

Around About By Justine Weatherford

Two coming very busy and interesting weekends should please local residents and visitors in Heppner. This last weekend in November will be brightened by the gala Community Christmas Lighting Ceremony early Friday evening, Nov. 26. The program will feature community singing and the sharing of refreshments. Many people are involved in making the plans and carrying out this very pleasing, first, Christmas holiday event.

Then on Saturday, Nov. 27, Heppner merchants will have their official Christmas Opening with window displays and great gift shopping inducements.

Christmas month's first weekend will feature the well-established Artisanery on Saturday, Dec. 4. Many craft and gift producing groups will be displaying and selling their products. The Heppner Garden Club's annual Greens Workshop will be open, where members will give advice and assistance to people wishing to prepare their own decorations from freshly cut greenery. There will be holly and miscellaneous decorative items for sale to be used along with the greenery. Morrow County artists will be displaying and selling their creations there, too. Everyone will want to spend some time that Saturday at the fairgrounds.

Saturday, Dec. 4, and Sunday, Dec. 5, will be most exciting days at the Heppner Bowl where professional bowling champion Ernie Schlegel will make four appearances. This colorful "almost forty," bowling celebrity, who holds five Eastern Regional Championships and two national Professional Bowlers Association championships, should draw a large crowd of out-of-town and local admirers. Those who want to get close to Schlegel might need to come to the alley before his appearances at 1 and 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Many of you know that the U.S. Council of Bishops of the Catholic Church has spoken out for a nuclear freeze. After attending Saturday evening Mass, I had an unusual chance to talk with Bishop Thomas Connolly who has come from Baker to honor St. Patrick's Church here. The Bishop said "We consider nuclear war a moral issue, not a political issue."

I mentioned that I had seen good coverage of the council on P.B.S. television. Bishop Connolly said "We were thankful for the excellent coverage the media gave us." I am thankful for this great group of church leaders who spoke out so positively on this issue which is so important to all of us.

Sunday evening, the basement of the United Methodist Church was completely filled with families and friends who enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving Day potluck Harvest Festival. It was a fun evening with much camaraderie. Some high spots were the guitar and vocal numbers by local troubadour Ron McDonald, magic acts and joke telling by several children and the winning of the prize McCabe-donated turkey by Shirley Connor.

I feel sure that I am not the only one who thought that business promotion and activity in a community would originate with the Chamber of Commerce. Others, too, were surprised to see the Heppner Merchants Committee become a separate entity, and now to see that the real action seems to be coming from that committee and a new organization, the Heppner Economic Development Committee.

There is always plenty of room in America for differences of opinions—for which we all are very thankful. The "spinning off" of sub-groups can be looked on as a happy, healthy movement in the right direction. Enthusiastic smaller groups can often expedite changes that a larger group doesn't seem to manage. No matter what name a working group assumes—the name is not nearly as important as the work the group accomplishes.

Usually during the week of Thanksgiving, I review traditional reasons for feeling thankful and dwell on the oft-repeated history of this big harvest festival in America. This year, along with these usual feelings, I have been thinking some different thoughts about people who are coming and who have come to our beloved country since the first pilgrims reached its New England shore.

In the November issue of "Guideposts," a small magazine I enjoy and admire, Glenn Kittler has put down some timely and appealing thoughts about Thanksgiving and pilgrims. As he writes of his Puerto Rican neighbors in New York City, he says:

"I heard one boy saying 'Today our teacher told us what Americans eat for Thanksgiving dinner!' His voice took on a rather bitter, singsong ring as he chanted, 'Turkey and dressing and gravy and sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie and...' His litany went on and on.

The tone of the boy's voice made me wonder, Wouldn't some Americans prefer to have rice and beans and stewed chicken for their Thanksgiving dinner? Wouldn't some be eating their Thanksgiving dinner with chopsticks? Wouldn't some prefer veal parmigiana, a tangy salad and pasta, or boiled pork shoulder and sauerkraut?

"America is known as the world's melting pot. For that reason let us never forget the real meaning of our Thanksgiving holiday—gratitude to God for His guidance and protection equally bestowed on all pilgrims to this new land. The pilgrims are still arriving. Let us be thankful for every one of them."



The first Bank of the United States was chartered by Congress in 1791.

Heppner Hotel entered into Register of Historic Places

The Parks and Recreation Division of the Oregon Department of Transportation has announced that the Heppner Hotel has been officially entered into the National Register of Historic Places.

The hotel, owned by Arnie and Rita Hedman of Heppner, was nominated to the register at the recommendation of the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation. Word

of the recent action taken in Washington, D.C. was received by State Historic Preservation Officer David G. Talbot, the division reported.

The National Register is maintained by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, under authority of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the division said.

Exclusion Orders mailed

Approximately 22,000 Exclusion Orders, nine in Morrow County, have been sent to parents of school and day care facility attendees in Oregon who are not in compliance with Oregon's Immunization Law, stated the Oregon State Health Division. This is less than half the number of orders sent out during the previous school year, the division said.

