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Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Nov. 23	21	19	
Wed., Nov. 24	28	16	
Thurs., Nov. 25	22	21	
Fri., Nov. 26	28	24	.01
Sat., Nov. 27	50	27	
Sun., Nov. 28	52	33	.05
Mon., Nov. 29	50	41	

Many children turn out for annual visit with Santa



Travis and Melissa Pettyjohn, three and five, were two of the many children who got candy canes as they told Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus their Christmas wishes. The Clauses arrived in

Heppner Saturday in a fire engine and visited children at the Heppner Post Office.

Travis and Melissa's parents are Larry and Kerry Pettyjohn of Heppner.

Cards out to improve record

By CRAIG GUTIERREZ

The Ione High School basketball season started last week, November 15, for 20 players. The team practiced as a whole until Monday, Nov. 29, when the final cut and separation of varsity and junior varsity players was made.

The varsity team consists of Denny Starr, Tim Patton, Howard Leavitt, Craig Hams, Craig Gutierrez, Randy McCabe, Roger Morter, Mark Meyers, Darrin Padberg and Donny Taylor. The varsity team is coached by Del LaRue and he had these comments about the upcoming season: "We have nine returning lettermen this year. Randy McCabe is the only new member of the team. Due to this depth we should do better than the past year. We are coming off a 3-17 season and are looking forward to improving our record statistically. Offensively, we plan to do more running and we plan to play a more pressured defense than we did in the past. We are looking forward to the new season and to the improvement that's due."

The lone J.V. team is under the command of a new coach, Mr. David Sime. The team has eight members: Steve Millman, Rod Taylor, Eric Poin-

ter, Brian Douglas, Mike Douglas, Jeff Ball, Donnie Doherty and the only girl member on the team, Paula Anderson.

Coach Sime is optimistic about his first year as a coach and teacher. "I'm looking forward to the upcoming season but I don't know what to expect because it being my first year. I would like to play everybody in every game because that's

Co. Fair Board members to attend convention

Morrow County Fair Board members will be attending the Oregon Fairs Association Convention December 5-7 at Ashland, announced a board spokesperson. Each year the association meets with 36 counties to report overall success and improvements of each county fair in the state.

Each board member will attend a workshop at the convention. The work-

Certificates to be given away at Artifactory

Heppner merchants have a new treat for people who attend this Saturday's Artifactory at the fairgrounds in Heppner. Mrs. Santa Claus will be handing out discount

what J.V. ball is all about. The experience you get in the J.V. will help you in the future," he said.

The J.V. team will not be playing for three weeks but the varsity opens with the Morrow County Invitational Tourney at Riverside High School in Boardman on December 3 and 4. The first game is at 7:30 p.m. Friday against the Riverside Pirates.

shops help board members to be better informed about holding a fair and in managing the fairgrounds throughout the year, the spokesperson said.

Morrow County Fair Board members who are to attend are Marilyn Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Currin, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Daly, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Estberg.

certificates which will be redeemable at local businesses.

The discount certificates are part of the Heppner merchants' Christmas promotional activities.

Heppner Mustangs ready to play ball!

By GLENN SMITH

It's basketball season and the Heppner High School basketball team is ready for its first game. After four hard weeks of practice the Mustangs are ready to meet their first challenge this Friday against the Echo Cougars at Boardman in the Morrow County Invitational Tournament. (See schedule).

The Mustangs will have a new varsity coach this year, Brent Eggers. Eggers has coached junior varsity before but this will be his first year as head coach. Eggers is looking forward to their first game to be one of experience. "We don't have any starters back this year and the team we have is very inexperienced. We have a lot of work to do before we look like a solid ball team."

Echo will not be a piece of cake for Heppner for their team has been picked by the coaches to win the league this year. The turnout for the basketball team was lower this year from last, so Coach Eggers is keeping the varsity team thin, having only ten players. Those on Varsity this year are: seniors Jeff Orr,

Greg Connor, Marty Britt, Mike Currin and Tom Huston. They have all lettered in basketball. Two seniors up from junior varsity are Shane Laughlin and Jay Hayes. Juniors playing will be letterman Greg Orr and two juniors from the J.V. team, Mark Way and Eric Thompson. Rod Cole will swing between varsity and junior var-

sity. All are eager for a crack at Echo.

Saturday the Mustangs will play again in a four-team tournament going against the winner of the Riverside-Ione game if they beat the Cougars. If they lose the Echo game they will play the loser of the Riverside bout. "It will be a tough game," Eggers commented, "but a game we can

win if we play well.

"My own immediate goal is to get to the district tournament. If we get that far, then we'll reset our goals, but right now that's what we are shooting for. The key point in this upcoming game will be the players mental attitude, how well they respond to coaching," Eggers said.

