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Weather

by the City of Heppner

December 24-30				
	High	Low	Precip.	Snow
Tues.	21	16	0	2 1/4"
Wed.	20	14	0	2 1/4"
Thurs.	20	14	0	2 1/4"
Fri.	20	13	T	2 1/4"
Sat.	21	13	0	2 1/4"
Sun.	27	17	0	2
Mon.	21	16	0	2

## Winning ticket holder of teams' fundraiser get shot at half court Big winner sets New Year off with bang



Dance Team members, Shelly Biddle (left) and Tammy Hays.

Gene Orwick of Lexington got a bit of a before-dinner surprise Monday night—\$50,000 worth.

After buying two lottery tickets at Del's Market in Lexington, Gene went home, gave one ticket to his wife, Donna, and sat down to scratch one himself.

"I scratched a couple off and was hoping for an entry winner (which would have put him into spinning the lottery wheel)," Orwick said Tuesday. He said at first he didn't notice that he'd hit the big prize, a winner on \$25,000.

"I guess I'll be going down to Salem to collect," he said.

## Ione UCC plans special Epiphany celebration

The Ione United Church of Christ is planning a very special celebration of Epiphany on Sunday, Jan. 5. Epiphany, which is actually on January 6, is the day to commemorate the coming of the Wise Men to honor the newborn Christ.

Sunday School classes resume January 5 at 9:45. The worship, at 11 a.m., will include a sermon on the Epiphany and Holy Communion. For the coffee hour after the service, everyone is invited to bring fruit to share, as is the custom in Puerto Rico. A thirty-minute movie of Henry Van Dyke's story, "The Other

Wise Man" will be shown. Other refreshments will include Kings' Cakes, a tradition of France. Each serving of cake contains a small token that symbolizes the person's fortune for the new year. As we sing the last carols of the season, the decorations of Christmas will be taken down and stored with care.

Epiphany is the twelfth day after Christmas, and many countries have interesting traditions to observe this festive close of the holiday season. Everyone is invited to join in the Ione U.C.C. celebration.

## Policeman to speak on Block program

Merle Cowett, Heppner Police officer, will be guest speaker at the Heppner Parents Club, Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school. He will speak on Heppner's recently organized Block Home program and will be available for

questions. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

For more information call Marcia Kemp, Chris Adeleman or April Hilton-Sykes.

## All Saints worship times change, church meeting set

Rev. Izzett announced two changes of worship service times which will begin January 9, 1986. There will be a service of prayer and healing Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. There will also be a service of Evening prayer each Thursday at 4 p.m. The Wednesday services will be discontinued until after Easter. The Bishop's committee will meet this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The

acolytes and catechism class will resume their meetings on Monday, Jan. 6 at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. Izzett also announces the Annual All Church Meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 12, beginning with a potluck which will follow the morning worship service. Altar Guild will meet Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 12. Members are asked to bring a bag lunch.

## ASCS, SCS and Extension to be relocated

The ASCS, SCS and Extension offices in Heppner will be closed Thursday and Friday, Jan. 2 and 3, so that they may move to new offices at 430 Heppner Lexington Highway, announced Judy Buscke, ASCS

director. "Hopefully we will be open for business on Monday," she said, "but moving will continue Monday if not completed on Friday."

Buscke said that an open house is planned at a later date.

## French to speak at Jan. 7 Woodlands Assoc. meeting

The Morrow County Private Woodlands Association will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Elks Lodge in Heppner. The social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. The meal will be a top sirloin at \$7.50 per person. As always, spouses and others are invited to attend, said Maurice Mitchell, Extension Area forester.

Raymond French, State Representative from District 59, will be the guest speaker for the meeting. Ray will talk to the group on the impact of the most recent legislative session on the private woodland owner and the issues that may be presented on the private biennial session. "Some of the most import-

ant factors that affect the management of any land are the laws, rules and regulations that govern the landowners options for management. This is an opportunity for you to find out what is happening and to communicate your thoughts to your state representative," said Mitchell.

Also on the agenda will be the election of the members to the board of directors. Following the meeting, the board of directors will decide which members will assume the duties of the officers for the upcoming year.

Please contact the Extension Office in Heppner (676-9642) no later than noon on Monday, Jan. 6 if you plan to attend so we can tell the Elks how many to plan for.

## Hospital to add physical therapy services

Pioneer Memorial Hospital, in cooperation with St. Anthony Hospital, will be offering Physical Therapy Services on a trial basis beginning Monday, Jan. 6 announced hospital administrator, John Hempel.

New services offered will include "active and passive range of motion," "ultrasound," and

"manual resistance" and "hot-packs."

Ms. Jo Young, or her staff, will be at Pioneer Memorial Hospital between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to perform these services. Those wishing to schedule appointments are asked to please contact Pioneer Memorial Hospital at least 24 hours beforehand, said Hempel.

## Local students receive honors

Thirty-eight Blue Mountain Community College students, including Claudia Huston of Heppner, received a perfect 4.0 grade point average during fall term which reflects a straight A report in all courses taken by the student.

