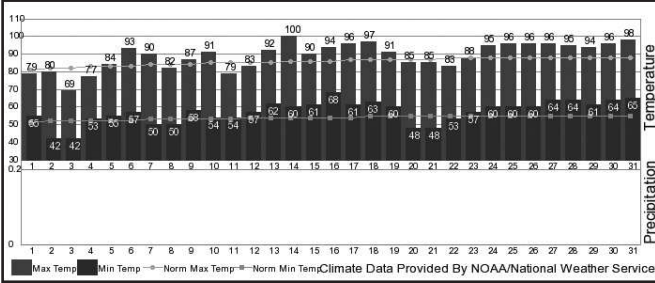


# Heppner weather warmer than usual



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

The average temperature was 73 degrees which was 3.2 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 89.1 degrees, which was 3.4 degrees above normal. The highest was 100 degrees on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Low temperatures averaged 57 degrees, which was 3.1 degrees above normal. The lowest was 42 degrees, on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On 16 days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees. It was at least 100 degrees on one day.

Precipitation totaled zero inches during July, which was 0.33 inches below normal.

# HES registration scheduled

Heppner Elementary School registration for the 2018-19 school year will be held on Aug. 13, 14 and 15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Online registration will be available with the help of HES staff or you may register from home if you are already using the website.

Students may pay their \$10 student body fee and receive their HES t-shirt during this time. Please contact the office HES office at 541-676-9128 if you have any questions. HES

Precipitation this year has reached 6.51 inches, which is 2.48 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 10.27 inches, which is 2.78 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 34 mph which occurred on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

During the month of July, there were no lightning flashes detected in the vicinity of Heppner, according to Earth Networks.

The outlook for August from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during August are 85.5 degrees and normal lows are 53.5 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 0.39 inches.

supply lists are available on the HES website.

The Heppner Elementary School back to school BBQ will be held on Aug. 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be an orientation meeting in the gym at 5:30 followed by two sessions. The Heppner Elementary Parent Teachers Club will be providing hot dogs for dinner after the second session at 6:20 p.m. Open classroom visitation will be from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

# Chamber announcements and upcoming events

Saturday, Aug. 11 at 2 p.m., Ribbon cutting ceremony of the Fit Park/Pickleball Court, located next to the water park at 433 Riverside Ave. This park includes a pickleball court, outdoor exercise equipment, a public restroom, a regulation size basketball court with six hoops, new walking paths.

additional paved parking and an acre and a half of grass. The ceremony will include music performed by Corey Peterson on the new stage. Blas Elguezabal of Elite performance will be on hand to demonstrate the use of the exercise equipment and give some brief pickleball lessons. Please join the park district to celebrate this beautiful new community park.

Sunday, Aug. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m., Music in the park at the Heppner city park, featuring Wasteland Kings. This concert is facilitated

by Hopeful Saints Ministry. As a fundraiser, a tent will be set up to serve pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, cookie and drink for a donation. The music for this event is being funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Bring your own chairs.

Week of Aug. 15-19, Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 7 to 10 p.m., dinner by Paradise Rose Chuckwagon and music by Trevor Tagle. Thursday, Aug. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m., Murray's Wine and Micro-Brew Tasting. Dinner by Heppner Chamber of Commerce and music by Nate Bosford. Friday, Aug. 17 at 1 p.m., chili cook-off sampling. 7 p.m., OTPR rodeo performance. Saturday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m., Morrow County Fair and Rodeo parade. 7 pm., OTPR rodeo performance. Sunday, Aug. 19 at

1:15 p.m., Morrow County rodeo.

Friday, Aug. 17 through Sunday, Aug. 19, Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo. Entries open July 10. Check out the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Facebook page for more information on events, how to enter and to participate in the OTPR giveaways.

Saturday, Aug. 25 at 9 p.m. (or at dark), Ione Summer Movies in the Park will show the 1995 version of Jumanji, rated PG.

Sunday, Aug. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m., Ione Music in the Park will feature Absolutely Nobody, with the Joe Lindsay and Corey Cooley families. Concessions available by Tacos Hometown at 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Ione City Park and is sponsored by Morrow County Unified Recreation District and the Ione Library Board.

