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## McCabe to retire as city treasurer



MaryJean McCabe, Heppner City treasurer for the past 25 years, will set off a chain reaction upon her retirement on Dec. 29.

Renee Devin, former Heppner City Librarian will take MaryJean's place as city treasurer starting Jan. 1, and Dorothy Wilson, formerly employed at Lexington Lumber, will replace Renee as librarian.

MaryJean McCabe took over from LaVerne VanMarter, Jr., when she ran for city treasurer against Harlan McCurdy 25 years ago and won. She ran for election "a couple more times" and then the treasurer's job became an appointed position.

MaryJean says that she began working when Elaine George was city recorder. Marshall Lovgren now holds that position. Mrs. George died in 1981.

Born in Lone, Idaho. Her husband Ernie McCabe had a butcher shop in Lone, then worked as a butcher in Bay City on the coast before returning to Heppner in 1958 to work for Clint McQuarrie, owner of Central Market. Ernie became co-owner of Central Market with Forrest Burkenbine before retiring three years ago. The McCabes have four children and nine grandchildren (with one on the way).

"I've really enjoyed my job," says MaryJean, 62. "I've enjoyed all these years. They've gone fast. One thing I'm especially proud of is that I instigated lower (water) rates for senior citizens."

"Lots of my most fun things happened when Dean Gilman was here. (Gilman was a former Heppner chief of police.) He always enjoyed scaring the wits out of me."

Renee Devin, 43, will start her new position as city treasurer Jan. 1. She has been Heppner City Librarian for the past 1 1/2 years. Before that she worked as an assistant to Bethal Heinrichs, librarian, did volunteer work at the library, the Soil and Water Conservation District and the elementary school.

She has two sons, Jeff, who is a



college sophomore, and Miff, who is a second grader.

Renee says she hopes to take on the project of computerizing city hall if funding is available.

Dorothy Wilson, 46, will start as Heppner Public librarian Dec. 1.

Dorothy, who has worked at Lexington Lumber for the past 10 years, has worked as parttime librarian for the past year. Born and raised in Heppner she and her husband, Tom have two grown children. She says she plans no changes at the library in the near future.

## Santa visits Heppner



Macy Rhea has a private moment with that special man from the north pole. Santa visited Heppner Saturday to officially start the holiday season.

## Tree permits available now

Christmas tree permits can now be purchased at all offices of the Umatilla National Forest for \$2 per tree. There is a limit of one tree per household, although friends, relatives, and neighbors can pick up permits for others.

Permits can be purchased during regular office hours Monday through Friday at the Supervisor's Office in Pendleton and at the four district offices in Ukiah, Heppner, Walla Walla and Pomeroy.

## Blood drawing Mon., Dec. 4

The Red Cross is joining hands with the community of Heppner for a blood drawing Monday, Dec. 4 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 142 Main Street, Heppner. The goal is for 50 units and all blood types are needed. New donors are especially needed to join regular donors.

"The Christmas season is upon us and we know we need to be prepared for all kinds of accidents," said Judith Kehl, public information officer for the Columbia River blood

region. According to Kehl, only 5 percent of eligible donors regularly give blood to keep the entire population healthy in the region and to secure community health that figure needs to be at least 7 percent.

Donors should be 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and be healthy. Some medications defer donation, such as antibiotics and specific heart medicines. For information about the blood drawing call Lori Straley, 676-5474.

## Search on for 1989 Citizens of year

Chamber President Forrie Burkenbine announces that the search for the First Citizens of the Year for 1989 has begun. Criteria for selection is based on community service, activity in community affairs outside of business, profession or vocation, enthusiasm and leadership in the community. "We see these people everyday, let's take the time to recognize them," says Burkenbine.

## Morrow Co. Invitational Dec. 1 & 2

The Morrow County Invitational Basketball Tournament will begin this Friday at 3 p.m.

Games are as follows: Friday-3 p.m.-Heppner girls vs. Lone girls; 5 p.m.-Riverside boys vs. Lone boys; 7 p.m.-Riverside girls vs. Joseph girls; 9 p.m.-Heppner boys vs. Joseph boys.

Saturday: 2 p.m.-girls losers; 4 p.m.-boys losers; 6 p.m.-girls winners, championship game; 8 p.m.-boys winners championship game.

## Area rancher says fumigant involved 300 sheep die in Walla Walla Co.

Area sheep rancher William Rill lost nearly \$30,000 when 300 sheep died in the space of five minutes near Pasco, Wa., Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Rill, 45, who has been a sheep rancher for 20 years, says that the initial finding of his veterinarian, Carl Wisse of the Double Arrow Veterinary Clinic in Pasco, is that the sheep died of respiratory failure. Autopsies on the animals are pending.

Rill said that around 8:30 the morning of Nov. 21, he had brought in around 300 sheep to unload in a corral near Burbank, WA., outside Pasco. 1300 sheep were already corralled there, so he mixed the two groups together. When Rill began moving around 300 of the sheep from the corral to another area about 1 1/4 miles away, around 10:30 a.m. sheep "began dropping in the space of three to five minutes," says Rill. "After about 100 went down I thought I'd better get out of there," said Rill. "So I ran. But after awhile, I thought 'nobody's going to believe this' so I went back in."

