

Sheryll Bates hands over the director's reins

Sheryll Bates is handing over the reins as executive director of the Heppner Chamber to Lori Roach. Her official retirement date will be July 31 but she will stay on through the end of the year to assist with training and to handle Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) projects. At the end of the year, WCVEDG will revisit the plan and decide if Sheryll will stay on or if Lori will take on the duties.

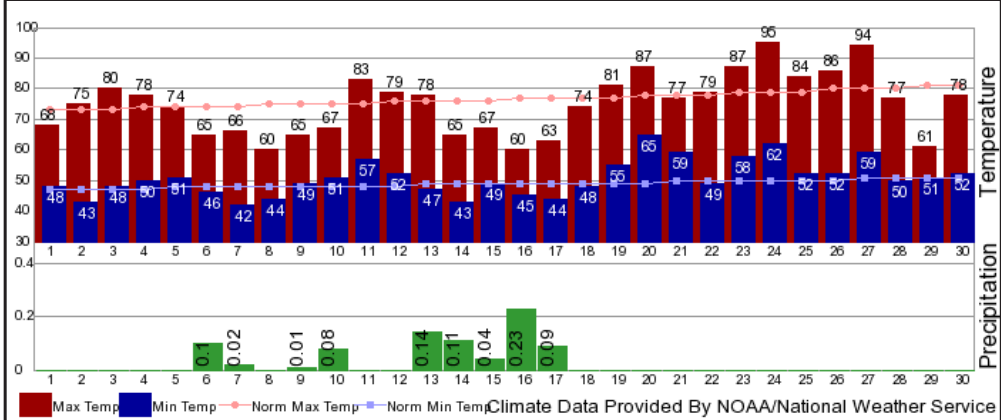


Sheryll Bates (left) will be turning over the executive director position to Lori Roach. -Photo by Bobbi Gordon.

Sheryll told the Gazette that she will be moving to a desk at the back of the chamber office while she continues to work part time. She has been in the executive director position at the chamber for 12 years.

She said of her pending retirement, "It will be nice to do the things we have been wanting to do."

Heppner temperatures near normal in June



According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged near normal during the month of June. The average temperature was 62.9 degrees which was 0.1 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 75.1 degrees, which was 1.5 degrees below normal.

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Precipitation totaled 0.82 inches during June, which was 0.56 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation, at least .01 inch, was received on nine days with the heaviest, 0.23 inches reported on the 16th.

The outlook for July from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for below normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during July are 85.7 degrees and normal lows are 53.9 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.33 inches.

Ione provides July 4th fireworks display



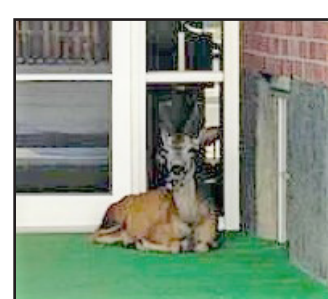
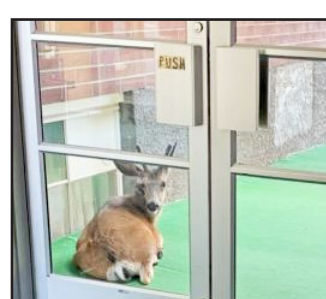
The city of Ione held a fireworks display for residents on the 4th of July, although all other events were cancelled for Independence Day this year. Ed Rietmann and his crew provided the fireworks display that was sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. -Photos by Becky Rietmann.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Glen Diehl, has released the following Justice Court report:

- Rachel McCarty, 18, Echo, was convicted of violation of basic rule. Fine \$200.
- Alan Perry, 30, Ladera Ranch, CA, was convicted of violation of basic rule. Fine \$215.

Deer visits church



Father Joseph Thankachan shared this quote after taking photos of the deer at the door to the church. Psalm 42... As a deer for a stream of comfort and rest... come to me all of you who are tired from your daily labor and work to take some rest... I will give you rest...

Heppner student named to McPherson honor roll

Zachary Bredfield of Heppner was named to the honor roll at McPherson College, a four-year private college located in central Kansas, for the spring 2020 semester. To qualify for the honor roll, students must be a full-time student and earn a grade point average of 3.55 or higher during the previous term. Students earning a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.54 are named to the honorable mention.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan
The residents and staff at Willow Creek Terrace viewed the cancellation of last month's rocking-chair fundraiser for Alzheimer's research with sadness, but for their protection as the Covid-19 infection rates surged, cancellation was deemed necessary. However, the community on the hill was certainly able to enjoy their July 4th celebration. The annual Lions Club fireworks display was enjoyed as they added patriotic songs and ice cream treats to the event. Carrying the celebration of America's freedom through July are the patriotic-themed wall hangings residents have created (featured on their Facebook page).

July continues to be a favorite month on the hill, as several days feature ice cream treats. For instance, on the 19th, they will hold an ice cream social and the ice cream cone's 116th birthday will be properly celebrated on the 25th (and again on September 22 because disagreement surrounds its nationally assigned day). And maybe Donna Bergstrom made sure that ice cream was included in her birthday menu choices on her birthday. Donna celebrated with her neighbors today. Happy birthday Donna.

Next week will feature Disneyland trivia, as its 65th anniversary is acknowledged on the 17th. On the 14th a Homerun Derby will put the Terrace's balls and bats to work while the MLB either celebrates its 91st All-Star game or delays it for Covid-19 reasons. July's morning discussion topics will include Fathers and Daughters (7th), the Woody Wagon (18th) and Horses, the Moon, Fathers-in-Law (30th). Residents will be invited to create a fair-and-ropo decoration based on a wooden horseshoe, to be featured on their hall walls in August. And a special, secret event will pay tribute to Gorgeous Grandmas on the 23rd. Discussion might possibly surround lunch on the 25th since that is on the calendar as "Act Like a Caveman" day and the menu will feature some uncommon dishes.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

- June 4, 2020:** - Jesus Ines Contreras, 24, Kennewick, WA, and Paige Jordan Long, 24, Kennewick, WA.
- June 11, 2020:** - Sandra Flores Aguilar, 43, Hermiston, and Guadalupe Barreto Pineda, 46, Hermiston.
- June 18, 2020:** - Lorena Valencia, 45, Irrigon, and Agustin Estrada Munoz, 51, Irrigon.

June 11, 2020: - Sandra Flores Aguilar, 43, Hermiston, and Guadalupe Barreto Pineda, 46, Hermiston.

June 25, 2020: - Jon Eldon Van Gorder, 45, Boardman, and Kelsey Jean Van Gorder, 41, Boardman.

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