Saturday, Oct. 20, 4<sup>th</sup>

Annual Oktoberfest Auction and Dinner. This event is a benefit for The Woolery Project and will be held in the big tent on the Port of Arlington peninsula. A prime rib dinner prepared by Paradise Rose Chuckwagon Catering will be served. There will be dinner music by One Hum and Wheeler County Ramblers, a huge silent and live auction (with 2 Henry Tribute Edition rifles). Dance music will be provided by Countryfied. Tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased at MCGG-Wasco, Thrifty Food Center-Arlington, Condon Chamber, Murrays Drug-Condon and Dinty's Market-Biggs Junction. More information is available on the Woolery Project Facebook page at www.facebook.com/thewooleryprojectinc or via email to info@thewooleryprojectinc.org.

# BUILDING PLANS

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ing the commissioners passed out three different options for the new building ranging in size from 13,539 to 15,780 square feet. They said no final decision has yet been made, but that a decision might be forthcoming in two weeks. Cost of the proposed building ranged between \$3.5 and \$5.2 million.

Comparisons to the Bartholomew building, the new county building constructed in Heppner several years ago, were common throughout the meeting. That structure was 11,000 square feet and cost \$4.5 million. Commissioner admitted that the Bartholomew building turned out to be too small and is ac-

tually being considered for remodeling upgrades to add more office space. Commissioners stressed they were not trying to compare the new Irrigon building to the Bartholomew.

Most questions from the public concerned the large new courtroom included for Justice Court in the new Irrigon building. With only one Justice Court trial held per year in Irrigon it was asked if the court room was needed. "The Justice Court facilities in Irrigon are deplorable. It's horrible," said Commissioner Russell. Local attorney Bill Kuhn, whose wife is the Justice Court Judge agreed. "The jury needs to be sequestered

and there isn't the room there. There should not be people coming and going," he said of the current Justice Court facilities. On the other hand, circuit court trials are held in the courthouse in Heppner, and the public wondered if that would change if a new court room was built in Irrigon. Commissioners said they did not see that happening. "The public needs to know they will still go to Heppner for circuit court trials," former Commissioner Leann Rea said.

The other large expansion of space in the new facility would be with the planning commission. "The planning commission wants to add more staff," Russell

said, which would require more room as its current offices are very small. This promoted a response from Rea who said Umatilla County, with a population seven times as large as Morrow, has five people, a planner and four staff. Morrow County has the same number. "I find it very hard to justify having more people in planning," Rea said.

The commission was also questioned if there were going to be town meetings held in the various communities to show the new proposed building plans. Crow Engineering had originally said there would be meetings in each community. Russell said he felt town meetings were not necessary, pointing out that the county commission has held numerous work sessions on the new facilities. He said these meetings are held during the day and open to the public. "If there is an interest, people will get there," he said. It was pointed out the meetings are held during working hours and people have jobs during the daytime. "We are easy to get a hold of. My phone number and email are public and people don't have any problem contacting me," he said. Commissioner Melissa Lindsay disagreed. "I think we should have town hall meetings held in every city," she said before the commission makes its decision on the new facilities. "There may be very few people show up or there may be a lot. We don't know, but we should take it to every city. I want people to see it before it goes to engineering. I think it should go to the public," Lindsay emphasized.

Larry Mills of Heppner, who is on the county budget committee, complimented the commissioners for taking care of the building project now when they have money. "I commend the commissioners for doing it now, because the funds are available," Mills said.

# ODFW to launch electronic licensing system

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will launch their new electronic licensing system (ELS) in December for the sale of 2019 licenses and tags. ELS will allow for licenses/tags on smart phones, electronic tagging and other conveniences.

With the new system, hunters and anglers can choose to carry their documents electronically (on their smart phone or tablet)

and tag fish and wildlife with a mobile app that will work even offline. Or, customers can continue to use paper documents, but will be able to print licenses and tags directly from home using regular paper.

Customers will still have the option of purchasing licenses and tags at license sale agents (including ODFW offices), but no special paper or computer equipment will be needed

by these businesses.