In addition to the straight A students, another 135 are listed on the fall term honor roll. Students on the dean's list numbered 173. Students receiving a 3.5 or better are eligible for the college honor roll and those with a 3.0 to 3.5 earn a place on the dean's list.

To earn a spot on either list, a

student must be carrying a full-time load of classes which translates to 12 graded credit hours. Students may not have received an F in any class to be so honored nor does a pass grade count in the 12 graded hours necessary to be included in either list.

Included on the honor roll are Marti Baker and Michael Bergstrom, both of Heppner.

Those having achieved the dean's list are Steve Currin, Heppner, Carla Morter, Ione and Annette Wilgers, Heppner.

By Shelly Biddle

Now that Christmas is over and it's time to go back to school the Heppner High athletic teams are preparing for a big game this

Saturday night, with the girls starting at 6 p.m., and the boys approximately 7:30.

"Not only can you come support your team, but also have a chance to take home \$100," The Heppner High

Dance Team and Booster Club will be taking donations of 75 cents at the games Saturday. Each donation give you a ticket which will be drawn from a hat at half-time of the boys' game. If your ticket is drawn you

will have a chance to attempt a shot at half-court. If the shoot is made, you just won yourself \$100.

So come support the Mustangs and Fillies and try for a chance to win "big bucks."

## Noella Rill earns second in national essay contest



Noella Rill

Sandra Rill of Heppner is currently chapter reporter and district secretary of FFA. She also maintains a sheep project and has been active in class government.

Her award winning essay follows: "The Future of Farming"

I have this recurring nightmare. I am in school, and the teacher announces that a big assignment is due today. Not only am I unprepared, but I can't even remember getting the assignment in the first place! Of course, I get no sympathy from the teacher or the other students. They did their homework; I didn't. Ignorance is no excuse. The day of reckoning has arrived.

While this is only a dream for me, fifteen percent of America's farmers are experiencing a similar, living nightmare. All their lives they have worked hard, doing the best job they knew how. Suddenly, they are discovering that the rules of the game have changed drastically!

It is easy to see why agriculture is very important in today's life. Agriculture exports are the largest earners of foreign exchange. Every farm worker creates a job for five additional people—people who produce the things farmers need, transport farm products, and eventually market the products. Agriculture is directly related to steel production, food processing plants, consumption of goods, exports, and the easing of world hunger. America provides more food-aid to hungry nations than all other countries combined.

One may ask, "If farmers are so valuable, why then are more farmers going under now than ever before?" "Who is to blame and what needs to be done?"

Who's the blame? The President, Congress, Federal Reserve, United States Department of Agriculture, Farmer's Home Administration, Extension Service, commodity traders, land speculators, ag lenders, unions, foreign governments, and of course the farmers themselves.

Agriculture is undergoing the most radical changes since the industrial revolution. Our country began as a nation of self-sufficient farmers. By the middle of the

twentieth century, laborers were the largest group in the work force. Today "information workers" outnumber all others in the United States.

Along with the trend toward information workers has come the collapse of many farm machinery companies, a continual decline in the number of farms, deflation of land values, and the apparent need of a modern farmer with up-to-date information skills.

It is apparent that the traditional family farm cannot be preserved by any amount of protests or politics if it is not economically viable. Today's farmer cannot afford to set back and wait for things to get better or for the government to bail him out with massive government subsidies. Credit relief is not a solution in itself. Debt restructuring may buy enough time for the farmer to regain control but some place down the road, enough profit must be generated to service all the debts. The stakes are high; the margin for error is thin.

What can the farmer do? It certainly isn't going to do any good to just hope conditions will improve. Farmers must improve themselves, sharpen their management and marketing skills.

## New pastor arrives at Methodist

The congregation of the Heppner United Methodist Church will receive their new pastor, the Rev. Don Boyce, and his wife, Dianne, on Sunday morning, Jan. 5.

Bishop Calvin McConnell of the Oregon-Idaho Conference has appointed the Rev. Boyce to pastor the Heppner Church with the advent of the New Year. His topic for the 10:30 a.m. worship service will be, "Arise, and go!" from the second

The family farms that survive will be anything but traditional. Farmers will have to continually be doing their homework and not just when the weather is too bad to farm. Agriculture will depend much more on information as a vital raw material to manage risk and reduce costs.

Time was when farmers learned by doing. Firsthand experience is still a good teacher, but agriculture is so technical now that thousands of schools, colleges, and extension services instruct farmers in the modern principles of food production. Today not only do farmers need to be skilled in agriculture, but they must also be familiar with veterinary science, mechanics, accounting, and politics.

Agriculture is still and always will be an essential field, for without this ancient practices of producing food, human survival itself would be in jeopardy. That's why the value of farmers to society is beyond compare.

A prominent part of American agriculture has been farmers putting new ideas into practice. Opportunities to become a pioneer in agriculture are plentiful even now. This country and the rest of the world, needs these modern pioneers.

## Port sets meeting date

A Port of Morrow Commission meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Port of Morrow office, No. 1, Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon.

## Propane tank fire does \$100 damage

A Christmas eve fire in Heppner did a \$100 damage when a propane tank at the State Road Department shop caught.

It took 13 firemen and three fire trucks to put out the blaze.