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Weather By City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip All snow
Tues., Jan. 5	29	2	.03
Wed., Jan. 6	22	6	0
Thurs., Jan. 7	43	14	0
Fri., Jan. 8	47	27	0
Sat., Jan. 9	42	26	0
Sun., Jan. 10	41	23	trace
Mon., Jan. 11	45	29	.01

Project update

Dam site a busy sight



Two shifts of workers operate the aggregate crusher

Columbia Basin hires rate study consultant

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op's board of directors met last Thursday and hired the firm of Black and Veatch of Kansas City, Mo. to perform a rate increase study.

Black and Veatch was chosen after three bids were discussed at a board meeting December 23. The company expects to have the rate study completed by March 31, at a cost of about \$19,000, said Fred Toombs, co-op manager.

Columbia Basin is expecting a large cost increase in wholesale power from Bonneville Power Administration as well as unknown costs derived from the co-op's 0.4 percent share in the Washington Public Power Supply System's

two unfinished nuclear plants, Toombs added.

Black and Veatch will work with co-op board members and an advisory committee which was appointed by the board, to determine how new rate increases should be imposed. Increases could range from 50 to 100 percent, depending on the fate of the two plants.

Co-op consumers received a 15 percent increase in November to cover expected costs from a plan to "mothball" the two nuclear plants. However, the board agreed Thursday to drop the mothballing plan, said Toombs. "We'll just have to wait and see what happens," he concluded.

Heppner student named 'CO-ED' correspondent

Kim George Heppner, has been named "CO-ED" correspondent for the 1981-82 school year, according to an announcement by Kathy Gogick, editorial director of "CO-ED-FORECAST" magazines. "CO-ED," published nationally by Scholastic Inc., for home economics students, contains features on personal development, careers and consumer awareness as well as the latest trends in fashion, food, beauty, and home furnishings.

Kim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kit George of Heppner. She is a seventh grade student at Heppner Junior High and a part of the Occupational Versatilities in

Homemaking program. She was appointed correspondent by Liz Curtis, her home economics teacher.

Kim was selected for her qualities of leadership and the quality of work she does in Home Economics, said Curtis. She will serve as a junior advisor to "CO-ED" editors. Like the other "CO-ED" correspondents throughout the United States and Canada, she will keep the editors informed of activities at her school.

This is the second year Heppner Jr. High has been selected to participate in the program. Last year Dana Reid was chosen correspondent for the publication.



Kim George

Morrow Co. may lose prisoner space from Umatilla Co. Jail

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Because of lawsuits being brought against Umatilla County Jail, Morrow County may lose what little space is currently available for its prisoners, Judge Don McElligott told Morrow County Court last Wednesday, Jan. 6. This decision was made to allow more capacity for the remaining prisoners, the Umatilla County Commission told Morrow County Court in a recent correspondence.

Public sentiment received from within the county is for

Morrow to stay away from the Umatilla County Jail and go ahead and build its own facility, said McElligott. This would mean using the bond issue money from the state which will be voted on in May, he continued.

In other business, Morrow County Court:

— heard the minutes for December.

— read the monthly treasurer's report for December.

— approved a tax refund for \$294.

— signed two orders to transfer funds from the Gen-

eral Fund into Mental Health and the Road Department.

— moved to make a maintenance agreement on the copy machine in the district attorney's office.

— agreed to hold an organizational meeting for the county budget committee on January 13.

— heard the weekly road report from Don Briggs of the Public Works Dept. As of Jan. 6, 37 requests for specifications had been received for the construction of the county maintenance shop, said Briggs.

