

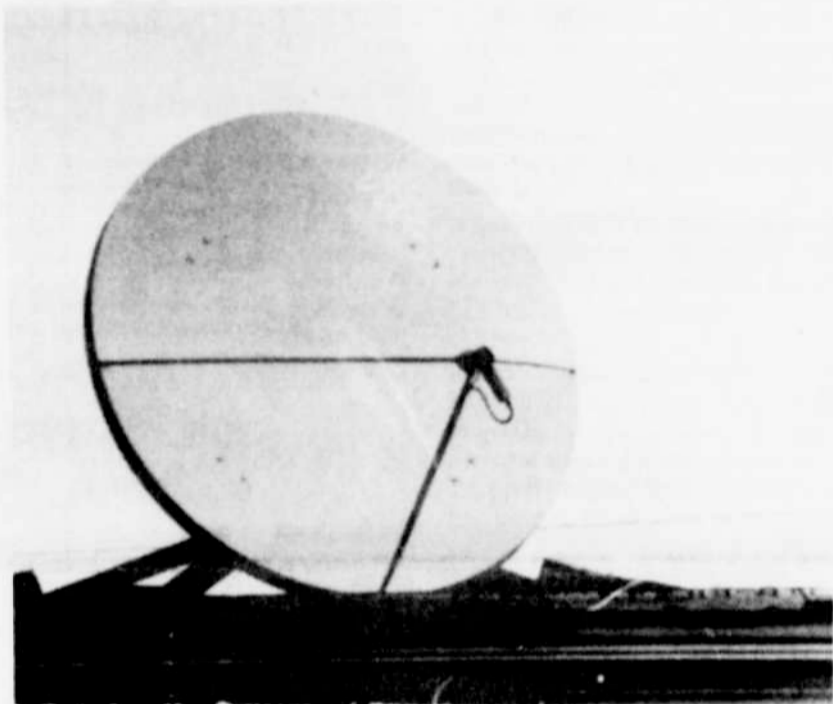
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Satellite dish to aid Morrow Sheriff's Department in training



New satellite dish at Courthouse

On January 23, the Law Enforcement Television Network installed a satellite dish on the Morrow County Courthouse to enable the department to receive encrypted programming for authorized-only viewing. The Sheriff's Office will be using the training available for a trial period, until June 30. A monthly fee is being paid to LETN for the use of the equipment, the fee coming from drug money seizures and not out of taxpayers pockets. Officers taking the classes provided will be able to obtain college credits from the University of Louisville's continuing education program and training hours credit from the Oregon Board on Police Standards and Training. A deputy, after viewing a selected class will then take a written examination which is submitted to the university for grading and credit.

"We believe that continuing education is the key to keeping the law enforcement personnel in the community highly professional and

motivated to do their best for the county," said Roy Drago, Morrow County Sheriff.

"One of the major problems in law enforcement today is the constantly changing requirements for law enforcement to do a good job. The primary way this is addressed is constant training. A law enforcement officer needs to be constantly trained in new laws, civil liability, problem solving, investigative techniques, drug investigation techniques, etc., in order to provide the best in services to the public he is there to protect," said Drago. "He has to be up on all the latest crime fighting techniques which requires time and resources to provide this training, usually away from the area he is responsible for. The Morrow County Sheriff's office has elected to try to provide a majority of this training inhouse by subscribing to the Law Enforcement Television Network."

The Law Enforcement Television

Network (LETN) airs daily news, training and information for the more than 640,000 U.S. law enforcement officers. LETN is a subsidiary of Dallas-based Westcott Communication, a leader in the growing private satellite television industry, which recently went public.

LETN daily programming in encrypted for authorized-only viewing. Developed and presented by law enforcement instructors and trainers LETN brings state-of-the-art training to officers and supervisors in more than 16,000 city, county and state law enforcement agencies.

The programming and curriculum complements local training programs offered by law enforcement agencies. LETN programming features law enforcement instructors teaching such critical topics as officer survival, crime control and prevention, civil liability, and dealing with job-related stress.

LETN's staff includes veteran law enforcement professionals with a total of 170 years of law enforcement experience and 14 advanced degrees of law enforcement experience. The staff includes former city of Dallas Chief of Police Billy Prince and police author and instructor Neal Trautman.

Drawing upon research gathered from numerous city, state and national police training officials, Prince and Trautman have been instrumental in developing programming and training strategies for LETN.

Law enforcement trainers and officers have available to them daily updates on the war on drugs, officer survival, new weapons and scientific techniques to help combat crime in their communities. Another segment of LETN's daily programming focuses on administrative supervisory issues, such as motivation, stress management, civil liability and problem-solving techniques.

County receives emergency funds

Morrow County has been chosen to receive \$8,000 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area, according to Scott Bauska, Boardman.

The money comes from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A board made up of local government officials, charity and church groups will meet to decide how the funds are to be distributed. The next meeting will be Feb. 8 at 4 p.m. at the Boardman Ci-

ty Council Chambers.

