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The long-awaited Artifactory will open its doors at 10 a.m. this Saturday at the Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner with a record 50 craftsmen and artists signed up to take part in the annual event. Among the many demonstrators scheduled is Ron Farrar, art instructor at Heppner schools, who will show his skill at the potter's wheel all day Saturday.

### At the wheel

### MCLG meeting precedes

## Awards, speakers, dinner highlight Farm-City day

A full slate of activities will be on tap Friday, Dec. 9, when the Morrow County Livestock Growers convene for their annual meeting, followed by the Farm-City Dinner sponsored jointly by the Livestock Growers and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting and dinner will both be held in St. Patrick's parish hall beginning with a welcome address by MCLG president Charley Daly at 1 p.m. The afternoon session will consist of three informational talks and a style show featuring local women modeling some of the latest fashions.

Dr. Al Ralston, OSU Animal Nutrition professor, will speak to the livestock growers on a recently developed process of injecting hormones in calves ears to facilitate growth. State Dept. of Agriculture representative Bill Koesan will talk on the control of grasshoppers and Bob Hart of Dohyn's Pest Control will deal with squirrel control measures in his address.

The Livestock Growers business meeting will follow the style show with recently elected Oregon Cattlemen's Association president Bill Ross reporting on the Iowa Beef Producers Association—a conglomerate vigorously opposed by independent growers since the organization threatens to control two-thirds of all the beef production in the Northwest.

Newly appointed ASCS director Judy Buschke will speak on Emergency Feed Programs and Jim Allen will inform the growers of group insurance policies. An election will follow to fill four director positions in the Livestock Growers Association.

A social hour sponsored by

Production Credit Association of Pendleton, Production Credit Association of the Northwest and the Federal Land Bank will follow the business session and last until the beginning of the Farm-City Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Don Ostensoe, executive vice president of Oregon Cattlemen's Association, will be the featured speaker and special awards will be given to the Morrow County Livestock Man of the Year and the Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year. Other

awards and cash prizes will go to the carcass award winners from the county fair. The Livestock Growers will furnish a free meal to the 12 youngsters cited for steer of merit awards.

Other awards will come from the Chamber of Commerce and the 4-H Leaders' Association.

The roast beef dinner will be served by the Lexington Grange and the \$4 tickets for the evening will be available at the door.

## Road committee meets Wednesday

A new committee to study county-city road problems has recently been appointed by the Morrow County Court and will meet informally with the court for the first time Wednesday, Dec. 7, at noon at West of Willow in Heppner.

Newly appointed members of the road study group, representing all areas of Morrow County, include: Jerry Peck, Boardman; Dan Creamer, Irrigon; Lyle Lowe, Heppner; Bob Jepsen, Ione;

Bob Harrison, Lexington; and Roadmaster Doc Sherer.

Judge D.O. Nelson said the purpose of the new group is to

study problems caused by city roads encroaching on county roads and vice versa and to make recommendations to the court as to possible solutions.

"The main problems exist in the Boardman-Irrigon area because of the tremendous growth in that area," Nelson said.

## Christmas mail due

Heppner Postmaster Hubert Wilson urges all residents to immediately begin depositing holiday greetings and parcels in the mail stream to avoid a last-minute mail crunch.

Although mail volume will increase tremendously between now and mid-December, the Postal Service is committed to having all post offices clear of mail by Christmas Day.

Wilson said the excellent cooperation received from early mailers so far this year and the efficient work of his postal employees has helped the situation and he is confident that holiday mail deposited immediately will be delivered in time for Christmas.

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## Artifactory is Saturday

The sixth annual Artifactory, scheduled this Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. promises to be bigger and better than ever with table space reserved for more than 50 county artists and craftsmen.

The Association of American University Women, sponsor of the pre-Christmas arts and crafts festival each year, encourages everyone in Morrow County to come to the big event for a little bit of education and a lot of Christmas shopping and fun.

In addition to the wide array of handcrafted gift items to be offered by county artists and craftspersons, demonstrations of gift making and Christmas decoration ideas are scheduled throughout the day. A special silkscreening demonstration by Marv Peterson of Ione is planned for 3 p.m. to attract a late Artifactory crowd.

Santa Claus in all his bearded, red-suited glory will be present from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to listen to children's Christmas wishes. Beta Gamma will be on hand between 1 and 3 p.m. to photograph youngsters with Santa.

A craft table in the Kiddie Corner will be well stocked with construction paper, tempera paints, scissors, felt scraps, popcorn, yarn and everything children need to make their own Christmas decorations. Several child size demonstrations are also planned for the Corner. Cathy Peck will supervise, assisted by members of the Heppner High School child develop-

ment class. Not a baby sitting service, the Corner is the youngsters' own mini-Artifactory.

A new feature this year will be an AAUW hostess who will be in charge of the guest book, answer question, direct people to sign up for door prizes in the book section, show locations of various tables and be a source of general information.

Coffee and homemade pies of all kinds will be available from AAUW women, while the Lions will man a popcorn booth.

For the big pie-eaters, pies will be sold for \$3 each starting at 2:30 p.m. if it appears there will be a surplus.

An Art Show by the Allied Arts Association of Morrow

County will be an added all-day Artifactory feature this year, with most pieces for sale by local artists.

Book worms will enjoy the AAUW Book Sale, offering many titles at nominal prices.

