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June 24 - 30			
	High	Low	Precip
Tues.	91	55	.0
Wed.	90	52	.00
Thurs.	90	55	.00
Fri.	92	58	.00
Sat.	82	50	.23
Sun.	76	44	.00
Mon.	86	53	.0

Goldschmidt makes Heppner visit

Neil Goldschmidt came to Heppner Monday afternoon as part of a campaign swing through Eastern Oregon. He visited with mill workers during a shift change at Kinzua, talked with people on the street in downtown Heppner, visited with residents at a local tavern, answered questions for nearly an hour at the Gazette-Times office, and closed the day by speaking to nearly 50 voters at the Heppner Elks Club.

He had begun his day in Milton-Freewater disking in fields belonging to his host, Bob Buchanan. He spent the remainder of the morning flying over part of the Umatilla National Forest looking for a family of beaver and learning about waterways with Dave Childs. At noon, he spoke to the Pendleton Rotary Club.

The candidate still had plenty of energy and enthusiasm when he talked to voters after dinner in Heppner. Words sometimes tumbled out over the top of each other as he spoke about campaign issues during the afternoon and evening.

The average Oregonian earns \$1200 per year less than the average Washingtonian, he said. Attitude and competition are the issues. If we can create jobs, the tax collected from the increased income will raise the tax base. Half the school districts in the state, including Morrow County, do not have up-to-date tax bases. He said as governor, he'd see if there wasn't a way to convert property tax relief to small homestead exemptions in districts which passed an updated tax base. Districts which did not pass an updated tax base would not get the homestead exemption. This would both stabilize the amount of money for school districts and maintain local control.

He said he does not support the Oregon Education Association sales tax proposal.

From January 1985 to January 1986, the state of Oregon created 23,000 new jobs, he said. During that same time period Washington state created 60,000 new jobs. Population-wise, there's no reason for that, he blurted. "We need to tell businesses that we want them here and we want to help them. Now, instead of a partnership, we have an adversarial relationship between the state and new business. There are fewer food processing plants in the Willamette valley now than there were 10 years ago," he asserted. If we want food processing businesses which hire people and pay property tax, we have to provide incentives, ask them what they need and how we can help. There's nothing stopping key businesses from closing their doors and relocating in Washington.

High tech industry is a good boost to the economy, he said, but is not the answer for Oregon. Agriculture, processing what we grow, and timber have been and will continue to be its saviors.

Federal Agenda, Research, and Marketing, comprise Goldschmidt's farm plan. All real policy is made by the U.S. government and the state has adopted the view of accepting the act after it's passed and reading it to the farmers. The state can and needs to play an advocacy role in farm policy with the federal government and we have no federal agenda. The governor has the ability to combine with other governors and put pressure on the federal government. If federal revenue sharing is withheld from the Extension Service, that would be a big bill for the state each year, he said. The extension service at Oregon State University is the main source of Research and development of new strains of wheat.

