



The Crusher goes to work smashing car bodies and metal items at the old city dump. The 50,000 pound unit can develop 140 tons of crushing pressure. The cleanup of the old city dump involved about 10 days of work, not counting earlier work by volunteers. Heppner now uses the county landfill. Also shown is a 950 articulating caterpillar wheel loader with crisp grapplers.

'The Crusher' cleans up in Heppner at city request

"The Crusher" is in town! The Crusher is soft spoken Stuart Abrams of Beaverton, Ore., and for the better part of the past week, he and his crew have been cleaning up the old city dump in smashing style.

Central to the operation is a 50,000 pound hydraulic crusher capable of 140 tons of crushing pressure. Overall, the work of crushing old auto bodies, stoves, and other appliances and metal at the old city dump will involve 10 days of work for The Crusher's crew.

The move to clean up the old dump was a voluntary move by the city. City trash is now going to the open county landfill west of Heppner. The permit on the present city dump runs out in September and the Department of Environmental Quality has put the city on notice that the permit won't be renewed.

In addition to work at the old city dump, Abrams and his crew have picked up about two dozen car bodies from the local area.

Abrams said the work of his two crews is built on service and repeat requests for environmental cleanup. "We try to base all our work on good service. We try to work as a team wherever we are called for land site environmental improvements," Abrams said.

The hydraulic crusher used in the Stuart Enterprises operation is a car crusher. Abrams has two at work right now and employs eight people. One crusher is at work in Heppner, the other is at Caldwell, Ida.

"We need a minimum of 200 tons of scrap to make a job economically feasible. The material is shipped to a metal shredder in Portland where it is prepared and sold on the

domestic and export market. Most of the metal goes overseas, to Japan in particular, Abrams noted.

Abrams said business has been somewhat slow and prices for scrap have been going down, as well as fluctuating daily, since he started into the business more than two years ago.

Part of his crew is comprised of Larry Jones, cat loader, Richard Jackson, in charge of trucks, and Douglas Jensen in charge of the crusher now in Heppner. The ground moving group is comprised of Ralph Higgins, Bob Johnson and Greg Kerr. Another loader operator is John Kiecher. All of the men are from the Beaverton-Newburg area.

Prior to entering business as "The Crusher," Abrams worked in a steel yard. He grew up in Portland. Despite the slowdown in business, Abrams has continued to build his equipment inventory to get the job done. Two crushers, three trucks and plans for another, and a 950 articulating caterpillar wheel loader with crisp grapplers.

With the equipment, they are able to crush 150 to 200 cars a day. Much work outside of cleanup, such as that going on in Heppner, is done in auto junkyards. Abrams and his crews now work throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho and are in the process of developing some business in California.

"I would like to get set up on a regular basis to service the Heppner area on schedule," Abrams said. He has been talking with city officials about returning at a future date to remove metal trash such as worn out washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, car bodies, or

The Morrow County Grand Jury in session Monday indicted Michael Olds, 34, on charges of first degree kidnapping and unauthorized use of a vehicle in connection with the abduction of Mary Lindsay of Ione.

Olds is scheduled to be arraigned in Umatilla County Circuit Court Thursday, May 12. He is accused of the murder of a College Place, Wash., cab driver in Umatilla County.

In other action, the grand

jury returned an indictment of rape in the first degree against Sam Consiglio, 25, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., in connection with an alleged rape along the freeway in Morrow County near Patterson Ferry Road.

Consiglio is charged with the rape of a 29-year-old Arlington woman who was hitchhiking from Pendleton to Arlington on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 24.

The grand jury also re-

turned an indictment of theft in the first degree against Larry Gross of Boardman. Gross is charged in connection with an alleged theft of cash from a Boardman service station.

County planners study permits, zone requests

The Morrow County Planning Commission will meet Monday, May 23, in Heppner, to consider permits and zone changes involving property in Boardman, Lexington and Irrigon. The session is scheduled for the Morrow County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m.

