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Mounted Band rides again!



Tim Gray, Tom Alexander and Geneva Mathews comprise the Round-Up Mounted Band. With Tom on the tuba and Geneva and Tim playing the trombones, they will be opening the Round-Up this week in the opening ceremonies. They have participated in the Dress-Up parade and will attend the Westward-Ho parade this Friday.

Curfew to be enforced in Heppner

The crime in Heppner has increased dramatically in the past month, according to Police Chief Doug Rathbun.

Therefore, the following city ordinance will be strictly enforced. It will be unlawful for persons under the age of 18 years to be upon any street or in any public place in the City of Heppner between 12 o'clock a.m. and 5 o'clock a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and between 11 o'clock p.m. and 5 o'clock a.m. on

any other night, except when accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian, or in proceeding directly to or from his work in the regular course of employment, where such employment has been approved by competent authority. If questioned by a law enforcement officer, the burden of proving the right to be upon any street, or in any public place, during the hours above specified shall be upon the minor.

Blue Mountain Potato Growers hold kick-off

The Blue Mountain Potato Growers announced the kick-off of their "We're Proud of Our Roots" regional community awareness campaign outside of Pioneer Hall at Blue Mountain Community College at 10 A.M., September 14.

The growers will present the school with a mountain of Blue Mountain Potatoes, 1,000 in all, as a symbol of the newly established Blue Mountain Potato Growers \$1,000 scholarship for a student at the school.

In the midst of the famed Pendleton Round-Up, the potato growers are reminding community members of the region of all that's been done to produce the tubers that are now making the Blue Mountains of Oregon famous.

The Blue Mountain Potato Growers have put a lot into the land where they live--The great Columbia River Basin in the Northeast corner of Oregon. They've put 20 years of planting, harvesting and perfecting potatoes into the land. They've put in place a young, but already giant industry that employs 4,500 people annually who are farming, fresh-packing and processing 1.5 billion pounds of potatoes. The total payroll equals \$45 million a year.

St. Pat's meeting is Sept 19

The St. Patrick's committee is holding a meeting, Monday, September 19 at Kate's Pizza at noon.

The agenda will include discussion of the ambulance and other items of business.

Fibre exhibit to come to museum

An exhibit of fiber art sponsored by three regional fiber art guilds will open at the Morrow County museum with a meet-the-artists reception on Sunday, October 16 from 1-4 p.m. Spinners, weavers, basket makers and other fiber artists from Oregon Trail Fiber Guild of Pendleton, Country Fibre Artists Guild of Heppner and Threadbenders Guild of LaGrande/Baker will be judged by an independent panel of artist-instructors from Walla Walla and awards will be given in five categories. In addition, Interweave Press, a national publisher of periodicals and books about the fiber arts, is offering a special award in a "handwoven for the home" category-functional pieces of exceptional quality. The show, titled "By My Hand" will open first at the BMCC library on October 3 and run through October 8. The Morrow County Museum exhibit will run October 16-23. In addition to regular hours, the museum will be open for special exhibit evening hours, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Non guild members interested in entering the show, should contact local guild president Rene Devin about membership requirements prior to September 20, the entry deadline.

Bids to be let on new building at BMCC

Architects are completing construction documents and will be advertising for bids on the new building on the Blue Mountain Community College campus.

The building will house approximately 10,000 square feet plus a 1,500 square foot unfinished basement, at an estimated cost of approximately \$900,000 to \$950,000, with additional bid alternates of around \$90,000 to \$100,000. Other minor remodeling work, fees and expenses will bring the total project costs to between \$1.1 million and \$1.3 million, according to estimates by architects.

Funding for the new building, which will house a computer center, the Basic Skills department and general classrooms, has come from state and local sources. The state legislature's Emergency Board gave final approval in mid May to fund 65 percent of the new building; the remaining 35 percent will come from BMCC's building fund.

