so poor that night, he should not leave the truck parked on the highway shoulder until morning. The officers then attempted to direct him in turning the truck around so that he could return to a truck stop a short distance east. While the truck was turning, a Parker Refrigeration Truck driven by Richard Essary in the eastbound lane crashed into the Burgess truck. A Greyhound bus also in the eastbound lane then hit the Parker Refrigeration Truck.

Three cases, Greyhound vs. the City of Irrigon and Parker Refrigeration vs. Burgess Trucking and the City of Irrigon, and Frank Lyng (owner of the tractor pulling the Parker Refrigeration Truck) vs. the city of Irrigon, Greyhound, Parker Refrigeration, and Does 1, 2, and 3, were tried at the same time.

The various parties alleged negligence on the part of the others for lack of adequate rear view mirrors, failure to stop or warn traffic in oncoming lanes with flares, flagmen, etc., failure to warn traffic with brake lights if stopping or slowing, driving too fast for the visibility, tailgating, and for not watching the road closely enough.

Museum Board discusses gift

The Museum Board met Tuesday evening in regular session to discuss receipt of the \$25,746 gift from the Earl Wilson estate.

A computer system for record keeping and for the storing of genealogy information was considered along with a room or an area to be known as the "Wilson Family Room." No decision was made.

The board also discussed a need to recruit volunteers to assist the museum staff.

MORROW COUNTY Ballot Measure Results June 24, 1986	Boardman	Ione	Irrigon	Lexington	Heppner/ Hardman	Total
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Morrow County \$2,469,040 Operating Levy Outside the Tax Base	237	204	183	115	434	1173
	235	74	228	117	491	1145

Boeing hearing re-convenes Wednesday

Morrow County Court last Wednesday received a letter from Boeing stating that they would be unable to appear at a scheduled public hearing. The Court then recessed the hearing until 10 a.m. at the next session of the Court, June 25 at the North Morrow Annex in Irrigon. Boeing has requested a zone change on land they own adjacent to the Bombing Range where the company intends to build an antenna test range.

The Court reviewed changes in the budget proposed for next year and turned Building Inspection over to the state for the coming year. Study determined that this arrangement would provide a savings to the county.

In additional business, the court: -accepted the resignation of Dean Mason from the North Morrow Ambulance Board; decided not to appoint a replacement until the vacan-

cy had been advertised so that those interested in the position would have a chance to apply.

-accepted Connie Sills' resignation from the Juvenile Services Commission; appointed Carol Marchek to fill the remainder of her term. The court noted that several vacancies exist on the commission.

-heard a road report: Patching is nearing completion in Juniper Canyon, Brenner Canyon, Valby Road, and Gooseberry. Blade patching has begun on Ella Road. Brenner Canyon has been chip sealed. The crusher will have completed oil rock production on the Halvorsen site by June 30 and begin crushing ¾ minus road rock at the Merlin Harmett-Albert Wright Century Ranch site. The Court instructed council to draw up a one-year contract renewable at the county's option for a pit and storage at the site. The county would pay \$500 per year for use of the site.

-received a letter of commendation from the Association of Oregon Counties insurance trust for the county's efforts to control the cost of health care and received a \$6,975 dividend check.

-received a \$7,438 dividend check from the State Accident Insurance Fund.

-heard presentations from Russ Heimark of SAIF who anticipates an increase in insurance premiums, from Phil Brown of Liberty Northwest, and from City-County Insurance Services.

-approved payment of all bills.

-approved a \$600 option payment to Kinzua for land included in Anson Wright Park immediately east of the rest rooms on both sides of Rock Creek. The county has had a long term lease with Kinzua, but is now purchasing the property in order to keep a \$9,000 federal grant for improving the property.



Growing Tough

Tough posy adds a little color to the sidewalk it's growing through on Willow Street.

Fair and Rodeo promise 4 days of fun

Premium Books for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo are in the mail to county residents this week.

Sale slated

Plans are now underway for this year's sidewalk sale, which will be held Friday, July 25 in Heppner.

The sidewalk sale is a good opportunity for local groups to earn money selling food and other items, says Heppner Merchants Committee President David Sykes.

Heppner merchants welcome anyone wishing to set up a booth, and if Joyce Hollomon at the Shoe Box, or David Sykes at the Gazette-Times is contacted, your organization can receive some publicity about your game, food booth, or activity.

Extra advertising of this year's sale is planned, which should attract more people and make for a successful town-wide event. Sykes said.

and plans for the four-day August event are in final stages.

There's something for everyone everyday, say organizers of the event. The Fair opens for exhibit viewing Thursday and remains open through Sunday evening.

The Morrow County Rodeo is Friday night, August 15 from 4-7 p.m. The Open Rodeo begins at 1:30 Saturday and continues Sunday. Saturday night Howard Salmon of Boardman will prepare a barbecue dinner which will be served from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. A street dance inside the fairgrounds follows at 9 p.m.

Carnival games are still needed during the fair, says the Fair Committee. Organizations may keep all proceeds from the games; they will not be charged for use of the grounds. Service organizations wishing more information may call LaRae Kindle, 676-5223.

Learn about new insecticide at seminar

Those interested in learning about the insecticide Reldan 4-E are invited to attend a seminar and hamburger dinner at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione Wednesday, June 25, 6 p.m.

Bruce Hewitt of Moses Lake, a trainer from Gustafson Company, which markets the new insecticide will explain what the chemical is capable of doing and when and how best to apply it.

Gustafson Co. claims that the chemical is a long-term protectant which when applied at the time grain is put into storage is more effective than malathion in controlling grain beetles, weevils, and flour beetles.

The Willows Grange ladies will prepare the dinner. Hosts for the dinner are Morrow County Grain Growers, Paul Pettyjohn Co., and Dobyns Pest Control. Tri-River Chemical Co. and Gustafson are sponsoring the training session.

"We hope it (Reldan 4E) lives up to all they're saying it will do," said

Jean Jepsen of Dobyns Pest Control. "We have used a lot of Malathion and found it not as effective as the companies producing it say it should be."

Booster club raises \$3,500

The Heppner Booster Club earned close to \$3,500 at their first annual Reno Night. Nearly 250 attended, a spokesperson reported, it was "well worth the effort."

Players purchased scrip and attempted to earn more at casino games. At the end of the evening players were able to bid the scrip toward purchase of prizes. Some of the successful bidders included:

Rick Smith - trip to Reno; Mark Lovgren - flight for four to Mt. St. Helens; Herb Ekstrom, Jr. - half

Goldschmidt coming to Heppner

Gubernatorial candidate Neil Goldschmidt will be in Heppner Monday, June 30 at 3 p.m. to visit with voters in the downtown area.

While in Heppner, Goldschmidt will visit Kinzua, the Willow Creek

Dam, and the Lexington airport. Monday evening, he will attend a Democratic party dinner at the Heppner Elks Club; no tickets are available.

Market Report

Tues., June 24	
Soft White	
June	\$2.94 bu.
July 10	\$2.82/\$2.74
Aug.	\$2.74
Sept.	\$2.75/\$2.77
Oct.	\$2.78/\$2.79
Barley	
June	\$70
July	\$71/\$73
Aug./Sept.	\$73
Ordinary winters	\$2.90

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers