

Lexington news
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Holly Rebekah Lodge held its annual Christmas party last Thursday at the Lexington IOOF hall.

A potluck dinner started the evening, followed by a game session for all ages. A pinocle game in the lower hall, featuring a decorated Christmas tree, topped off the evening. Prizes were awarded.

Lexington Grange held its regular meeting on Monday evening, with Master Carl M. Marquardt presiding. The night started with a potluck dinner and an exchange of Christmas items. Mark Wright was welcomed as a new member at the meeting, and was presented a membership pin.

Carl Marquardt, the outgoing Master, was presented a Past Master pin for his service during the past two years. The January Grange meeting will be "Men's Night," with Ken Smouse providing the program, Carl Marquardt providing music, and Henry Peck, Cecil Jones, Lyle Peck, Dale Chick and Norm Nelson providing a pancake supper. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. with the pancake supper, rather than the usual 6:30 p.m. starting time.

Bird count slated for Ruggs area

It's time again for the annual Ruggs-Hardman Christmas Bird Count.

Birdwatchers from Alaska to Bermuda and from the northernmost reaches of the continent to Venezuela and Panama are making plans for the annual revival of the National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count, now in its 79th year. This is the big birding bash of each year, with high school students, teachers, alumni and other interested adults participating at locations across the world.

There were 37 participants last year in the Ruggs-Hardman count. That figure has jumped to approximately 45 participants this year. The birdwatchers will be counting and recording birds within a 17 mile radius. Canyons, creeks, roadsides and brush-patches will all be scoured in order for the most accurate count to be recorded.

Last year our count numbered 3,305 individual birds, with 55 different species being seen. Each of the six count groups will be spending at least eight hours counting, with some areas taking in more hours. The count will start and end at Ruggs.

The birdwatchers expect to have a roosting time starting at 7 a.m. today at Ruggs.



Merry Christmas

God bless you and yours at Christmastime and always.

Court Street Market

Jack, Ruth, Georgia, Linda Len, Sue & Anne

Heppner 676-9643

Last week's Grange meeting was closed with violin solos by Frances Smouse and chorals by children of Grange members.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg are recuperating at their home in Lexington. Mr. Padberg recently underwent surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton, and Mrs. Padberg recently received broken bones in a fall.

Mrs. Clifford Williams was a patient in St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton last week.

Jack Yocom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocom, is visiting at home until Jan. 3, when he will be sent to a permanent duty station following his completion of basic training in the U.S. Army.

December a busy month for Heppner Soroptimist members

December has been a busy month with varied activities for the Heppner chapter of Soroptimist International.

During the first part of the month, the local Soroptimists began taking applications from Heppner High School students for the club's citizenship award contest for graduating seniors. A \$50 Savings Bond will go to the first place winner, with a \$25 bond going to the second place finalist. The first place winner will then go on to regional competition.

Later in the month, the Soroptimists began collecting toys, turkeys and canned ham

The United Church of Christ held its children's program last Sunday evening at 5 p.m.

After the opening prayer the pre-school children sang a number of songs, along with a few unplanned performances typical of children this age, which always seems to add to the program.

Following this, the Christmas Story was acted out by those in Kindergarten through the sixth grade. As Craig Rea, narrator, told the story, slides were shown of the events. However, the slides were different than we had seen as they were our local children and local scenery. Some of the events were photographed in the church, but the manger scene was in a barn, the shepherd scene in a field, and the wise men traveling on a dusty road.

It was very clever, and I must admit that in their costumes, I didn't recognize all of them. So rather than to list a few and leave some out,

I'll just say the actors and actresses played their parts well. The script was written by Wilma Cheney, and helping her were Linda Conklin and Lorene Griffith.

Brenda Ekstrom played the piano for the evening. The slides were taken in October by Kenneth Smouse and Neil Chabot. After the program a potluck dinner was held in the social room, followed by a truckload of people going up and down the streets singing Christmas carols, with Marvin Padberg and Chuck Nelson in charge.

Gary and Jodi Weeber are the parents of a boy, born Dec. 5 at Eugene. The young man has been named Adam Paul and is the grandson of Bill Snow and great-grandson of Virginia and Harvey Smith.

Congratulations to Katherine Lindstrom on taking third place in the cake bake-off at the Oregon Wheat Convention in Portland.

Ione has lost two of its

prominent senior citizens in the last week—Carl Bergstrom and Art Stefani. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Bergstrom and Stefani families and especially to Art Jr. and Dorothy and their family on the loss of their fathers and grandfathers.

On Monday, Dec. 11, Mary-Ann Palmer entertained with a birthday party in honor of Vera Rietmann. On Wednesday Dec. 13, a no-host lunch-

eon was held at Beechers in honor of Vera and Laura Holtz. Tuesday, Dec. 19 Laura Holtz was honored on her birthday at the home of Vera Rietmann.

The Ione Topic Club held its annual Christmas party at the home of Vera Rietmann on Monday. The program consisted of Christmas music and stories. Shirley McNary was taken into the club as a new member. Margaret Morgan

was co-hostess. The school Christmas program will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22. School will be out for the vacation at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

The United Church of Christ services on Sunday will begin at 10 a.m., and Sunday school will not be held, so that all can attend the services.

Merry Christmas and may every day of the New Year be filled with joy, good health and happiness.

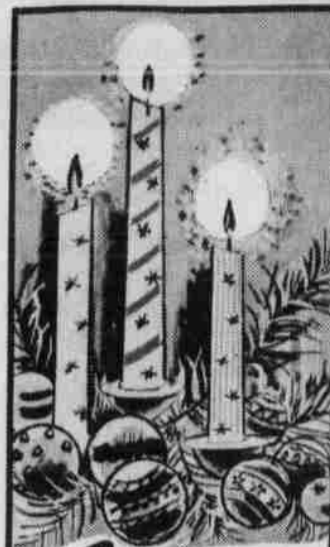
BMCC schedules EMT course

An 81-hour Emergency Medical Technician I class will hold its first session on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in Heppner.

The class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Karmon Bjella, nursing supervisor at Pioneer Memorial Hospital

will be co-ordinator for the class, sponsored by Blue Mountain Community College.

Persons interested in taking the EMT training must apply to Bjella by Jan. 2. Applications may also be made by calling 676-9133.



Greetings

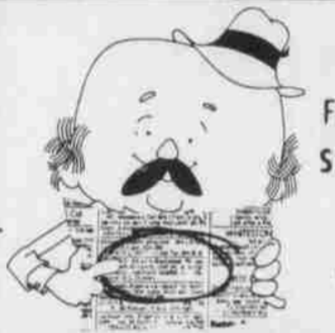
May the blessings of the season be shared by one and all.

Rietmann's Hardware
Ione 422-7211

for distribution to the county's needy by the Neighborhood Center.

During a Dec. 14 meeting, Jerry Healy told Soroptimists

Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic on Dec. 16, the Soroptimists held their annual Christmas party for members and spouses at the home of



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The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES



MERRY CHRISTMAS

A happy Christmas to our many good friends and neighbors of this fine community.

V & G Tavern

Gay & Patti
Lexington 989-8144



There's no better time to let you know how much we value your patronage and friendship. Happy Holidays!

TURNER VAN METER & BRYANT INSURANCE
Heppner 676-9113



O Holy Night

Let us follow in spirit to Bethlehem, And Welcome the Light of the World.

Miller & Sons Welding

Heppner 676-9613

...have someone hard to buy for? Here are some last minute gift ideas.

- WICKER PLANT STANDS
- CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS
- BIRD CAGES
- CHRISTMAS AMARYLLIS PLANTS JUST ADD WATER
- SPICE ROPES

OPEN LATE THURSDAY

POSY Patch FLOWER SHOP
676-9426



OPEN LATE THURSDAY 'TIL 9 P.M.

- Gardner's MEN'S WEAR**
- Peterson's Jewelers** (AGS)
- The Lebush Shoppe**
- Murray's Drug**
- COLE'S HOUSE-FASHION** Heppner 676-9426
- SHOE BOX**
- POSY Patch FLOWER SHOP**
- COAST TO COAST STORES ...total hardware**
- Kroll's DEPARTMENT STORE**
- Case Furniture**