Two applications from Orin Kloemper of Pendleton will be considered. Kloemper has applied for a zone change from farm residential to commercial on property at Irrigon.

A second application for a conditional use permit, on the same property, seeks approval of a drinking establishment in the proposed commercial zone.

Robert Duncan of Lexington

seeks a zone change from qualified farm to farm on approximately 10 acres.

Earl Trudeau of Boardman

seeks a conditional use permit to establish multi-family residences in what is now a farm zone.

Sheriff's Possee helps bike-a-thon

The Morrow County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Possee has agreed to help with the E.S.A. Million Dollar Bike Ride to be held June 4. The Sheriff's Possee will act as patrol to help persons who cannot complete the entire 20 miles' ride from Ruggs to Ione.

The posse will also warn motorists of approaching cyclists, helping to make the ride a safe one. The bike-a-thon will begin at 9 a.m. at Ruggs.

Alpha Theta officers, sponsors of the event, said they are glad to have the support of the posse in undertaking their first bike ride to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Alpha Theta of Heppner also announced that their sister chapter at Ione will act as co-sponsors of the bike ride.

R & W Drive-In will be giving a coupon, good for one free drink, to each participant

in the ride. There will also be prizes given to the oldest cyclist, youngest cyclist, largest family group and the person turning in the most money by June 15.

All persons turning in their sponsor sheets and money by June 15 will be eligible for a prize. The winner will be determined on June 16 by lot. St. Jude's is a research hospital for catastrophic childhood diseases. While it is most noted for its achievements in the field of leukemia, there is also research being done on the influenza virus.

Lisa Wasson visits parents

Lisa Wasson, who is attending Columbia Basin College at Pasco, was in Heppner Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth.

News Briefs

Lexington council meets

The Lexington City Council has scheduled a meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17. According to Lois M. Allyn, recorder, the purpose of the meeting is to work on the budget for 1977-1978.

Ione council Wednesday

A special meeting of the Ione City Council has been called for Wednesday, May 25, 8 p.m., to consider passage of an ordinance which would provide for the abatement of building nuisances, Elizabeth Ernst, recorder, reports. The public session will be held at City Hall in Ione.

Keene IHS president

Stuart Keene has been elected president of the student body at Ione High School for the coming year. He heads a slate of officers including Brian Rietmann, vice president; Jan Peterson, secretary; and Michelle McElligott, assistant secretary.

Cheerleaders elected this week are Natalie Tews, Carole McElligott, Kim Cofenas and Darci Rea.

Elks Calendar

Thursday, May 12 Lodge, 8 p.m. Initiation Ladies' Night Mother's Day Observance Dinner, 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 17 Senior Citizens, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 13 Happy Hour, 5-7 p.m.	Wednesday, May 18 Senior Citizens, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 14 Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Live Music	Thursday, May 19 Regular Lodge, 8 p.m. Fisherman's Night Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Men Only

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CBEC investment above average

The Oregon Rural Electric Co-op Associations Annual Tax Committee report for the calendar year of 1976 has been reviewed.

The total investment of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op of Heppner had reached \$8,182,678 as of Dec. 31. The investment per consumer-member (on the average) has now reached \$2,169.32 compared to the average of the ORECA systems of \$2,075.88, officials said.

The rate charged per kwh is 1.26 cents per kwh for Columbia Basin members compared to 1.32 cents for the average. Only 3 of the 13 other co-ops had a lower rate of charge per kwh for 1976.

The local co-op paid the least cost per kwh to BPA of any of the 14 co-ops in 1976. Good capacitance, good load balance, and good load factor are keys in keeping the costs of purchased power down.

Losses in getting the power from BPA to the consumer-member were low again in 1976 at 18 per cent less than the average of other systems in the state.

"Electric" margins as a percentage of revenue were nearly the highest at 13.62 per cent compared to 13.65 per cent at neighboring Wasco Electric Co-op.

Columbia Basin did not show much gain in new services added in 1976. Only Columbia Power Co-op added less new services for the year.

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