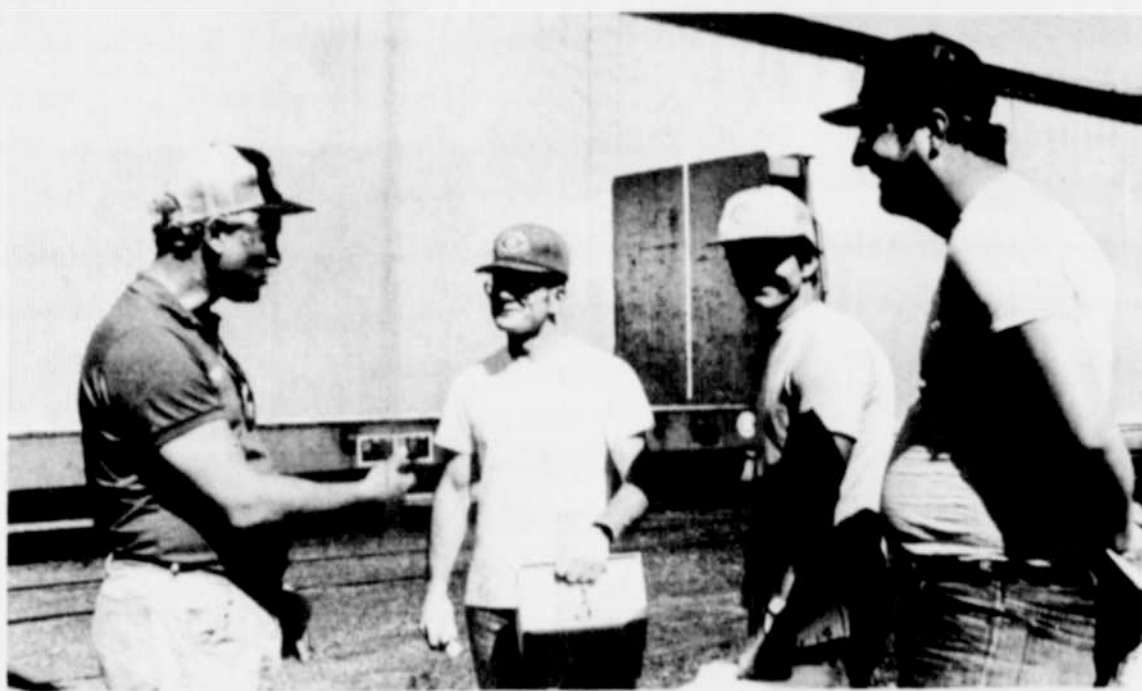
Marketing what is produced means getting out in other countries and creating an international market. "The whole marketing strategy for the state is a joke," he said. Foreign trade relations are created by industry, not government... we can negotiate with the Thai government or the Japanese, but they don't really want to buy. The pros need to help us." Industry went to Japan and rigged up an oven on the back of a truck, went out and created a product people could see. They created a market, he said.

Why are we fussing around regulating timber on private lands, he asked, when 80% of the state's timber is on federal forest land?

"It's time to get the economy cracking," he said. "If we don't make the turn in 1986-87, we're not going to make it." Oregon does not have an economic plan, he said. There have been five directors of the Dept. of Economic Development in the last nine years. As mayor of Portland, he said, the first thing he did was to hire a tough economist. Businesses which were closing their doors stayed and became profitable again.

He pointed out that a businessman in Pendleton had tried for a year to open a health food delicatessen. There were no land-use issues to overcome, just county and state regulations.

LCDC isn't as big an issue on the other side of the mountains as it is here, he said. In some areas of the state it is actually working. What we need to remember is that it is a document written to help us. If it isn't working, we can change it. "If you have a piece of land and you can't



From left, Neil Goldschmidt, chats with William Baker, Lowell Jones and Mickey Sharp during shift change at Kinzua.

grow wheat on it, you can't raise cattle on it, and somebody wants to build a house on it but can't do so because of something a document says in Salem, then the plan is not working and we need to change it." As governor, Goldschmidt said he would ask each of the 12 regions of the state to select the one thing that each needed his help with most. The

rule of fairness would apply, each region would get something before one region got two things. "And together we'll get them done, one by one."

Rail branch lines are in trouble all over the U.S., he said. "It's a chance to turn lemons into lemonade if we think about it. Rather than a national railroad, operate a branch

line so it works for you, or get somebody to operate the branch line. If freight is pulled from the railroad and put on highways, it's bound to have an effect, cause damage. If we're going to put money in the highway anyway to repair damage, why not put it in the front end?"

Prisons are the single most dangerous problem in the state, next to preventing the federal government from creating a national nuclear waste dump at Hanford, he said. "We're dumping dangerous people on the streets that corrections people say should not be there, but they are." The state with bond exemptions, can borrow money to build a prison cheaper than private enterprise. If criminal justice were working the way it should, we would not need so many police officers. "They're picking up the same people over and over again, because there's not enough prison space." On top of that, he said, we're doing nothing about drugs and alcohol, and we have to defeat the marijuana initiative that would allow people to raise their own for private consumption.

There are simple things we can do to help the state, he said such as keeping track of foreign students who attend state universities. Most return to positions in government in their home country and could be helpful to Oregon business people trying to create foreign markets.

People coming into the Portland airport see displays from national corporations, but see nothing of Oregon industry. Oregon products and tourist attractions need prominent advertising to interest people new to the area. A sign written in Chinese with a telephone number a non-English-speaking Chinese could call to get information in his native language would also be a boost, and it wouldn't be all that expensive. A way to move people around the state, someone booking a flight to Portland from Atlanta, Georgia, should at the same time, be able to make reservations for a salmon fishing trip out of Astoria.

"If we want to change things, we have to work at it. Goldschmidt is not going to be sent to Salem to fix it. We have to work together," he said.