Under the terms of the grant, an organization chosen to receive funds must be non-profit, practice non-discrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and shelter and have a volunteer board.

For more information contact Bauska, 481-7047.

Last year, says Bauska, the Morrow County Neighborhood Center, United Way and the South Morrow

County Ministerial Association distributed funds to provide emergency food and shelter in the county.

Members on this year's board include Louis Carlson, Morrow County Judge; Scott Bauska, Stan Foster of CAPECO; Merri Reamer of United Way; Glenn Anderson of the So. Morrow County Ministerial Assoc.; a Neighborhood Center representative, and Vera Cooley of the Irrigation Boardman Emergency Assistance Services.

Carlson announces youth commission

Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson recently announced formation of the Morrow County Youth Commission. The first meeting of the commission was held on Thursday, January 11 in Boardman. Corrine Lindsay of Lexington was unanimously elected chairperson for the commission, with Gladys Hobbs of Irrigation elected vice chairperson. The commission selected a secretary pro-tem and planned to formally select this position at a meeting set for Lexington on February 8.

In calling the group together,

judge Carlson reviewed the long-term commitment of the community to improving opportunities for Morrow County's young people and stated that "the commission has a great task before it, to develop programs and services that not only address the social problems of our diverse county, but also give our families and young people a chance for a better life." Many of the members of the commission expressed optimism that Morrow County could be leaders in establishing

creative family-based services for young people because of the strong community spirit of citizens, schools, churches, and local government.

Lindsay appointed a three-person task force from the commission to develop an outline of the proposed scope of work for review and approval at the February 8 meeting. The public is invited to attend the commission's meetings and may obtain a schedule of the meetings through the commission chairperson or the county court.

Proposed school budget up slightly for next year

The tax rate for the proposed 1990-91 Morrow County School year budget is \$11.40 per thousand dollars of assessed value compared to \$10.8825 for this year.

The school district's total proposed budget is up \$176,316-a one percent increase from \$13,212,783 for the 1989-90 school year to \$13,389,099 for the 1990-91 school year.

The total general fund increase is \$303,376-a two point five percent increase from \$11,444,747 in 1989-90 to \$11,748,123 for 1990-91.

The district plans to ask the voters to approve new tax base of \$8,645,151-the amount the district would receive in the safety net. The following year the school could increase the amount six percent or \$518,709 without a vote.

Salaries on the whole are down over all \$28,281-a less than one percent decrease from \$5,683,054 in 89-90 to \$5,654,773 in 90-91.

According to the school district the decrease resulted from "uncertainty as this year's budget was made partially because of budgeting a year of catchup for the zero increase in 1988-89 and projecting for this year, resulting in some over estimation of salary accounts; downshifting in several of the 30 positions that turned over in 1989-90; dropping funds for positions that were held in reserve this year in case enrollments increased; intending to take advantage of staff attrition in schools where enrollments have decreased and class sizes are small (no such intentions are material at this point, but the possibility is highly likely); and shifting cafeteria salaries to the

transfer account."

Of that certified teachers' salaries are down \$16,206-a less than one percent decrease from \$3,874,833 in 89-90 to \$3,858,627 in 90-91.

Salaries for administrators and the business manager, however, are up \$40,113-a nine percent increase from \$436,597 in 89-90 to \$476,710 in 90-91. Chuck Rhoads, Morrow County School District business manager deputy clerk, attributes the increase to contractual increases in principals' salaries and an increase in the superintendent's salary, passed by the school board at the last board meeting.

Classified salaries are down \$76,456-a seven percent decrease from \$1,097,990 in 89-90 to \$1,021,534 in 90-91.

Employee benefits are up \$148,606-a six percent increase from \$2,440,774 in 89-90 to \$2,589,380 in 90-91. Of this, workman's compensation rose \$18,332-21.5 percent from \$83,818 in 89-90 to \$102,150 in 90-91; medical insurance rose \$84,328-12 percent from \$679,397 to \$763,725; dental insurance rose \$8,386 from \$130,300 to \$138,686; and long term disability more than doubled, from \$12,393 to \$28,549. Retirement funds rose 6.783-less than one percent from \$1,016,653 to \$1,023,436.

Purchased services were down as a whole \$134,656-a more than 11 percent decrease from \$1,261,026 to \$1,126,370. "The large difference is attributable mainly to the expensive asbestos abatement projects that were funded in this year's budget and other one-time expenses that especially find their way into this

area," said the school district.

A projected purchased services difference of \$29,956 between Riverside High School's electric bill of \$61,159 and Heppner High School's electric bill of \$31,203 is attributed to changes for electricity at Riverside's football field, according to Rhoads. The school district contracts with the county for use of the field for Heppner High's home games, which are held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, for around \$4,000 said Rhoads. Lone High School's electricity bill is projected to be around \$6,145. The projected electric bill for Columbia Junior High is set at \$32,210; Heppner Junior High's at \$7,653; and lone Junior High's at \$2,684.

