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Corps says Willow Creek Dam safe

"Willow Creek dam is safe," John Plump, acting chief of engineering division for the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said Wednesday in a news briefing held at the dam in Heppner.

The news briefing was held to allay concerns of local residents that may have arisen from recent newspaper articles about safety of the dam.

Plump said, "The dam is safe near-term and long-term. It is the first dam in the United States built by the roller compacted concrete (RCC) method. The Corps is monitoring and studying all aspects of Willow Creek Dam: its seepage, which was more than expected; the formation of hydrogen sulfide gas within the reservoir, which was predicted; and the recent deposits of calcite on the dam surfaces."

"The Corps of Engineers has a very strong maintenance program," said Plump, "and an equally strong dam safety program aimed at understanding and evaluating conditions that could develop into operational or safety deficiencies."

"Since 1984, the seepage rate through Willow Creek Dam has decreased significantly, to a rate of less than 150 gallons per minute in late 1987. At the same time, calcite deposits have been observed within

the gallery and on the downstream face. It is likely that the formation of calcite is responsible for the reduction of seepage. Seepage reductions because of calcite deposits have occurred at other dams and the process is considered beneficial. Due to the presence of potentially damaging dissolved hydrogen sulfide gas in the seepage water, however, and its possible effects on concrete, the Portland District is in the process of studying samples of reservoir and seepage water, and of concrete within the dam," Plump concluded.

Preliminary study results show what appears to be leaching of calcium that could affect the long-term strength of the concrete. Corps studies will determine whether or not a problem is caused by the seepage; if so, the problem will be identified and corrected well before any condition could become a serious concern. "We will continue to keep the local officials informed of any significant developments as we proceed," Plump said.

Analysis of the RCC core samples will be completed early in 1989, the data evaluated and water test data completed in February; and final results from the contract testing and assessment of future action are scheduled for April.



John Plump

Story Hour

Heppner's Public Library storytime this Thursday will be about "Being Afraid of the Dark". It begins at 10:30 a.m. Debbie Royer is the storyteller.

Legion hunter's breakfast is Sept. 30

The American Legion will be holding their annual Hunter's Breakfast, Friday, September 30 beginning at 4 p.m. and running until 8 a.m. October 1, at the American Legion Hall located at 405 Chase Street in Heppner.

Hotcakes, ham, eggs and coffee or milk will be served with prices for adults \$3 and children under 12, \$2.



Mike Mahoney

Adult volleyball begins on Sundays

Heppner town volleyball has started up again on Sunday nights at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Junior High School gym. This is a good way to have fun and get some exercise at the same time.

This is for adults only and no street shoes are allowed on the gym floor.

Group Photo on top of Willow Creek Dam this Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Come have your picture taken at the top of the Willow Creek Dam this Friday at 3:30 p.m. and show your support for Heppner, says Mayor Cara Costa.

"In order to show our support for our town and our dam, you are invited to have your picture taken on the top of the dam," Costa said Tuesday night following a town

meeting at city hall. "We want to show people we are on top of it," she said. Also the picture will be used to help publicize a planned celebration October 8 at the dam.

The celebration Oct. 8 will be called "The Best Dam Event Ever" and will feature food entertainment and other activities (see next week's paper for a schedule of events) and will be used to show everyone we

support our town and our dam, Costa said.

For more information on either the picture or the planned event, and those who would like to help support Heppner, please call Cara Costa at 676-5444 evenings, or Claudia Hughes at 676-9642.

"The more people we have the better," Costa said.

New hours at museum

The Morrow County Museum has announced new hours effective October 1. The hours will be Saturday through Wednesday from 1-5 p.m. and closed Thursday and Friday.

The Museum Director, Marsha Sweek, has reported that the museum recently received a number of items from the Kathryn Bisbee estate, one being a Sunbonnet Sue pattern quilt made somewhere between 1915 and 1920 and quilted in the 1930's by the Heppner Christian Church ladies.