A game warden who happened to be in the area came across Rill and helped him get to a telephone. Rill said he then called the sheriff and the brand inspector. Rill himself became ill that evening and was admitted to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston around 8 p.m., complaining of headache, a swollen throat, short-

ness of breath and aching in his legs from the knees down.

Rill believes that he and his sheep were exposed to a fumigant, Telone II. The fumigant was being used as a pesticide to prepare ground for seeding potatoes in a circle near where his sheep were pastured. Telone, commonly used in potato grape and tomato fields, is a soil fumigant that controls nematodes, worm like organisms that attack plant roots.

The liquid pesticide is mechanically injected a foot into the soil, which is then packed by a roller to keep the fumes from escaping.

Nine other sheep had died on Nov. 19 where the fumigant had been applied about 1 1/2 miles from the corral, but Rill had been on Mt. St. Helens with another herd and was not aware of the deaths or of the application. "If I'd known, I wouldn't have taken the sheep up there," he said.

According to Rill, the supplier of the fumigant, McGregor has called in a team of veterinary specialists from Washington State University. He says that the Washington State Departments of Health and Agriculture are also investigating the deaths, but as far as he knows the Environmental Protection Agency is not involved yet.

"We know the sheep didn't die of a contagious disease," said Rill.

"And we know I didn't have anything to do with it." After he was admitted to the hospital he was put on a heart monitor and placed under observation overnight. His blood levels must be monitored four days. His wife, Sandi, says that he has become more congested the past two days. They are not sure about the long term effects of exposure to the chemical, but say that there is no antidote and that exposure might include damage to the liver and kidneys. Rill's herder, was also kept overnight for observation. Rill says the game warden who came on the scene is also having health problems.

Rill spent two days after Thanksgiving cleaning up carcasses. "Before I could clean up, I had to find out from the Walla Walla County Health Dept. what to do with them. I had to bury them in a trench, put lime on them and cover them with three feet of dirt." He says the farmer he leased the land from helped with the clean up.

Sandi didn't learn of the deaths of the sheep until the evening of Nov. 21 when their son, Dean, called from Hermiston to tell her the news. The couple has no insurance to cover the loss.

"It really put things into perspective," said Sandi. "It's not only the loss of the sheep, but human life as well."

## Fruit sale to be held Dec. 9

The Heppner Lions Club and Soroptimist Club will be conducting their annual fruit sale on Saturday Dec. 9 starting at 9 a.m. and going into the early afternoon.

Lions club and Soroptimist members will be selling the oranges and grapefruit door to door. For those who are out of town or are missed, phone orders will be taken by calling Steve Rhea or Bob Kahl at 676-9113 or Joyce Hughes, 676-9228.

Proceeds will go to fund Lions and Soroptimist projects as well as scholarships.

## Artifactory is Saturday



Cheri Lovgren (L) and Bonnie Grant display some of the items to be sold at Artifactory this Saturday, December 2. Cheri will have a table featuring her saws she paints. Her husband makes the stands for her. Bonnie will be selling her hand beaded scarves.

Santa will also be available from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to give the children candy canes and have their picture taken if they wish. The kitchen will also be open with a limited lunch menu, pies and cinnamon rolls.

## County Livestock Growers schedule annual meeting

A joint luncheon with Morrow County CattleWomen will kick off the Livestock Growers annual meeting at the Heppner Elks, Friday, December 8. New beef campaign television commercials will be shown at that time. CattleWomen will meet following the luncheon.

Morrow County Livestock Growers afternoon agenda will include: Dr. William Kruger, Rangeland Resource department head and acting Extension Agriculture program leader, who will address environmental issues of concern to livestock producers; Dr. Michael Gamrout, OSU Extension dairy specialist, who will discuss confined animal feeding (CAFCO); Norman Zeller, Oregon State Police, speaking on how producers and law enforcement can work together to be more effective in theft control.

Randy Mills, Umatilla County livestock agent, who will explain the new Umatilla steer futurity; and Bill Broderick, Morrow County Extension agent, who will speak on integrated resource management.

Following this program, Morrow County Livestock Growers will hold their business meeting to elect new board members.

Interested persons are invited to join both the Livestock Growers and CattleWomen during the afternoon. The public is invited to the Social Hour 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Heppner Elks, followed by dinner at 6:30 featuring Leon Flick, cowboy poet, and dancing. For more information contact Bill Broderick, Morrow County Extension, 676-9642, or Ned Clark, Morrow County Livestock Growers president.

## Stores open Sundays

Heppner businesses will be open 12-4 p.m. every Sunday until Christmas for shopping convenience.

## Weather Report

Nov. 21 - 27			
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	57	30	.0
Weds.	42	35	.03
Thurs.	57	32	.05
Fri.	48	34	.01
Sat.	48	36	.04
Sun.	48	31	.0
Mon.	51	29	.0

## Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Nov. 28	
Soft White	
Nov.	\$4.60
Dec.	\$4.61/\$4.61
Jan.	\$4.62/\$4.63
Feb.	\$4.64
Barley	
Nov.	\$110 T
Dec.	\$110 T
Jan.	\$110.5 T
Pik	\$97 1/2%
New Crop	\$4.08

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