The new system is expected to save \$2 million annually, thanks to the elimination of specialty paper and computer equipment and overall lower cost of the system.

"Customers have been asking for the ability to carry tags on their mobile phones and for a more mobile-friendly system," said Curt Melcher, ODFW Director. "We're pleased

this new system will bring both cost savings and an improved customer experience for Oregon's hunters and anglers."

ODFW recently published a FAQ about the new system, which covers topics including how to protect paper tags from the elements and tag fish and wildlife electronically. Find the FAQ at, <https://myodfw.com/articles/odfw-new-electronic-licens->

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Just like today, hunters and anglers will be required to have and display a license and tag upon contact by ODFW or OSP. It will be the hunter or angler's responsibility to ensure they always have enough battery or an external battery source to power their phone so they can validate their harvest and show their license or tag. Note that even when they are in the field and without cell reception, ODFW and OSP will also be able to see information about licenses/tags/validations you purchased and to check your confirmation number (which indicates you have electronically tagged your big game animal).

ODFW regularly communicates with other state fish and wildlife agencies about best management practices for licensing systems and spoke with 22 other states before making a final decision on the new license sales system.

The online FAQ will be continually updated with new information about the ELS before the system launches on Dec. 1, 2018.

# Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has released the following information:

**May 29:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report that Rafael Rene Garza Jr was arrested on UCCC warrants and lodged at UCJ with no bail.

-MCSO received a report on W Seventh Rd, Irrigon that the neighbors dog keeps coming over to her yard. She advised she has a one year old pit and the neighbors small dogs keep coming over. She would like the situation dealt with before there is a fight. Deputy spoke with the dog owner and advised him to keep his dog in the yard.

-MCSO received a report at Hwy 730/Fifteenth Rd, Irrigon that there appeared to be a vehicle in the ditch with a subject taking stuff out of the back seat.

-MCSO received a report on SE Division Rd, Irrigon of a shed on fire, heard a small explosion prior to that. There is tall grass around the building and it has now caught on fire.

-MCSO received a report at SE Court St, Heppner that children were in their front yard and not in school like they are sup-

posed to be.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon Shell Station on E Hwy 730, Irrigon about an employee that has been stealing. Under investigation.

-MCSO received a report on E Hwy 730, Irrigon that Kadlec advised they have been dealing with a female that is suicidal, advised they just got off the phone and the female stated she was going to kill herself and hung up.

-MCSO received a report at Country Garden S on Estate Loop, Irrigon that RP locked her keys in the car and her nephew is inside.

-MCSO received a report on E Fairview Way, Heppner that the French doors on her house are open and are usually always closed and locked.

-MCSO received a report at Mountain Glen Apartments on NE Pioneer Dr, Heppner that someone stole the tag sticker off of her car and she was advised she needed to report it.

-MCSO received a report at NW Washington Ave, Irrigon that there is heavy speeding in the area

between 9-10 am and 3-6 pm.

-MCSO received a report at Hwy 730/W Eighth Rd, Irrigon that there are people parking between city hall and Eighth in a no parking zone. Deputy made contact with several vehicles and individuals were given warnings for illegal parking.

-MCSO received a report at Kunze Ln, Boardman that RP would like contact in regards to a theft of fuel.

-MCSO received a report on Hendergart Ln, Boardman that neighbor is playing music very loud.

**May 30:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on Pine Rd, Irrigon that his neighbor's dog is constantly barking and he has to go to work in four hours.

-MCSO received a report at Bank of Eastern Oregon on S First St, Irrigon that RP would like to report counterfeit bills.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon Mini Storage on E Highway 730, Irrigon that there is a woman laying

down in the ditch. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Linden Way, Heppner that an individual has cows within the city limits and they do not have water.

-MCSO received a report of a suicidal subject on Marshall Loop, Boardman.

-MCSO received a report on Willow Fork Dr, Boardman of a two vehicle MVA, male is unresponsive. Tobias Pascual was arrested by BPD for DUII and failure to carry and present. Subject lodged at UCJ with bail of \$6,000. Bert's Towing has the vehicle in impound.

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