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Scout's food drive a huge success

A canned food drive sponsored by local Cub Scouts was a huge success, reports Helen Riehl, a chairperson for the activity. Over \$1,100 in food and cash was donated from residents in Heppner, Lexington and Ione. Farmers in outlying areas also brought food to town for the drive. Riehl said.

Contributions to the food drive, which was held Saturday, Dec. 11, were presented to the Heppner Neighborhood Center for their Christmas basket project and to help stock shelves at the center. The baskets and remaining food will be distributed to needy families in the area.

To the editor:

I have been a resident of Morrow County on and off for over 30 years and my wife was raised in Heppner. We can both remember when it was a great honor for a young lady to be chosen to be an ambassador for Morrow County, as Morrow County Fair and Rodeo royalty. The entire community backed the queen and princesses. Whole families supported these daughters of Morrow County and some pretty terrific traditions were born.

We've seen these same traditions stomped into the ground and a horrible apathy grow in the community because the Rodeo Board has forgotten they serve the county and not their own self-interests: each of them trying to be more important than the

Thanks, but no thanks

other. We got a good look at this mess firsthand when our daughter represented Morrow County last summer as a Morrow County Fair and Rodeo princess. Because of pettiness, unethical procedure, general disorganization, apathy and traditions being trashed, my daughter wrote the following letter to the rodeo board, after she had been called by Judy Currin, their secretary, who congratulated and informed Nancy that she had been chosen by the board to represent Morrow County as the Queen of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dear Board Members:

Thank you for the honor of being chosen as queen of the Morrow County Fair and

Rodeo for the 1983 rodeo season.

Due to circumstances and stipulations, of which you were aware when you voted on me as your queen, I am sorry to inform you that I do not intend to accept your nomination.

Sincerely,
Nancy Paine

I'd like to publically congratulate my daughter for having the character and loyalty to tradition, and the just plain good sense to write the board and say "Thanks, but no thanks."

Congratulations, Nancy. Your family is proud of you. Somebody has to do the right thing because it is right.

Sincerely,
Richard Paine
Heppner

No adult ed classes to be held next week

Adult Basic Education classes will not be held during the week following Christmas.

announced Joy Krein, instructor. Classes will resume Wednesday, Jan. 5, 7 to 10

p.m. For more information, contact Krein at 676-9856.

Mad

As a member of Congress opposed to any pay increase, I had opportunities on two consecutive votes to strike a blow at the size of the increase, and then try to kill the whole kit and kaboodle.

On the first vote, the choice was between \$17,300 or \$9,000. I voted to lower the raise to the lower figure, limiting the damage if, God forbid, the attempt to kill the raise failed, on a tie vote of 208-208.

That's the chronology, and my strategy, on the votes. If

the wire services can't understand that, then they belong in a straitjacket. More important, the issue isn't over yet, and I'll continue to work against a pay raise for members of Congress at this time, when so many of my constituents are out of work, running out of unemployment benefits, and with so many others living in fear of losing their jobs.

Sincerely,
Les AuCoin
Member of Congress

Butter Creek Livestock 4-H Club meets

By NANCY BAILEY

The Butter Creek Livestock 4-H Club met December 15 at the Hays home and officers were elected. Fifteen members were present.

Kevin Hughes is president

Kent Klukkert is vice-president. Dorothy Hays, secretary and Nancy Bailey, reporter.

Lesson for the meeting was a review of animal anatomy. Reports were given by Sandra

Wattenburger, Tammy Hays and Kent Klukkert.

Plans were made to go Christmas caroling on December 22.

The next meeting will be held January 12 at the Klukkert home.

Ione Topic Club enjoys Christmas luncheon

Ione Topic Club members enjoyed a bounteous Christmas luncheon on December 15 at the home of Helen Proudfoot with her mother, Lillie Van Ness, assisting, said a club member. A gift exchange followed.

Lorraine Ladd gave a report

for the Ione Public Library. Two new adult books have just been added - Judith Krantz's "Mistral's Daughter," a romantic novel, and Peter Benchley's "The Girl of the Sea of Cortez," a story about a manta ray. Benchley is the writer of "Jaws" also.

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