Inexperience was a major

factor in the fall sports outcome and Eggers thinks that inexperience might be a factor in basketball team's early games.

"For sure we will be a better team in January than December," Eggers said. "We have to learn so many new things and to adjust to it, but I think we have a good bunch of kids and can go all the way."

Selective Ser. System reports registration compliance

The latest figures released from National Headquarters, Selective Service System indicate that overall registration compliance in Oregon is running at approximately 90 percent. The figures for Morrow County are as follows: 1960 year of birth 70 percent; 1961, 93 percent; 1962, 100

percent; 1963, 100 percent; and 1964, 82 percent.

Oregon officials feel that these figures could be in error, with compliance actually approaching the national average of 95 percent. Compliance figures are based on an "Index of Potential Registrants" computed from 1980 census

figures, and could easily err by not allowing for a rise of fall in the actual birth rate for each year, the Selective Service System said.

"We do know that there are many young men who should have registered, but have not done so for any number of reasons," says

Robert B. Ball, Oregon State director for Selective Service.

"We actively encourage anyone who needs to register to go to the nearest post office and do so. Late registration can still be accomplished without fear of prosecution for non-registration," he said.

C.B.E.C. receives over 100 requests for energy audits

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op in Heppner has had over 100 requests for free energy audits under their residential Weatherization Program, reports Paul Sumner, member services representative.

The audits, which began in September, are free for electrically heated homes.

Sumner reported that about 80 percent of the requested audits have been completed. The normal time lapse has

been running between two to three weeks from the time the request is received until the audit is performed, he said.

Audits can still be requested, Sumner said, however priority is given to low income

households.

After an audit is completed, the co-op, under Bonneville Power Administration guidelines, determines what energy saving measures can be financed, Sumner said.

Lexington Lumber new dealer for Polaris snowmobiles



Gene Orwick (L.) of Lexington Lumber shows features of new Polaris snowmobile to Leland Anstogui, Heppner.

Lexington Lumber is the new dealer for Polaris snowmobiles in this area. An open house to show the machines will be held December 10 at the Lumber Yard.

There will be free coffee and donuts. Six snowmobiles are now in stock for your examination.

In addition to sales, Lexington Lumber will also service your Polaris. Parts for Snow Cat snowmobiles will also be stocked.

Annual event to take place Saturday Artifactory getting better & better each year

The Heppner-Ione Branch of A.A.U.W. would like to remind everyone that this year's Artifactory is the ideal place to find that unique Christmas gift for someone special.

The 11th annual craft fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Morrow County fair pavilion in Heppner this Saturday, Dec. 4.

Gift choices will range from jewelry to dough art; baked

goods, Christmas candy, handmade aprons, kites, leather works, stuffed animals and dolls plus much more.

Santa has been scheduled for picture taking between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

The Heppner Garden Club will be holding their annual Christmas Greens Workshop along with an art display by the Morrow County Arts Association in the annex.

Members of A.A.U.W. will

be selling homemade sandwiches, pies and drinks. Other members of the group will be holding a book nook where new books for all ages will be sold.

As a new feature some sellers will be offering specials in the afternoon.

"Every year you can count on the Artifactory to get better and better," said an A.A.U.W. spokesperson.

Santa to phone local children

As a joint effort, the Heppner and Ione Lions Clubs will place mailboxes in Heppner, Lexington and Ione Post Offices so that children may write Santa and request a telephone call from him. Calls

will be made during the evenings of December 13, 14 and 15.

Children who wish to have Santa call them should have their letters in Santa's Mailboxes by December 10.

Umatilla Indians demonstrate dancing skills to local Boy Scouts



Dancer from Umatilla Indian Tribe demonstrates age-old tradition to meeting of area Boy Scouts Monday night.

The Indians came to Heppner and put on the demonstration to help people better understand their customs and traditions. A large crowd of scouts and parents watched and enjoyed the show, held at the local Elks Lodge.

Heppner cowboy takes championship award

Heppner cowboy Earl Hammond should be all smiles. He took the championship award in the saddle bronc division of the Youth National Finals Rodeo at Fort Worth, Texas last weekend.

Hammond reportedly received a \$5,000 scholarship, \$1,200 in cash, a \$900 solid gold belt buckle, a trophy saddle

and other merchandise awards.

Lee Rice and Tara Mahoney, also of Heppner, competed in the three-day rodeo. Rice placed fourth in bareback riding behind Scott Wright of Dayville, bareback riding champion. Mahoney took either fifth or sixth place in goat tying.

Another Heppner cowboy, Jeff Bailey, qualified for the rodeo in the steer wrestling event, but did not attend.

Hammond, Rice and Bailey are all 1982 graduates of Heppner High School and are attending Walla Walla Community College. Mahoney is a senior at Heppner High School.