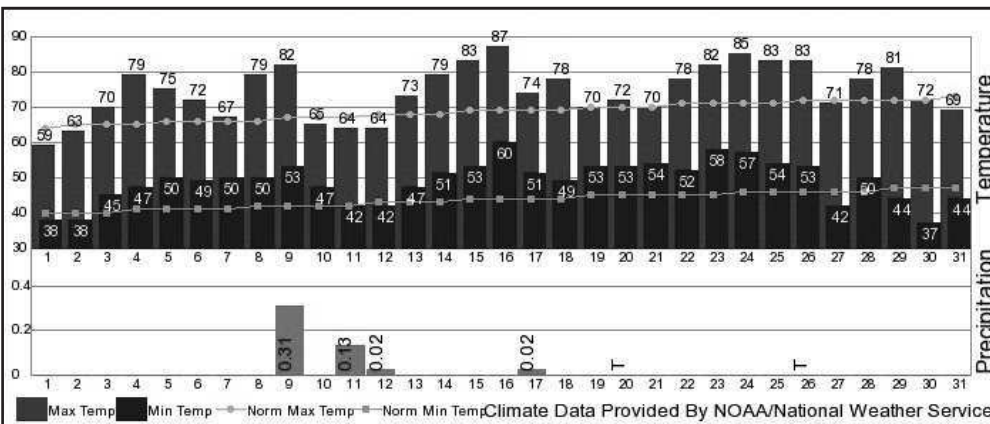


Heppner warmer than normal in May



According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged much warmer than normal during the month of May.

The average temperature was 61.6 degrees which was 5.5 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 74.4 degrees, which was 5.7 degrees above normal. The highest was 87 degrees on the 16th. Low temperatures averaged 48.8 degrees, which was 5.2 degrees above normal. The lowest was 37 degrees, on

the 30th. Precipitation totaled 0.48 inches during May, which was 1.18 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation of at least .01 inch was received on four days with the heaviest, 0.31 inches reported on the 9th.

Precipitation this year has reached 5.91 inches, which is 1.37 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 9.67 inches, which is 1.67 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 46 mph which occurred

on the 23rd.

The outlook for June from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner rise from 73.0 degrees at the start of June to 81.0 degrees at the end of June. Normal lows rise from 47.0 degrees to 51.0 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 1.38 inches.

This was the warmest May on record. The previous warmest was 60.7 degrees in 1993

Ione student to attend health camp



Bob Houser, CEO, FACHE of Morrow County Health District presents a letter of acceptance from MedQuest to IHS student Zoey Gilbert. -Contributed photo.

Ione High School sophomore Zoey Gilbert applied and was accepted to attend the MedQuest Health Career Exploration Camp at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande in June. Gilbert received a scholarship from Morrow County Health District to cover the cost of the camp, which is coordinated by the Northeast Area Health Education Center (NEOAHEC).

According to NEOAHEC, thirty-five students from across the state are

selected based on recommendations, GPA and the quality of their application. The camp allows high school students who are interested in pursuing a medical career to shadow health professionals, sit in on presentations and medical panels, witness the diagnostic process, possibly ride on an ambulance call and other activities.

Gilbert's future plans are to become a radiology technologist after she completes high school.

Sign restoration project completed

Seth Moses Roofing recently completed a service club sign restoration project sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, with funds provided by the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group under the Community and Public Enhancement grant program.

The signs are next to the state highways at the three main entrances to Heppner. Several years ago, the Oregon State Highway Department constructed shoulder turn outs which enabled travelers to pause and learn about the service clubs in the Heppner community.

The service club signs identify community organizations that support the character of Heppner.

Heppner Chamber of Commerce member, John Edmundson, prepared the grant application. The grant

Knowledge can be your best defense against harmful algae blooms (HABs)

Provided by the Morrow County Health Department

As temperatures heat up during spring and summer, be on the watch for harmful algae blooms (HABs) when recreating in Oregon lakes, rivers and reservoirs. Only a fraction of Oregon's waterbodies are monitored, so you shouldn't count on being notified about all HABs that may form on your favorite waterbody.

Oregon has thousands of fresh water recreation sites, all of which could potentially have a harmful algae bloom (HAB). Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) are photosynthetic bacteria that are part of the ecosystem of all fresh waters worldwide. They are actually very beneficial, except when conditions provide the right temperature and nutrients for the cyanobacteria to multiply

into what we call a bloom. There are a handful of species in Oregon that produce toxins that can potentially be high enough to be of concern to your health. All of us can be prepared to take some simple steps to ensure our safety when recreating in open water where blooms can develop. Below are some things to be aware of, but above all remember, whenever you see something that does not look familiar follow this simple motto, "When in doubt, stay out."

