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Weather

By City of Heppner

		High	Low	Precip
Tues.	Nov. 24	40	30	
Wed.	Nov. 25	44	30	.10
Thurs.	Nov. 26	37	31	.22
Fri.	Nov. 27	43	21	Trace Snow
Sat.	Nov. 28	42	27	
Sun.	Nov. 29	42	32	Trace
Mon.	Nov. 30	48	36	.17

Normal Nov. precip is 1.49. This year the Nov. precip. was 1.77.

Local man donates tree as community Christmas present



Columbia Basin Co-op workers place a Christmas tree on Heppner's Main St. The tree was donated by Pat O'Brien of Heppner.

Comments requested on proposed soil and water conservation program

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced an opportunity for people to comment on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposed soil and water conservation program. The program features expanded roles for local and state governments and the targeting of USDA dollars and personnel to conserving critical resources in problem areas.

People who are interested in the proposed program, or potentially affected by it, are invited to comment. Responses will be accepted through January 15, 1982. Response forms are available at the Soil Conservation Service or ASCS offices in Heppner.

The proposed program would concentrate more USDA assistance in areas where soil erosion and other problems threaten to reduce agricultural productive capacity and to increase agricultural production costs, according to Guy Nutt, state conservationist. Soil Conservation Service (SCS) Basic USDA technical and financial assistance would continue in all areas.

The program would use local and state conservation coordinating boards to identify critical problem areas, set priorities, and develop programs for local and state action to solve the problems. These boards would be based on existing organizations—

conservation district boards, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committees, extension advisory boards, and other groups.

Based on the recommendation from these local and state boards and national priorities, more USDA assistance would be aimed at reducing the most serious soil erosion and related problems.

The program is the department's proposed response to the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (RCA). Details of the proposed program, as well as two other alternatives are available at SCS and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices in Heppner.

Corps employs blasting consultants

The Corps of Engineers has recently employed Harold W. Sheeran, owner of Blasting and Vibration Consultants, Inc. (BVC) to make pre-blast surveys of homes located near the dam.

About 25 homes on Alfalfa and Cowins streets and Willow Creek Road will be surveyed, said Sheeran.

The purpose of the surveys,

said Sheeran, is to document the condition of the homes before any blasting work begins. When the blasting does begin, BVC will take seismograph readings in the residential areas previously surveyed to record vibrations. The seismograph readings will be used to regulate future blasting vibration in those areas, Sheeran added.

The Cheney, Washington based company began conducting surveys Tuesday, Nov. 24 and were to be finished by Wednesday, Dec. 2 or Thursday, Dec. 3.

Pre-blast drilling may begin next week, said Donald R. Johnson, resident engineer for the Corps. The blasting will start about mid-December and run through approximately

June. Johnson continued. There will probably be one blast per week, he added.

Johnson also stated that Eucon Corp. prime contractor on the dam, has moved in trailers and some equipment. Surveyors are beginning to develop a quarry sight and are preparing to begin crushing aggregate, he added.

Carolyn Cole to replace Ray Boyce on BMCC budget comm.

The Blue Mountain Community College board of directors has named Carolyn Cole, Heppner, to replace Ray Boyce, also of Heppner, on the college's budget committee. Mrs. Cole is owner-manager of Cole's House of Fashion in Heppner. She has served both on the Heppner City Planning Commission and on the Heppner City Council. It was announced at the Nov. 18 board meeting.

Tuition rates at Blue Mountain Community College will rise about 15 percent next school year as a result of BMCC board action at the meeting.

Next year, in-district tuition charged to residents of Umatilla and Morrow counties will

go from \$13 per credit hour to \$15. Tuition for students coming to BMCC outside the two-county area will rise from \$17 per credit to \$22. Students from outside Oregon will pay \$60 next year compared with \$50 per credit, said a college spokesperson.

Full-time college students will pay \$180 in tuition per quarter if they live in the college district. Full-time students from out-of-district and out-of-state students will rise to \$264 and \$720 per quarter, respectively.

In addition to raising the tuition rate, the board also authorized a one-half cent hike in the amount of equalization paid to in-district students who reside more than 10 miles from the Pendleton campus.

The new equalization rate is four cents a mile and will add about \$10,040 to equalization payments. Total cost for equalization payments in 1980-81 were \$70,285.