Supplies and materials are up \$68,547-a 10 percent increase from \$631,747 to \$700,294. "These increases are mainly in the general supply areas reflecting overall requests in classroom and maintenance areas. But one of the main reasons for increase is in that shift, previously mentioned, from student body and athletic accounts, this shift is largely offset by an increase in anticipated revenue from these areas," said the school district. "The increase in maintenance areas is due to equipment repair needs and painting and roofing upkeep at various schools. Shifting expenses to non-consumable supplies from capital outlay to this area also creates an increase."

Capital Outlay is up \$236,692. Several new and replacement equipment items account for this increase.

Under new equipment are mainly safety matting for playground equipment, floor maintenance machines, and tools and instrumentation for bus and maintenance departments. We also are including a wheel chair lift at HES for a handicapped student, but this item may become a remodeling job for general handicapped access to that building," said the district. "Under replacement equipment, next year will be our peak year for bus replacement on the lease/purchase schedule. In addition, several office copiers are presently marginal in their operation. (They are not operating efficiently on the five-year replacement schedule, as we had been led to believe.) In addition, we are asking again for grounds equipment, mainly the plugger that has been cut two or three times. We have exhausted our borrowing ability and no one locally has a plugger to rent or lease."

Other objects are up \$8,569-an eight percent increase from \$96,909 to \$105,478, "attributable mainly to setting aside the increased interest on the bus lease/purchase contract and identifying in this area specific dues and fees for student activities. This area would be higher except that on the advice of our insurance agent of record, we are dropping the student catastrophic insurance."

Transfers are up \$107,315-a 319 percent increase from \$48,925 to \$156,240 because of the shift in food service salaries from the school building budgets to this account.

Contingency and Cash Reserve for next year are at this year's level, \$200,000 and \$741,608 respectively.

Nancy Brownfield Heppner emissary to Washington D.C.



Nancy Brownfield

Heppner's Nancy Brownfield, one of Morrow County's "movers and shakers," made her first trip to Washington, D.C., in early January for a two-fold purpose.

Last September, 1989, Brownfield was appointed as the Education Committee chairperson for the State Independent Insurance Agencies of Oregon. As part of her on-going education, a requisite for holding an insurance agent's license, she attended a three-day education convocation on the national level in the Capitol city.

And as a member of the Willow Creek Park District since May, 1989, Brownfield took advantage of this trip to lobby representatives and Corps of Engineer officials on the importance of Corps' funding for development of the Willow Creek Park above Heppner.

"It was a very positive experience for both purposes," said Brownfield, who has been associated with Wheatland Insurance Agency, lone, since 1983.

"I found out that Oregon is on top of things, when it comes to the insurance business," Brownfield said. And she added that agents need to keep up on rules and legislative

changes to better serve the public. And in her state role, she will share this knowledge with committee members.

Too, it was an opportunity to hear national speakers and learn about available programs. Continuing education to better advance skills is a part of the competitive edge in the insurance field, Brownfield said.

And, as a member of the five person Park Board, Brownfield said she has a strong commitment in helping to secure funding for the proposed development of a recreation park site near the Willow Creek Dam.

Therefore, Brownfield met personally with Oregon's U.S. Senators Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood and U.S. Rep. Bob Smith, as well as officials from the Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C.

"Our legislators were very positive in support of helping to secure park funding," Brownfield said. "And I think that they were extremely impressed by a representative willing to make a personal appearance."

The impact of a \$375 thousand dollar park site could make a significant addition to the economy in the Willow Creek valley, Brownfield said. Tourism needs to be one of the major thrusts, especially with the lagging lumber industry, which is one of our major employers, and other industries in this part of the county, she said.

This was supposed to be a multi-purpose dam and presently there is no place for people to camp nearby. The board intends to do everything possible to make this happen, she said. Presently the right steps are being taken and the information Brownfield received is a step forward.

There are no guarantees, but since the board has positive commitments as to the in-kind match money for this type of project, board members say they hope that the Corps funding will be included in their 1991 budget, she concluded.

Potato give-away Feb. 6

The Neighborhood Center will be having a frozen potato giveaway Tuesday, February 6 starting at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The center will be doing income tax starting in February. Dates and times have not been decided. Those interested may call the center after

February 1 for an appointment.

Those who have not yet applied for heating assistance should do as soon as possible because the program will be coming to a close.

If anyone is in need of winter clothing they should stop by the center.

Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Jan. 30	
Soft White	
Feb.	\$4.20-\$4.22
March	\$4.26-\$4.27
April	\$4.29
Barley	
Feb.	\$110 T
March/April	\$111 T
New crop	\$1.04
Pik	\$95¢
New Crop	\$3.96

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

Jan 23 - 29, 1990				
	High	Low	Prec	Rn-sn
Tues.	42	26	.0	
Wed.	50	33	.0	
Thurs.	54	26	.04	
Fri.	40	28	.0	
Sat.	46	40	.08	
Sun.	54	32	.12	
Mon.	46	32	.02	

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