Lil Boyce has been putting a lot of volunteer hours in at the museum, according to Sweek, assisting with curatorial duties.

Marsha has put in a request for volunteer help at the museum. "Any time, any hours, either on a regular or irregular basis. Once a month or once a year, we will be very happy to have some help." Persons interested may contact Ms. Sweek at the museum during regular hours.



Judge Louis Carlson answers questions put to him by a newspaper man at the press conference held at the Corps building at the dam. At the far left is Meg Murray, Gail Burkenbine, unidentified man behind and Merlyn Robinson far right. Judy Eckman (l) and Judy Osmin (r) man the United Way booth that was set up in Heppner Friday to kick off the 1988-89 campaign.

Oct. 4 is Voter Registration Day

October 4 has been designated by Oregon's Secretary of State as Oregon Voter Registration Day.

Many Oregonians have never registered to vote. Many more have been removed from the registration files because they have moved.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, you need to re-register to vote. YOU MUST BE RE-REGISTERED IF:

1. Your residence or mailing address changes for any reason. However, if you have moved after the 40th day before an election and you have not re-registered, contact your county elections office for special instructions.

2. Your name changes for any reason, or

3. You wish to change your political party.

If you have not registered to vote, you must mail a registration form to the County Clerk's office. This form must be received by the County Clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. on October 18 for you to be eligible to vote in the November 8 election.

If you would like to check your current registration records, call or come into the Clerk's office. If changes need to be made, registration cards are available.

Forms to re-register may be found in the city halls, post offices, banks and at North Morrow Annex in Irrigon.

Voting is a right, be sure you are registered!

Currin is all-around champ at Round-Up

Mike Currin, Heppner, is the 1988 All-Around Champion of the Pendleton Round-Up. Mike is the son of Ron and Judy Currin also of Heppner.

Currin won \$3,026 to take the all-around with winnings in two events, which you must do to qualify. His calf roping time on three-head was 33.5 seconds which placed him second behind Clay Tom Cooper, Durant, OK. Mike's time in the Saturday performance was 10.8 seconds, good for third place.

His awards for winning the All-Around was a hand-stamped saddle, made by Severe Brothers of Pendleton, a trophy buckle, fur felt hat, lizard skin boots and the Let'er Buck trophy donated by the East Oregonian.

Brother Tony, winner of 1987 steer wrestling championship placed fifth in the average for steer wrestling and first in Saturday's short go with a time of 5.4 seconds.

Mike was coming in to the Round-Up hot off winning the all-around at Lewiston, ID.

Mahoney elected president of OHSRA for second year

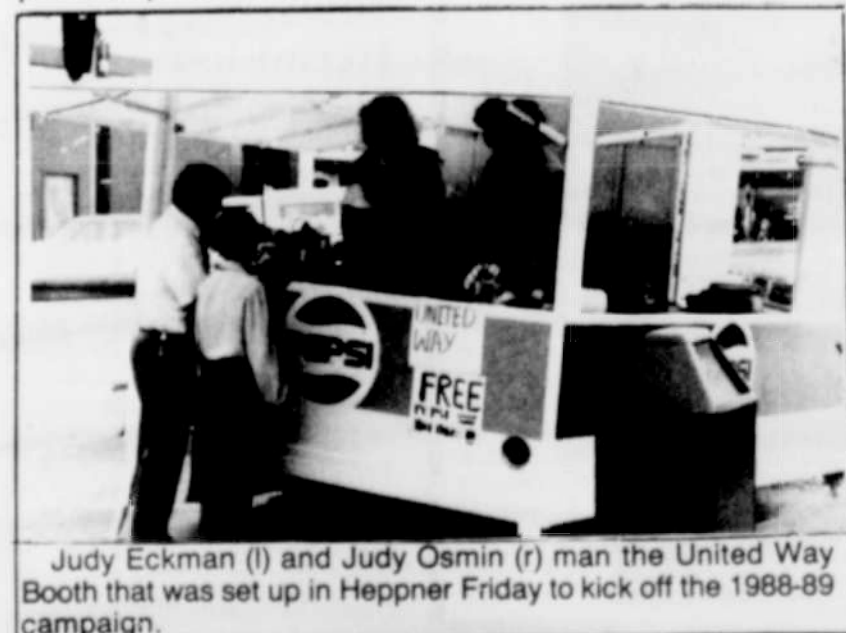
Mike Mahoney was elected as the president of the Oregon High School Rodeo Association (OHSRA) at the annual meeting held September 18 at Redmond. This is the second year in a row for his selection as president. It is the first time someone has been elected two years consecutively.