"The geographical spread of the district makes a difference in students' ability to avail themselves of the opportunities on the Pendleton campus," was the statement made by Tim Mabry, chairman of the board from Hermiston, concerning the philosophy behind the equalization payments.

The board voted to keep mileage reimbursement payments to people traveling on college business at its current rate of 18.5 cents per mile.

The board adopted an agreement drafted by college

lone area experiences electrical outage

lone area residents may have gotten a surprise Tuesday morning, Dec. 1 when they woke up. Apparently many alarm clocks across town and in rural homes were not ringing. An electrical outage throughout the lone area began at 2:45 a.m. when

the wind kicked a breaker at the substation near lone, said Bill Gentry of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. Power was restored at 4:22 a.m., he added.

Electricity was also out in the Olex area for a short time Tuesday night. A broken conductor, also caused by the

wind was to blame, Gentry said.

Fair & Rodeo court tryouts to be Dec. 13

All girls who will be 16 by the time of the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo and are interested in trying out for a position on the court as princess should be at the Morrow Co. Rodeo grounds on Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. Girls should bring their parents and their horse.

Christmas lighting contest slated

As the Christmas season quickly approaches, Christmas lights and decorations begin to appear and area residents prepare for the annual Christmas lighting and decorating contest, sponsored by the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. This year's contest will

include three home categories: unlighted, outdoor lighted and indoor as seen from the street. First, second and third prizes will be awarded. Area businesses and churches will also be judged for awards. All displays will be judged Sunday, Dec. 20.

Grahams honored at Roast & Toast

Claude and Happy Graham were the guests of honor at a Roast and Toast ceremony held in their honor at the Heppner Elk's Lodge Nov. 21.

Dr. Wallace Wolff acted as master of ceremonies for the evening which honored Claude for his many years of service to the lodge.

Graham was presented a

royal purple blanket with the Elk's emblem on it and a silver belt buckle, also bearing the Elk's emblem was presented to him from Ed and Rachel Dick of Heppner. He also received a certificate of merit from the Oregon State Elk's Association for 48 years of membership.

Baxter Black, DVM to be featured speaker at Farm-City banquet

By JOHN NORDHEIM
Extension Agent

The featured speaker for the December 11 Farm-City Banquet will be Baxter Black, DVM. Dr. Black will speak at the 7 p.m. roast beef dinner to be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Anyone from the "Farm or City" is most welcome to attend this annual event

sponsored by the Morrow County Livestock Growers Assoc. and the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$6 at the door (which is just inside the "attitude adjustment area"). Hosts for the special hour are:

Northwest PCA, Pendleton PCA, and the Federal Landbank.

Dr. Black is a veterinary consultant for Wellcome Ani-



Baxter Black, DVM

mal Health Division, manufacturers of animal vaccines, biologicals and pharmaceuticals. Before joining Burroughs Wellcome in 1980, Baxter was a veterinarian for the Simplot Livestock Company.

In the past three years, he has spoken to many state and local livestock associations

and other groups across the U.S. His "cowboy" philosophy, poetry, and humor make his talks entertaining as well as informative. Rumor has it that he also writes songs, and does a little bit of singing.

Dr. Black's column, "On the Edge of Common Sense" appears weekly in several market papers, and he also is the author of a book entitled, "The Cowboy and His Dog" or "Go, Git in the Pickup." Copies of his book are on sale at Gardners Mens Wear and Murrays Drug, both in Heppner. Baxter also narrates and appears in "The Working Cowboy," a film about life in the cattle industry, sponsored by a division of the Burroughs Wellcome Company.

You will find that Dr. Black's philosophy, poetry, and humor make his talks entertaining, as well as informative.

Mr. & Mrs. Claus come to town for Xmas Opening



Amber O'Donnell, 6, (R) and sister Katie, 2 1/2 of Portland with Mrs. Santa Claus.



Lonnie Rill, 2, Heppner (L) and Donnie Pointer, 3 of Lexington explain to Santa what they would like for Christmas.

Santa made his annual Christmas Opening trip to downtown Heppner via fire-truck Saturday, Nov. 26 to give out candy canes and listen to the Christmas wishes of children. Another special

North Pole visitor, Mrs. Claus was also on hand to visit with children.

Santa will make another appearance at the Heppner Post Office on Saturday, Dec. 19. Santa's arrival time will

be announced at a later date.

Also in conjunction with the Christmas Opening, Heppner merchants began keeping their shops open until 7 p.m. every week night until Christmas for convenient shopping.