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## Weather By City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Oct. 20	58	26	
Wed., Oct. 21	54	28	
Thurs., Oct. 22	57	31	
Fri., Oct. 23	60	34	
Sat., Oct. 24	68	44	
Sun., Oct. 25	74	50	.01
Mon., Oct. 26	61	51	.05

## Six candidates vie for positions on Col. Basin Board



Kenneth Smouse



Harold Rietmann



Richard Graham



Dexter Miles



Randall Peterson



Bob Lankford

Six candidates are running for three positions on the Columbia Basin Board of Directors this year. All are for three year terms.

In the at large zone, zone three, Kenneth Smouse, the incumbent, is running against Harold Rietmann.

Smouse, who has been on the board for 33 years, is a wheat farmer near Lone.

On the controversial rate compromise that the board approved in July and then reaffirmed again last month, Smouse said the original study made by the co-op's rate analysts Minor and Minor should have been used.

Because of a farming acci-

dent, Smouse was not able to attend the last meeting of the board when the board upheld the adoption of the rate compromise.

"I was disappointed that we pay for the best consultants we can get, and we didn't accept them, and instead accepted one that was paid for by one group (large irrigators)," he says.

"I think all the board voted the way they felt they should have. We have a good manager, and this one problem has put an awful strain on him," Smouse concluded.

Running against Smouse for the zone three position is another lone wheat farmer,

Harold Rietmann.

Rietmann, 39, who has lived in Lone all of his life, said he was not familiar enough with the details of the rate compromise, or other areas of the co-op's business to accurately comment. "I would have to spend some time learning," he said. "I would be going into it (directorship) to learn."

In the other at large position, zone 4, Dexter Miles will be running against Richard Graham.

Graham, 51, is a forester. He has lived in Heppner since 1978 after moving here from Kinzua.

A seven-year member of the Columbia Power Electric Co-

op, and president of the board of directors at the time he moved to Heppner, Graham says increased power costs will be a big problem for the co-op in the future.

"Bonneville raises their rates and Columbia Basin must pass them on. We're going to have to pay for this WPPSS too. It will raise our rates," he says.

Dexter Miles, 42, is a rancher and farmer who has lived in the area since 1951.

"In our system the majority is not always right, but the majority does rule. If elected I will represent the majority of every class," said Miles.

In the Heppner Zone, Bob

Lankford is running against incumbent Randall Peterson.

Peterson, 52, has been on the board 15 years and is currently president. He is a Heppner jeweler.

"Things are going from bad to worse (with power rates)," says Peterson. "And it's not the staff's fault."

He says with the problems at the Washington Public Power Supply System, the cost of power to the co-op is going to go "up and up" in the future.

"If WPPSS would have been terminated, our rates would have doubled. We're locked into it now," he said.

Bob Lankford, 49, has been with Kinzua Corp. in Heppner for the past six years. He is assistant sales manager.

"If I'm elected I will be as fair and honest as I can be," he said.

On the rate compromise, Lankford said with the information he had, he would have chosen to use the original study commissioned by the board. "Under the circumstances I just can't see how they would have went the way they did," he said of the board.

Lankford said he was on the city planning commission for several years and is also a member of the Elks Lodge.

## M.C.G.G. to hold annual meeting Nov. 2

The Morrow County Grain Growers will hold their annual meeting next Monday, November 2, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Activities will start off with dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program to include guest speaker Dave Roseleip (see story this page), reports from officers, directors and associate directors, and a financial report from Steve Green of Green & Green Accountants of

Pendleton.

The dinner will be prepared by Willows Grange and there will be free baby sitting for those attending with children.

Also the nominating committee will present the following for election in the co-op: Directors: (3 year term) John Ledbetter, Gary Grieb, Lyle Peck and Mark Miller.

Assoc. Directors: (1 year term) Lee Padberg, Alvin McCabe, Jerry Dougherty, Charlie Anderson and Steve Wagonblast.

## Spokane banker to be featured speaker at M.C.G.G. meeting

Featured guest speaker at this year's Morrow County Grain Growers annual meeting Monday, November 2 will be Spokane banker Dave Roseleip.

Dave Roseleip was raised in the Flathead Valley of Western Montana on a dairy and diversified farm. He obtained a degree in Agricultural Economics from Montana State University in 1972. Following active duty in the Air National Guard, he joined the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane and has been with the bank for eight years.

Mr. Roseleip currently is assistant vice president for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane. In this capacity, he develops and manages financially related services for borrowers of the Production Credit Associations and administers related research activities at the bank.

The Production Credit Associations provided over 1.2 billion dollars of short- and intermediate-term credit to farmers and ranchers in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon during 1980.

Roseleip is also active in several other organizations, including the Spokane Jaycees where he was president in 1976 and the American Agricultural Economics Association and Toastmasters International. Between 1978 and 1980, he was a participant in the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Foundation, a two-year program of concentrated study on agriculture and related issues. In 1980, participants of the program toured the Pacific Rim countries of China, Japan, Taiwan and Indonesia to study cultures and agriculture.

The annual meeting will be held at the fair grounds in Heppner. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

## Eucon Corp. wins low bid on Willow Creek Dam project

A Pasco, Wash. company, Eucon Corp., was apparent low bidder, with \$14,994,762.20, for construction of the Willow Creek dam near Heppner, the US Army Corps of Engineers announced last week.