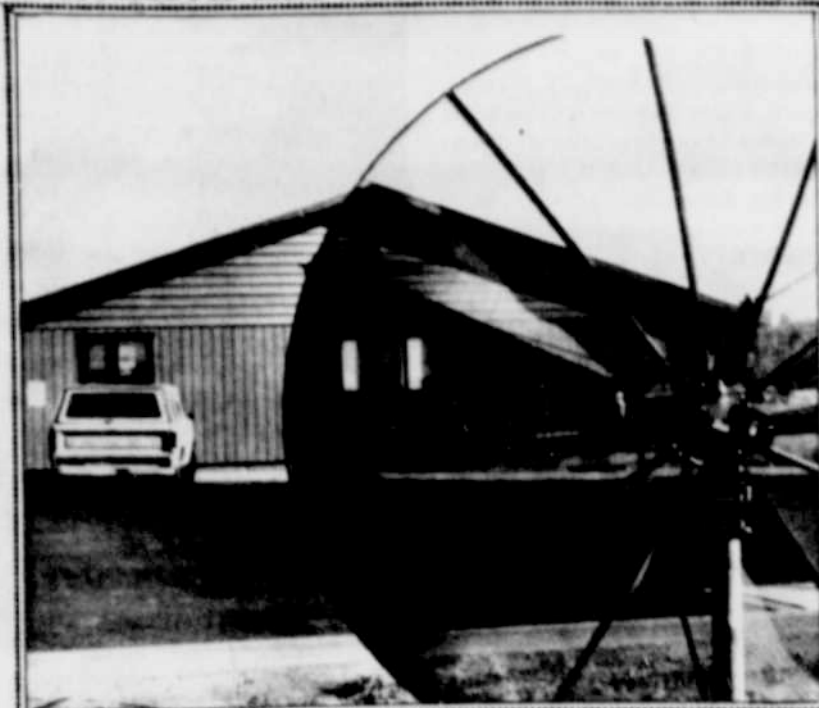
The current schedule calls for construction documents to be completed in mid-August, with bids due in mid-September. Construction should be completed during the summer of

1989, with the new facilities ready for operation by fall, 1989.

According to College President Ron Daniels, the changing technologies in the use of computers, not student enrollment, has created the need for a new campus computer center, which will be used by all departments. Virtually every department on campus makes use of computer aided instruction now, or will in the near future, and construction of a new facility to accommodate these activities is strongly needed in order for BMCC to keep up with these changing needs. It will also provide an open lab for use by students needing additional computer time outside of class.

The building is designed to provide BMCC with a state-of-the-art computer space, where flexibility, environmental control and communications systems are extremely important, according to Brian Fitzgerald, architect. It will also be a highly energy efficient, low maintenance facility, while being designed with construction cost economy as a high priority, he added.

Extension has satellite dish installed



Shown here is the new satellite dish that has recently been installed at the extension office for county use.

The Morrow County Extension office has installed a satellite dish. The dish will be used to record programs from Oregon State University for educational use. The extension office will begin receiving programs in about a month from a nation wide listing.

The extension board will review the programs for appropriateness, record them, and make them available to the public.

Some of the tapes available at the extension office now are farm management, 4-H Horsemanship, home-ec and horticulture, among others. These can be checked out for one week periods.

The extension will be soon receiving a tape on the Russian Wheat Aphid. This should be reserved, as many will want to use it.

The satellite dish was purchased by state monies and belongs to Oregon State University.

Charges in Circuit and Justice Court filed against Warren

Dennis Warren, 21, of Heppner, was arrested August 23, according to Jeff Wallace, District Attorney.

He has been charged in Circuit Court with one count of assault in the second degree which could result in a maximum sentence of 10 years or \$100,000. In a separate incident, he was charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) with a possible maximum sentence of five years or

\$100,000 fine. Also included in this charge was unlawful possession of a firearm with a maximum of one year or \$2,500 fine.