Mike, a senior at Heppner High school was elected in August to the post of vice president of the National

High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) in Pueblo, Colorado.

He also was elected to serve as calf roping director and alternate director for steer wrestling.

Vice President for the 1988-89 year is David Hanson, Redmond; secretary, Vicki Mays, Myrtle Point and the 1988-89 queen is Judy Walchli of Hermiston.



Judy Eckman (l) and Judy Osmin (r) man the United Way Booth that was set up in Heppner Friday to kick off the 1988-89 campaign.

Port Commission seeks general obligation bond

Port of Morrow commissioners voted to seek a general obligation bond in the amount of \$750,000 at the general election in November. The purpose of the bond is to retire certain prior bonds and to provide funds for improvement of Port property.

Port commissioners determined a need to provide funds to refund a portion of the Port's series 1983A and 1984B revenue bonds and to provide funds for Port improvements including improvements to the waterfront, the industrial park, and also purchase and improvements of new facilities in southern Morrow County. The bond will be a debt to the taxpayers for less than thirty years.

A main concern of the Port is to lower its debt service by refunding

prior revenue bonds. The amount used to refund the revenue bonds will not exceed \$600,000. This debt is against the T-3 dock, overpass and utility system. A reduction would allow the Port more flexibility in attracting and retaining business.

The waterfront will have a major repair done to protect a scale and scale house from bank erosion, with an estimated cost of \$100,000. The commission will also use approximately \$50,000 to purchase and improve industrial property in the southern portion of Morrow County.

The general obligation bond will be obtained at an interest rate of approximately 8% for 20 years. This will result in an annual payment of approximately \$76,400 or 9¢ per \$1,000 of valuation. Thus the estimated taxes on a \$50,000 home would be \$4.50 per year.

Honor Society starts year off right

Eight National Honor Society members and their advisor recently completed this year's first community service project. The lot across from Cal's Service Station is now a lot cleaner and looks much nicer. The Honor Society members pulled weeds, trimmed the shrubs and swept the sidewalks last Saturday morning.

Other community service projects by Heppner High School Honor

Society have included assisting with blood drives, staffing an information/souvenir booth during the St. Patrick's Day Celebration and sweeping sidewalks on Main Street.

Students who participated were: Michelle Beck, Carrie Brownfield, Jill Conklin, Bryan Padberg, Benji Pearson, J.J. Shaw, Kim Stookey and Kevin Tucker. The advisor is Barbara Hayes.

Bike-A-Thon is Oct. 8

St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon is scheduled for October 8. If it rains it will be October 15. This is for all ages of children. The forms may be picked up at Heppner Elementary School. This year you don't have to ride a bike, you can walk, ride a tricycle, a big wheel or whatever. Meet at the fairgrounds at 10 a.m.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

September 20 - September 26

	High	Low	Prec.
Tues.	59	38	.10
Weds.	69	39	.0
Thurs.	73	40	.0
Fri.	71	44	.0
Sat.	75	52	T
Sun.	72	45	.0
Mon.	71	50	.06

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Monday, Sept. 19			
Soft White			
Sept.			\$4.42
Oct.			\$4.42/\$4.43
Nov.			\$4.45/\$4.46
Dec.			\$4.48/\$4.49
Jan.			\$4.51
Barley			
Sept.			\$1.06 T
Oct.			\$1.07 T
PIK			99.5%
New Crop - Aug. 89			\$3.83

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