A total of 11 bids were received by the Corps, ranging from Eucon's to a high of \$20,616,726, by a Massachusetts company.

Government estimates predicted that the cost of the dam would be \$17,264,949.

"We were pleased with the number of bids that came in," said Doug Dugger of the Corps. He said the bids were lower than expected. "I guess there's a lot of people out there looking for work right now. There were a lot of big

companies bidding."

A spokesman for Eucon said Monday, his company is primarily a road building firm, but the Willow Creek dam will be built with much of the same equipment and technique as used for road construction.

Phil Owen, company treasurer, told the Gazette-Times that his company, is presently working on a \$10 million freeway project at Zilla, Wash, and a \$7.5 million project in Pocatello, Idaho.

He says Eucon has done work on both the Pendleton and Hermiston airports, and the company is parent company of L.W. Vail with offices in Hermiston and Pendleton, which is one of the major paving contractors in the state.

Dugger said the Corps has up to 45 days to review the bid, "and see if it is a good one," before it gives the go-ahead for construction. He said the company has 10 days from the date of approval to begin work.

The main construction of the

dam is supposed to be completed by June 30, 1983, with final details finished by October of 1983.

Owen said the company plans to use two shifts of about 15 people each to build the dam. He said the workers will be crushing and hauling rock

to the dam site. The dam will be built on cemented treated aggregate, and rolled similar to highway construction, said Owen.

Rounding out the top three bidders on the project:

M.A. Segale Inc., Tukwila, WA - \$14,450,770, second.

## School System to circulate questionnaire

A questionnaire asking opinions of the Morrow County School System will be arriving in the mail "very soon", the school district has announced.

At its last meeting the board voted to send out the questionnaires, which will include 25 questions "covering the whole range" of school activities, says Superintendent Matt Doherty.

The questionnaire will be mailed to all district patrons, the board said October 19, and when filled out may be dropped off at any of the district's schools, or mailed to the district office in Lexington.

In other business at the

October 19 meeting, the board:

- learned from the superintendent that basic school support was likely to be lower this year than expected, because of expected shortfall of revenue at the state level;

- reviewed a policy that would spell out child abuse cases, which the schools are required by law to report;

- appointed a dress code committee of Ken Broadbent, Gene Bennett, Claudia Hughes, Rikka Tews, Sue Gibbons, Neil King, three principals and four teachers to review the district's dress policy. Students came to last month's board meeting asking

that the code be reviewed;

- heard that an electrical survey of district buildings would be undertaken to study how the district might conserve electricity;

- accepted the resignation of Howard Crowell, maintenance man at Lone. Crowell has been with the district 14 years and is moving out of the area;

- hired Marlene Davidson as a part-time kindergarten teacher at Lone;

- appointed Brent Eggers annual advisor at Heppner High; and

- learned that Marvin Peterson has withdrawn his resignation as annual advisor at Lone High School.

## Six Co. Search & Rescue men aid in hunt

Six area men, members of the Morrow County Search and Rescue Posse, were called Monday, Oct. 26 to aid in a search launched for a 21 year-old mentally retarded Walla Walla man, Keith Zunkers, lost in the Mill Creek Water Shed area, (about 50 miles north of Pendleton) said Jim Launer Sr., Heppner, coordinator for the posse.

The local men, Dan McBride, David Winters, Richard Olson, Art Warren, Paul Fortenberry, all of Heppner and Paul Erickson of Irrigon are involved in the search, said Launer. The Umatilla Co. Sheriff's Dept., Umatilla Co.

Search and Rescue, members of the U.S. Forest Service, Boy Scouts, and the Wallow County Search and Rescue among

looking for Zunkers, lost since Saturday, Oct. 24 after being separated from his group while on an outing from a group home in Walla Walla. Launer said the Mill Creek Water Shed area is very rough terrain, making the search difficult.

The area men spent Monday night in Milton-Freewater and were to return Tuesday night,

## Heppner merchants ready for Thurs. night Moonlight Sale



Rhonda Wishart of Murray's Drug makes ready a display for the Moonlight Sale this Thursday night, October 29, beginning at 7 p.m.

Stores will be offering discount prices during the sale, and those participating are: Coles House of Fashion, Murray Drug, Gardner's Men's Wear, Shoe Box, LeBush,

Market, and Peterson's Jewelers. In addition to good buys, shoppers can sample carmel apples by the Soroptomist Club, browse at a garage sale by the Cub Scouts at Ron McDonald Chevrolet, featuring hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate, and purchase baked goods from a booth by the Christian Life Group.

## Col. Basin to hold 37th annual meeting November 5

The 37th annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op will be held at the Isobel Edwards building in Fossil on Thursday, November 5.

Registration begins at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 and the business meeting starting at 7 p.m.

The meeting is for the purpose of electing three directors (see story this page) for a three year term, a ballot on proposed by-law revisions

in the clarification of nominees for director, and the disposition of unclaimed Capital Credits, and for the transaction of any other business to come before this meeting, the co-op has announced.

Ballots and annual reports of the Co-op have already been sent to co-op members. The members may vote by mailing their ballots or bringing them to the meeting in Fossil.