The Justice Court has two separate charges filed against Warren for menacing which has a maximum of one year or \$2,500 fine.

He has been scheduled for arraignment, having waived a pre-trial investigation. Warren is out, having posted bail.

Work to begin on Willow Creek Project

Construction should begin next week on the Willow Creek Road project. Construction staking is going on at this time along with crushing base aggregate materials. The crushing is being performed by contract with the Federal Highway Administration and Morrow County.

The section under contract begins approximately six miles southeasterly of Heppner. The remaining section of construction to close the gap from this project to the reservoir is scheduled to go to contract in the fall of 1989.

Contract Administration for the project is being performed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) headquartered in Vancouver, Washington. The local office for project administration is located in the Bisbee building (behind the Coast to Coast store) on Main Street. Project engineer for the construction is Ray McClelland.

The project consists of 5.935 miles

of grading, base, and bituminous paving. Approximately 4,250 feet of 8" main water line will be relocated. Top surface of the pavement will be 28 feet to match the section of road completed two years ago above Blake Ranch Road.

Poe Asphalt Paving, Inc., Clarkston, Washington was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$2,173,541.40.

Subcontractors performing various work items are: Krueger Engineering, Inc., Lacey, Wa., construction staking and contractor inspection; Ros-Mar Construction Co., Missoula, Mt.-fence; Steelman-Duff, Inc., Clarkston, Wa.-grading; J.L.P. Contracting, North Powder-traffic control; Coral Construction Co., Wilsonville-guardrail; Right-O-Way Erosion Control, Estacada-seeding and mulching; Security Maintenance, Lewiston, Id.-stripping and Highway Specialty Contractors, Gresham-drainage and plumbing.

City is reviewing sewage system

The City of Heppner has received a cost estimate of one million dollars for the planning, designing and renovation of its 35 year old sewage system.

Oregon Community Development Program (OCD) has already granted the City of Heppner \$7500. for a facilities plan study. It is in progress now.

The city is applying for a 55% funding grant from EPA. All applications must be completed by the end of 1988. The project began in September 1988 and must be completed by December 1990. The city can also apply for Economic Development grant funding which would amount to about 20% of the city's costs, therefore, the city will have to be prepared to pay about 25% of the costs of the project. There will be no more grant money after 1989.

This project will be paid for by a bond issue or users fees. If it is decided to go with a bond issue, an election will be held in the spring of 1989 for voters approval.

A public hearing will be held in October. By this time, costs should be determined, design alternatives presented and public comments will be invited.

Assessors staff completes training

Members of the Morrow County Assessor's office staff successfully completed a five day training course sponsored by the Oregon Department of Revenue and the Oregon State Assessor's Association. This annual training course is designed to upgrade and update the professional skills of county assessment staffs and successful completion requires that participants pass in-depth testing in their areas of study. Attending the course this year in McMinnville, were assessment clerk Barbara Jones, appraisers Becky Tullis and Cyde Skroch, and Assessor Greg Sweek. The courses taken were commercial and industrial appraisal and sales ratio analysis.

4-H leaders schedule fall meeting

Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m. Extension Conference Room, Heppner, will be the scene for the first Leaders Council meeting of the new 4-H year. Fair will be on the agenda, so leaders should be prepared to share ideas for 1989 while "88 is fresh on their minds." A committee will be selected to evaluate 4-H member record books, due September 30 at the County Extension Office. Feed and growth records have been mailed to the 4-H leaders.

Bill Broderick, 4-H agent, expressed his appreciation for the many Morrow County 4-H volunteers and supporters. He hopes to see all leaders on hand for the September 19 meeting.

Market Report

Components of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Monday, Sept. 12	
Soft White	
Sept.	\$4.35/\$4.36
Oct.	\$4.38/\$4.39
Nov.	\$4.41/\$4.43
Dec.	\$4.44/\$4.46
Jan.	\$4.48
Barley	\$110 T
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New Crop	\$3.73

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