The Exclusion Orders were issued on Wednesday, Nov. 17 by each County Health Department, and will be effective December 1 unless parents show proof prior to that time that the child has met the immunization requirements, the division said.

Morrow County Health Nurse Pat Wright said of the nine orders sent: two of the students had moved out of the school district. Two Exclusion Orders were sent to Heppner Elementary students and the remaining seven were sent to students enrolled at Riverside High School at Boardman.

Wright said the Exclusion Orders are usually sent to students who transfer to Oregon from states which don't have the strict immunization laws that Oregon has.

All of the seven students either need just a booster immunization or a copy of their immunization record to show that they meet the immunization requirements, she said.

Oregon's Immunization Law requires that parents provide their child's school or day care facility with an accurate, up-to-date record of the child's immunization status. This information must be placed on a "Certificate of Immunization Status" form, available at schools, day care facilities, or County Health Departments. Children who have no record on file, or whose record does not indicate that the appropriate vaccinations have been received, or that the child is medically or religiously exempt from receiving the vaccine, are subject to exclusion, the division said.

Children who were in compliance last year may not be in compliance this year if, for example, they have transferred to a new school and their immunization record is not on file at the new school, or have not received an immunization that became due during the past year.

Parents who do receive an Exclusion Order should read the order very carefully to

make certain what information is required, and to whom the information is to be provided.

Parents who need further information, or who feel that an error has been made in the review of their child's record should contact Wright at the Morrow County Health Department, Lexington, 989-8256.

Crop Report

The Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service has released the following report:

A national and state agricultural survey will kick off in late in November to determine how many acres farmers planted to winter wheat and the latest facts on livestock and poultry numbers.

Locally, this survey will be conducted by the Statistical Reporting Service (SRS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This agency, headed in Oregon by Paul M. Williamson, is responsible for collecting, processing and publishing current National and State agricultural information.

The results of the survey, which will contain estimates of winter wheat acreages, will be published December 22 by SRS. Estimates of hog numbers and the early 1983 pig crop also will be published on December 22 and the count of chickens and cattle will be ready to go in late January 1983.

These estimates will provide producers and others in agriculture with the necessary background information to make decisions affecting production and marketing operations.

A sample of 515 Oregon farmers and ranchers will be visited between November 20 and December 3 and asked to supply information about their winter wheat plantings and livestock numbers. While participation is voluntary, cooperation is vital to the development of reliable indications. All information collected will be combined to produce state and national summaries.

Thirty-one interviewers throughout the state will be collecting this information by personal interviews for all counties in Oregon with special attention being given to the major wheat areas.

For additional information or the results of the survey, contact: Paul M. Williamson, phone (503) 221-2131.

The Register is the official list of the nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation. The list contains districts, sites, archaeological sites, buildings, structures and objects of national, state and local significance.

Under Oregon's historic property tax law (ORS 358.475), an owner of a National Register property who is willing to maintain the property's historic values may apply for special assessment status, in which the true cash value of the property is frozen for a period of 15 years. The law is intended as an incentive for the rehabilitation and appropriate maintenance of historic buildings, the division said.

A brief explanation of the National Register nomination process and the benefits available to National Register property owners is available upon request from the division's office.

What's Your Opinion?



Question: "Will you be spending Thanksgiving with your family?"

"Well, I guess so," said Allen Burkenbine, Heppner, "my wife's family."

Elections Div. verifies investigation request

Ray Phelps, director of the Oregon State Elections Division, has verified that the Oregon Taxpayers, sponsors of Ballot Measure 3, have requested an investigation of voting results on the measure in eight Oregon counties, including Morrow. Phelps said that final election returns should be in the Secretary of State's office soon, but until they are all received, he can't determine whether an investigation is warranted.

Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth has questioned the Oregon Taxpayers' report of voting results in Morrow County on the measure. The organization states that 21 percent of the people in the county did not vote on Measure 3. Bloodworth reports that 68 percent of the registered voters in the county voted, 98.5 percent of whom voted on Measure 3.

Local areas receive liquor revenue

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has reported that liquor revenue distributed during the 1981-82 fiscal year amounted to \$72,275,794, an increase of 3.12 percent over the 1980-81 fiscal year. Heppner received \$12,307, Ione received \$2,941, Boardman, \$11,052, Irrigon, \$7,104 and Lexington, \$2,533. Morrow County received \$17,646, reported Genevieve Cook, information officer. The cities' and counties' share is in proportion to population, she said. This does not include funds received from City Revenue Sharing or Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Services Account.

The State General Fund received \$39,421,711; the incorporated cities, \$12,475,505; the counties \$6,237,752; and the City Revenue Sharing Account, \$8,732,853. The Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Services Account received 50 percent of the gross taxes collected on beer and wine, amounting to \$5,407,973, Cook reported.

Liquor sales for the fiscal year exceeded all previous years, amounting to \$154,933,485. This was an increase of 0.1 percent over the 1980-81 fiscal year.

Scientists divide wasps into two groups—social and solitary wasps. Social wasps, such as hornets and yellow jackets, live a community life, while each family of solitary wasps lives by itself.

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