Earl Bowden, Boeing, assured Judge Don McElligott and port Manager Bob Miller that Boeing intends to be a "good neighbor" in Morrow County. Boardman realtor John Prag (right) was among guests at the meeting.

County close to Boeing rezoning

The County Court indicated last Wednesday that it is willing to rezone to industrial 4,000 acres near Boardman that is now farmland. The Court took no action following the public hearing, however, saying it had to follow time-consuming legal

procedures to insure the change ordinance would not be challenged or repealed.

"We hope to have a decision by next Wednesday's County Court meeting," Judge Don McElligott told Boeing representatives following their legal representative Richard Canaday's saying that Boeing didn't understand the county's reluctance to adopt an ordinance.

Boeing has requested the zone change to build an antenna test range on the site where it now has a conditional use permit and a temporary antenna. The antenna range, Canaday slowed his speech and appeared to choose his words carefully. "is a project conducted by Boeing Aerospace for a government client." The 4,000 acres will be surrounded by a security fence and patrolled by

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Kinzua accepts wage cut

Kinzua employees voted to accept a \$1.75 per hour across-the-board wage cut, said Elwayne Bergstrom, business agent and financial secretary for the Heppner union members.

Members voted to accept the two-year contract by a narrow margin, he said. Eighty-five of the 99 local members cast ballots in last Friday's election.

The two-year contract also does away with all bonuses and with one-week of active paid vacation, he said. Three holidays will no longer be paid, but workers can still take off the day after Thanksgiving, the day before Christmas and the day after New Year's without pay, if they choose.

"We probably had more argument

over the flexible work week than the money issues," he said, because that will allow the management to renegotiate work schedules to omit some overtime.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues., July 1		
Soft White		
July	\$2.86/\$2.73	
Aug.	\$2.73	
Sept.	\$2.74/\$2.75	
Oct.	\$2.77/\$2.79	
Dec.	\$2.82/\$2.83	
Barley		
July/Aug.	\$71	
Aug.	\$73	
Sept.	\$72	



Flipped on the corner

A crane belonging to Shockman Bros. construction of Hermiston, overturned at Cutsforth corners outside of Lexington Tuesday afternoon, causing some damage to the highway, and extensive damage to the crane. No one was injured in the wreck.

Apparently the crane took the corner to fast and tipped over, gouging

out several deep holes in the pavement. Morrow County Sheriff deputies were on the scene directing traffic, and Sheriff Roy Drago said highway crews had been called out to fix the damage to the road.

The accident, which occurred around 3 p.m., caused fuel to spill on the roadway, and before using

two tractors from nearby Pat Cutsforth farm to pull the wrecked crane aside, blocked both lanes of traffic.

The tractors continued to pull on the overturned crane, but poor traction and the excessive weight of the machine prevented them from pulling the vehicle completely off the highway.

June 4th of July schedule



- 10:00 Big Parade down Main Street
- 11:00 Kids chalk drawing contest on Main Street sidewalks, Horseshoe tournament sign-up
- 11:30 Food booths open, Flea Market begins, Dunk tank open, Military Fly-by sometime during the day, Model T and pony cart rides through-out the day
- 12:30 Horseshoe Tourney begins, Frog-jumping contests (frogs will be available)
- 1:30 Sack races, Three-legged races, Bean-bag races, Straw-money pile for preschool only
- 2:00 lone Pool opens, FREE swimming until 5:00 p.m., Shoe kicking contest
- 2:30 Cow-chip toss on the football field, Historical Tour of lone
- 3:00 lone dance-team exhibition, Fire Department relay, Entertainment
- 4:00 Watermelon eating contest
- 4:30 Watermelon seed spitting contest, Historical Tour of lone
- 5:00 Water balloon toss
- 5:15 Fire Department Tug-of-War
- 5:45 Bed race
- 6:30 Bar-B-Qued to Chicken Dinner by Cardinal Club at the high school: Adults-\$5.00, Ages 6 to 12-\$2.50, 5 and under-\$1.00; hot dogs available - 1/4 chicken, colleslaw, French bread, baked beans and ice cream bars
- 7:00 to 9:00 Entertainment and softball game at the football field (bring your mitt - everyone welcome to play)
- 9:15 or Dusk BIG FIREWORKS at the football field
- 10:00 Street Dance on Main Street after the Fireworks