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## Local woman finds rodeoing very satisfying

Joan Eckman was a very busy woman this summer. Joan is shown in the accompanying picture with the three saddles she won while traveling the rodeo circuit with her sister Maureen Healy Crossley and her brother-in-law Shane Crossley, who also rodeo.

Joan won a saddle from the N.W.R.A. (Northwest Rodeo Association) donated by Jack and Melba Beers, Rufus, and also a buckle; a saddle and buckle for winning the I.C.A. (Idaho Cowboys Association); and a saddle from the W.R.A. (Washington Rodeo Association).

Joan is mounted on Miss Moon Dimmer (Dimmer), a nine year-old mare that was raised on her parents ranch, and was trained solely by her.

This summer Joan traveled to over 60 rodeos and logged around 40,000 miles while participating in rodeos in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. She didn't know until the last couple of weeks that she would win the N.W.R.A. and W.R.A. saddles, the competition was so tough. "There were about 15 very good horses competing this year, any one of which could have won," Joan was quoted as saying.



Joan Eckman

Two weeks ago, Joan attended the PRCA (Pro Rodeo Cowboys Rodeo Association) Circuit Finals in Central Point and won 4th in the average

In the barrels Joan collected more prizes last Saturday when she attended the Columbia Basin Circuit Banquet that was held in Pendleton.

## City is wearing new blue uniforms



Gary Bingham, Doug Rathbun and Merle Cowett are shown wearing the new navy blue city police uniforms.

## Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa will be making his appearance in Heppner this Saturday, November 28.

He will be arriving at Les Schwab Tires around 1 p.m. on board a fire

engine, and he will be prepared to take his annual requests for Christmas. Santa will also be handing out candy canes to the good girls and boys.

## Guess the Santa's

Do you know who is behind the Santa beards? If you do, or want to take a guess you may be the winner of valuable prizes from

local businesses. Look inside for rules to the "Who is Ol' St. Nick" contest.



## Legal problems caused by cutbacks in Circuit Court Clerk's office

Cut backs in staff at the Circuit Court Clerk's office in Heppner is causing legal problems in Morrow County, says local attorney Bill Kuhn.

Since September, staff at the Circuit Court office has been reduced from two to one person, and that's not enough to keep the office open full-time and serve the public, says Kuhn.

He says the legal problems caused when the office is closed was demonstrated recently in a local wife abuse case.

It seems a local woman was being abused by her husband, and attempting to obtain a restraining order against him, found that the Circuit Court office, which issues the orders, was closed, even though it was during business hours. Kuhn

says the incident was brought to him out of frustration by a local minister trying to help the woman. It brings to a head the problems the staff cut back has caused, says Kuhn.

"There have been instances where the office has been closed for three days in a row," says Kuhn. "There is no one there. The phone goes unanswered, and the mail is not picked up. It is not good for Morrow County to lose this service," Kuhn said.

Up until September of this year the office had been staffed by two persons. One left Heppner, and Lynn Cutrell the court administrator in Pendleton decided as a budget cutting measure, not to fill the vacant position.

Cutrell apparently based that decision on a three-hour visit to the office in September, Kuhn said in a let-

ter he has written to the state court administrator and the Chief Justice of Oregon.

Kuhn acknowledged that the county clerks office in Heppner has been "helping out" with paper work and other duties when the circuit court office is unmanned, but he says this could be dangerous. "If she (county clerk) makes a mistake, she may have subjected herself and the county to liability for her volunteer efforts."

"I have practiced in Heppner 10 years and until recently there has been no problem with closure of the court clerk's office. I have no explanation as to why the court administrator cannot make arrangements to keep the office open regular business days. Certainly, the citizens of Morrow County are entitled to the same access to court services as the citizens in the rest of Oregon," Kuhn said.

## Tourism committee defines 1988 goals

The tourism committee met on November 10 to identify its goals for 1988. This committee was formed 1 1/2 years ago with members Martha Doherty, Jackie Allstott, Joyce Hollomon Dave Sykes, Don Cole, Fred Lundin, Jerry Peck and Claudia Hughes gathering together to form some common goals for Morrow County and the tourism industry. New members include John Edmundson, Cam Wishart, Mike Proctor and Ken Turner, Barbara Hayes and Doug Smith. Jackie Allstott is no longer a member.