Annual livestock seminar to be held January 18

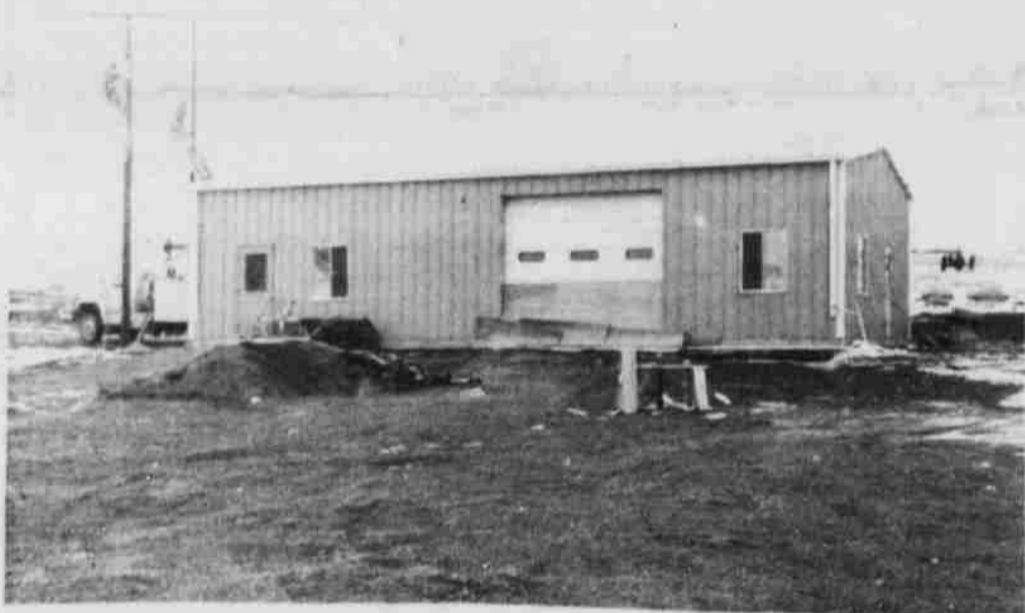
The annual animal health review and cow-calf nutrition seminar will be held Monday, January 18, at the Heppner fairgrounds annex, 7:30 p.m.

and calf nutrition cycles and possible feed rations. John P. Nordheim, Morrow County Extension agent, will talk about production records and testing. Speakers will be available for questions.

Featured speakers will be Norden Stefanides DVM from Hermiston, and Dr. Michael Mehren, nutrition consultant from Hermiston. Dr. Stefanides discussion will cover new drugs and vaccines pertinent to the livestock industry, and new health care techniques. Dr. Mehren will address cow

The annual seminar is sponsored by both the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association and the Morrow County Extension office.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided by the First Interstate Bank of Heppner.



A new lab building for concrete, rock and soil testing

Two sentenced in Morrow County Court last week

Two men, Michael Bruce Wilson, 31 of Salem and Jack Scott Donovan, 22 of Boardman were sentenced in Morrow County Court last Wednesday, January 6, reports District Attorney Ann Spicer.

Wilson was charged with burglary in the first degree and theft in the second degree on October 22 and was sentenced last week to two years probation, \$250 fine, ordered to pay \$350 attorneys fees, 100 hours of community

service and 13 days in jail with credit given for time previously served.

Donovan was found guilty on November 4 after being charged with delivery of a controlled substance.

He was sentenced to three years probation, \$1,000 fine, 30 days in the Umatilla County Jail and a mental health evaluation.

In other news, Spicer reports:

John Walter Wells Jr., 25 of Boardman was arrested and charged with burglary in the

first degree, theft in the second degree and theft in the first degree.

The charge of burglary in the first degree was reduced to burglary in the second degree. Wells pled guilty to the second degree burglary and first degree theft charges. He is currently awaiting a presentence.

Pamela Vail Maddern, 28 of Rock Springs, Wyoming was charged with custodial interference. She was placed on diversion for nine months.

Morrow County 1981 gross farm sales top \$100 million

By BOB COSTA
Morrow County
Extension Agent

Morrow County annual gross farm sales topped \$100 million for the first time. The estimated 1981 gross agricultural income for the county was \$105,773,000 - up 16 percent from last year.

A mild winter and timely early summer rain contributed to a record wheat crop; Morrow County's leading agricultural commodity with gross sales of \$42 million. Morrow County ranks second in Oregon, behind Umatilla County in total grain sales.

Potato acreage increases coupled with high prices for some early potatoes resulted in a gross income of \$33

million, compared to \$27 million for last year's crop.

Increased acreage and farm sales of barley, dry beans, and corn for grain also contributed to Morrow County's record breaking year.

Alfalfa producers, however, did not have a good year, with yield, acreage, and prices all down. Alfalfa gross farm sales in 1981 were \$6.7 million, down from last year's \$8.5 million.

Although an increase in the number of livestock marketed pushed livestock sales above last year's level, many livestock producers experienced a net loss. Morrow County ranchers showed gross livestock sales of \$9 million in 1981. Livestock producers faced low prices all year

along with increased production costs which put the livestock industry into a profit squeeze.

Despite the record farm income, 1981 was not outstanding for farm profit. Farm costs increased 6.5 percent and prices received by farmers were down 9.2 percent from 1980. Taking a bigger bite were increased costs for interest, energy, equipment, labor, and supplies.