The drawing for handcrafted door prizes and for several items offered by local organizations will take place at 3:45 p.m.

The Artifactory crowd will be treated to Christmas carol-

ing at intervals throughout the afternoon by the Heppner High School chorus under the direction of music instructor John Dawson.

Artists and craftspersons will begin setting up their tables in the Catholic Parish Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, with the doors opening to the public at 10 a.m.

The Artifactory is an exciting, once a year event that no one will want to miss. See you there!

### ARTIFACTORY DEMONSTRATIONS

- 10:30 a.m. "One For All" Pillows—Ann Evans
  - 11 a.m. Portrait Sketching—Sandi Campbell
  - 12 noon Holiday Mints—Helen Daltos
  - 12:30 p.m. Applehead Dolls—Ken Curtis
  - 1 p.m. Christmas Wheat Decorations—Francine Evans
  - 2 p.m. Dough Art—Jan Evans
  - 3 p.m. Silk Screening—Marv Peterson
- ### CHILDRENS' CORNER
- 10:15 a.m. Applehead Dolls—Ken Curtis
  - 1:30 p.m. Dough Art—Jan Evans
  - 2:30 p.m. Puppets—Ann Evans

All day demonstrations will be provided by Mike and Greg Sweek, stained glass; Theta Lowe, quilting and patchwork; and Ron Farrar, pottery.

## Santa leads area into the holidays

You better watch out,  
You better not cry,  
You better not pout  
I'm telling you why,  
Cause Santa Claus is  
comin' to town. . .

And Jolly Old Saint Nick will be arriving in Heppner at noon on Saturday, Dec. 3, high atop the city's fire engine on Willow Street between Murray's Drug and Gardner's Mens Wear.

Santa will have candy canes for all the boys and girls and will mingle throughout the downtown area for a couple hours as Heppner area merchants kickoff their Christmas Bonanza.

Included in this week's Gazette-Times is a special Gift Guide section chock full of Christmas merchandise and features on merchants participating in the Christmas Bonanza.

Customers are urged to fill out the entry forms available at participating merchants to be eligible for \$500 in cash merchandise certificates that will be given away each Saturday beginning Dec. 10.

The drawings will be held each Saturday at 3 p.m. and winners will be notified by phone or mail. The cash certificates are spendable at any participating merchant prior to Jan. 15, 1978.

In addition, the City of Heppner has offered free parking to shoppers each Saturday during the holiday season.

### News Briefs

#### Lions contact Santa

Nobody seems to know quite how they do it, but the Heppner Lions Club has again managed to set up a direct telephone line to you know who at the North Pole.

Youngsters interested in eliminating the middle man should get their Christmas lists made up and deposited in the boxes provided by the Lions in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione post offices. Be sure to include your phone number so Santa can give you a call before he comes to town.

#### Sewer bonds nixed

Approximately 83 per cent of the registered voters in Lexington turned out at the polls Tuesday to resoundingly defeat a ballot question that would have directed the city to issue \$225,000 in general obligation bonds for the construction of a sewer system and treatment plant.

The vote on the issue was 112 opposed and 33 in favor. City officials were pleased with the high turnout and indicated they have no plans of pursuing the sewer plan any further.

#### Apt. plan withdrawn

An application by the Simplex Construction Co. of Umatilla for a conditional use permit to build three four-plex apartment buildings on property adjacent to Chase and Skyline Streets in Heppner was withdrawn Tuesday morning—the day a second public hearing was scheduled by the Planning Commission.

At a first hearing before the commission a month ago, the construction firm was asked to come back because it failed to provide detailed plans for their proposed apartment construction.

Considerable citizen objection was voiced at the first hearing because of insufficient water pressure and added traffic, was expected to be repeated at Tuesday night's Planning Commission hearing.

Jim Houston, part owner of Simplex Construction Co., said the permit application was withdrawn because of "adverse public reaction." Simplex owns the land on which the apartments were planned and Houston said the company would build something that would meet with a more favorable community reception, perhaps single family residences.

## Buschke heads ASCS

Judy Buschke, an ASCS employe in Heppner for most of the 21 years since her graduation from high school, was officially named ASCS County Executive Director this week to replace Dave McLeod, who was recently promoted to the state office in Portland.

"I'm a little nervous," Mrs. Buschke admitted. "The transition period is difficult but the job is a real challenge," she added.

Area farmers are already very familiar with Mrs. Buschke—she began work for the ASCS office part-time at age 17. "I came a month before Dave McLeod," she commented. Fifteen years ago, Mrs. Buschke became a full-time program assistant, a position she has held ever since except for a couple years out for child raising.

The farmer-elected ASCS County Committee recommended Mrs. Buschke for her new position and the official appointment came through from the federal office in Washington, D.C. this week.

There has been a precedent to having a woman ASCS director in Morrow County. Mrs. Buschke said that Cecilia Carty was acting County Executive Director in about 1953. "So far the farmers have been very agreeable about it (a woman director), but we probably won't hear from the

others," she commented. "The farmers here are a great bunch of people."

One of the hardest parts of

her new position, is turning over her old duties to someone

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### New director

New ASCS County Executive Director Judy Buschke (standing) lends a hand to Joan Hughes, who took over the position of full-time program assistant which Mrs. Buschke held before her new appointment.