The committee developed and approved the following goals for the coming year: assist where possible in promoting the Western Route Road; work toward better signage on federal, state and local highways; promote a state produced recreation brochure listing camping, marinas, and other public facilities in Oregon; and promotion and marketing of south Morrow County through brochures, advertising and other media.

The tourism has coordinated with the North Central Oregon Tourism Council (NROTC) to promote tourism locally. They think this is the "best strategy for economic development for Morrow County" says Fred Lundin, county agent. They have also met with the State Tourism Division of Economic Development and co-ordinated with local organizations represented by members of the committee.

The next meeting of the Tourism committee is December 8 at 8 a.m. in the Extension Office. The regular meeting of the committee is the third Tuesday of each month. The public is invited to attend.

## Garden club honors spouses



Heppner Garden Club members, Martha Doherty, and Wilbur Jackson plant memorial trees to honor spouses of garden club members and in particular, Alvin Johannes and Robert Harris. These Austrian Pines were planted in Hager Park on November 13.

## Fabrics Etc. a new store in town



Molly Day, manager of the new Fabrics Etc., Kaedene Bailey, Rita Hedman and co-owner Joyce Kay Holloman are shown in front of the new store.

Fabrics, Etc., a new store in town, will be opening this Friday at the location of the old LeBush Shoppe on Main Street. Jerry and Joyce Kay Holloman, co-owners, purchased materials and sewing notions, from Rita and Arnie Hedman, owners of Case Furniture, to open their new store. The store will be managed by Molly Day, Heppner. Molly will still be doing sewing and alterations from her home as "May Day Custom Sewing".

"We have many new fabrics and more coming all the time" Joyce Kay says.

"Hobby and craft classes will be

starting soon," says Day. "If anyone is interested in teaching these classes, I would like them to stop by and see me."

Fabrics, Etc. will be taking items on consignment after the first of the year and interested parties are to contact Day regarding this.

Another service they will be performing, will be selling Pfaff sewing machines, through Ron's Sew and Vac located in Hermiston.

The store will be open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to stop in to see Molly at the new store.

## United Way exceeds their expectations

Morrow County United Way has topped their \$10,000 1988 goal. Campaign spokesman Dave Hampton indicated a single anonymous donation of \$2,500 has boosted this year's total to \$10,700 with several companies still completing their campaign. One company that has finished their fund drive is the Heppner branch of First Interstate Bank. Bank employees pledged a total of \$434 that was added to the corporate contribution of \$430. This is the second straight year that 100% of branch employees have participated in the campaign and have pledged more than the corporate donation.

Coming up shortly as part of this years fund raising effort will be a direct mail campaign. Many of the small business that have not been contacted directly will be given the opportunity to contribute. United

Way is attempting to form a broad base of support among all employers and employees in the county.

Morrow County United Way is a local nonprofit organization that raises money to support a wide variety of community organizations. They are currently supporting fifteen agencies that serve groups all the way from day care centers and scouting programs to senior citizen organizations. United Way attempts to achieve maximum efficiency with the dollars raised through the use of all volunteer staff and a minimum of administrative overhead. All funds raised locally remain in the county through the support of only those organizations that provide direct services to Morrow County residents. For more information about United Way, contact Dave Hampton at First Interstate Bank in Heppner, 676-9163.

## Tables still available for Artifactory

The Heppner Soroptimist still has tables available for the Artifactory to be held December 5 at the fairgrounds. Interested parties may contact Molly Rill, 676-5455, evenings to reserve their tables.

## Curran makes National Finals Rodeo

Tony Curran of Heppner will compete in the National Finals Rodeo in December in Las Vegas, Nevada, in the steer wrestling competition.

Curran, in seventh place in the World steer wrestling standings, has won \$36,861 and \$7,509 in calf roping. He is also the 1987 Resistol

Rookie of the Year with \$44,370 in regular season earnings, narrowly edging out Ricky Canton of Houston with less than \$1,000.

The National Finals Rodeo will be held December 4-12 at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas.

## Weather Report

November 17 - 23  
 High Low Prec.

Tues.	47	24	.0
Wed.	46	26	.0
Thurs.	47	27	.0
Fri.	48	30	.0
Sat.	49	32	.03
Sun.	56	32	.26
Mon.	53	35	.0

## Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Monday, Nov. 23  
 Soft White

Nov		53.02
Dec.		53.04/53.06
Jan		53.08/53.09
	Barley	
Nov./Dec.		589.50 T
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