Gross farm income estimates are prepared annually for Morrow County by Oregon State University Extension agents in Heppner and Hermiston, in cooperation with Stan Miles, OSU Extension economist.



Heppner's new water tank is under construction

Work on the Willow Creek Dam is rapidly progressing as aggregate is being crushed, a diversion ditch is being formed, the new water tank is going up, huge bridge supports are being placed; to name only a few of the many activities at the dam site.

New corp offices have been set up and a new lab building for testing concrete, soil and rock has been erected.

Presently, Eucon Corp. and its sub contractors have about 32 field workers employed, said Bill Roberts, project supervisor for Eucon.

The crusher is running two shifts and aggregate is being stock piled according to its size. Roller compacted concrete will begin being laid by May 1 and the dam structure will have reached a height of 1990 ft. above sea level by May 21, said two spokesmen for the Corp.

Spicer announces candidacy

Morrow County District Attorney Ann Spicer has announced that she will run for a full term as district attorney in the May primary election. Spicer has sent her statement of candidacy to Secretary of State Norma

Paulus.

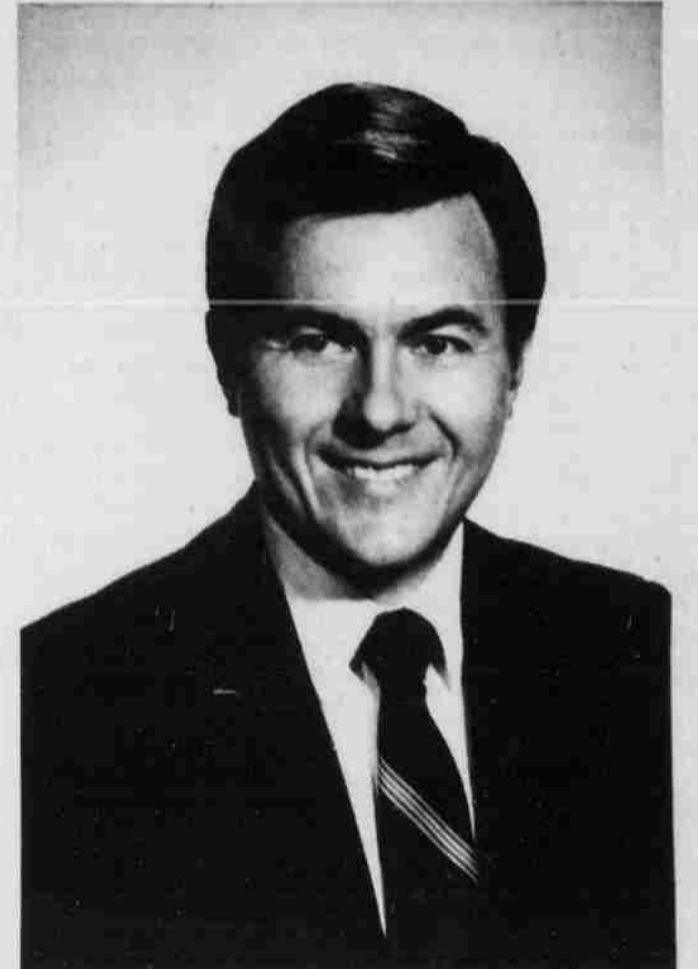
In 1980 Gov. Vic Atiyeh appointed Spicer, then deputy district attorney to replace Dennis Doherty, who resigned to open a private practice in Hermiston. Her appointment will end Dec. 31, 1982.

Gazette-Times correspondent retires

Frances Rose Wilson of Irriagon has recently resigned as Irriagon news correspondent for the Gazette-Times.

Wilson resigned after 16 years of employment with the

New manager takes over at Boardman bank



Richard Slinchak

Active in community organizations, Slinchak is finance chairman for the Union County Economic Development Area. He received the 1981 President's Service Award from the Union County Chamber of Commerce for outstanding success with the annual chamber membership drive. Slinchak is a graduate of the University of Hartford in Connecticut.

Richard Slinchak has been promoted to manager of U.S. National Bank of Oregon's Boardman Branch, according to Alan L. Hollowell, senior vice president and eastern region manager.

Slinchak most recently was assistant manager of the bank's La Grande Branch. He joined the bank in 1974 and has served in several positions at U.S. Bank branches in Bend and Redmond.