What to look for: There are certain waterbody conditions you can identify to help you and your pet stay safe and healthy. The water may smell bad or look foamy, scummy, or thick like paint. The color of the area may be pea-green, blue-green or brownish-red in color. Real algae is thick and stringy and can be picked up with a stick and aquatic plants that grow in the water have tiny roots attached. You cannot pick up a harmful algae bloom with a stick and these blooms have no roots.

Symptoms: Exposure to cyanobacteria can be serious and result in a range of symptoms including skin rash, diarrhea, cramps, vomiting, numbness, dizziness and fainting. Children, people with weakened immune systems and pets are most vulnerable to illness. If you or someone in your family develops any of these symptoms within the first 24 hours of a potential exposure to what looked like a bloom, be sure to contact the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) at 971-673-0400 or your local public health

department at 541-676-5421.

Pets are at risk, too. Over the past several years, OHA has received many reports of dog illnesses and even deaths due to exposure to bloom-affected water. Although some specific outreach efforts occurred along the South and main-stem of the Umpqua River following widespread publicity of dog deaths in the area, many waterbodies may not have pet signage. It is important to know that the exposure level for dogs is much lower than it is for us. They will lick it off rocks and off their fur, eat the scum and drink affected water. The symptoms are the same for your pet, although they will develop within the first hour or two and can be deadly.

Remember! HAB program staff at OHA rely on local, state and federal agencies to provide us with information about blooms and to alert us when a bloom is sampled. OHA staff use this information and sample data to determine if a health advisory should be issued and signs posted to warn people to stay out of affected water to avoid illness. Health advisories are sent via email and the media and can be found on our HABs website <http://healthoregon.org/hab> where we post advisories and other information related to HABs, as well as on our HABs hotline at 1-877-290-6767. You can also sign up to receive email alerts. Information about harmful algae blooms and advisories are updated as this data and other information become available to us.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Ann Spicer, has released the following Justice Court report:

-Stewart Richard Syverson, 24, of Ione was convicted of driving uninsured, fail to register vehicle and careless driving, \$265 fine.

-Dylan K Howey, 17, of Irrigon was convicted of fail to wear helmet-motorcycle operator and no insurance, \$545 fine.

-Austin Gene Harris, 23, of Heppner was convicted of violation of basic rule, 79/55 mph, \$265 fine.

-Kristi M Warden, 36, of Heppner was convicted of unlawful sale of tobacco product, \$50 fine.

Ione summer movies in the park announced

As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, local residents are gearing up for the 2018 free movies in the park, which kicks off this Saturday, June 9 at 9 p.m.

The City Park in Ione will once again be the site for the movie events. Using the outdoor movie system purchased by ICABO, each movie will be sponsored by local businesses. The movies will be projected onto a 16-foot, inflatable, outdoor movie screen that is ideal for a lawn audience of 250 people. Movies will start around 9 p.m. or at dark for an optimal viewing experience. Concessions may be available.

In the case of rain or winds above 20 mph, the event will not be held and may be rescheduled for another date. Bring a chair, blanket or even a blow up air mattress to relax and enjoy the show. Arrive with plenty of time to park and get settled prior to show time. Dogs on leashes are allowed. but please clean up after them. Admission is free.

The park is located on Main Street in Ione. Open dates are available for local school groups or not-for-profit organizations to sell concessions as a fundraiser. Contact Heidi Nelson at heidi@hen-online.com for concession details. Stay up

to date on this and other Ione events at facebook.com/CityofIoneOregon/.

The 2018 summer movie line up is:

-Jun. 9, Moana (G), sponsored by ICABO

-Jun. 30, Ghostbusters [the original] (PG), sponsored by Ione Fourth of July

-Jul. 14, Cars (G), sponsored by Columbia Basin Electric

-Jul. 28, Beauty and the Beast [2017 edition] (PG), sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione Branch

-Aug. 4, The Lion King (G) Sponsorship to be announced

-Aug. 25, Jumanji [1995 version] (PG), sponsorship to be announced

Missionaries to speak at Nazarene church

Church of the Nazarene missionaries Joseph and Ree Sumi will be speaking at the Heppner Nazarene Church, 335 Gilmore Street, on Friday, June 8 at 6:15 p.m. A time of fel-

lowship will follow their presentation allowing everyone to visit and become better acquainted with the Sumi family.

The Sumis have been serving with the Church

of the Nazarene on the CIS Field since June 2012, which includes the countries of Armenia, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine and the area of Central Asia.

Cemetery maintenance district scheduled to meet

The Heppner cemetery maintenance district will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ag Service Building conference room, 430 W Linden Way, Heppner.

Agenda items include minutes of previous meeting, financial report, 18/19 budget discussion and cemetery operations. Meetings of the Heppner cemetery maintenance district are open to the public accord-

ing to ORS 192.640(1). For additional information, contact Janet Greenup at 541-561-6768.



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