

## News from the Neighborhood Center

By NEOLA MACKEY

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (Fuel assistance) will be starting Friday, Dec. 7 and Friday, Dec. 14 at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. It was announced at the last meeting that an electric bill must be brought with the regular fuel bill even if electricity is not used for heat. Both the fuel bill and the electric bill will be kept by this office. Clients must call for appointments.

Adult and family services Janet Phillips will be at the Center Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The Center has Food stamp

applications available during the regular weekday office hours.

The free Blood Pressure clinic will be held at the Center Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. by Pat Wright, County Health Nurse.

All those wishing to receive Christmas baskets who have not been contacted are asked to come in to the center to sign up and register their clothing sizes and ages of family members.

The Thursday Social group will be hosted by the St. Patricks Alter Society for the month of December. Be sure to visit the Center's table at the Artifactory Dec. 1.

## Around About

By Justine Weatherford

Although many parts of our region and state had snowfall before and during the Thanksgiving holiday, it was satisfying to have blue skies here much of the weekend. The white coating on Monday morning sparkled briefly in bright sunshine. Maybe it was just a preview. We are all aware that winter isn't officially due here until December 21.

Just before November Morrow County residents learned that next year's fair and rodeo could be bigger and better than ever with the naming of Bridgett Greenup as 1985 queen and four princesses: Bobbette Angell, Cindy Lou Davis, Stacey Kennedy and Sheila Sieler. We somehow wish that the honors were a bit better distributed around the whole county, but all five attend Heppner High School.

The first Monday of November saw Takenobu Sato, manager of Nichimen America, a large Japanese trading house, address those who attended the Morrow County Grain Growers annual banquet. That same evening Larry Mills, MCGG general manager, told of the plan to start construction soon on a new \$320,000 grain elevator at Heppner's city limits.

My recent out-of-town visitors were amazed to see so many dogs wandering loose around town. We hope that the county court will move in and really enforce its 1931 licensing ordinance. It seems strange that this ordinance has not been enforced for so many years now--and we all know it is not the dogs' fault.

The movement of the Geophysical Service, Inc. crew members into this area has again created a real shortage of rental housing, and has proved to be a stimulation to various businesses. Their arrival points up the need for more good motel space. The GSI office in the former LeBush Shoppe space on Main Street looks like a busy place.

It was good to read that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is letting bids "to correct miscellaneous deficiencies at the Willow Creek Dam Project." It was distressing to read reporter Peter Wong's lengthy articles in the Roseburg News-Review of last month telling the people of southern Douglas County in bold headlines "Avoid Heppner's Pitfalls."

After Wong reported that farmers had put off for a year any decision on whether to form an irrigation district to buy water from the Willow Creek Reservoir, he quoted Mayor Cliff Green "But I don't see that they've got any choice, with the price of electricity for deep-well pumping what it is now, and what the state is doing with groundwater." The interview with Mayor Cliff Green concluded with his statement that he believes the town is not divided about the Willow Creek Dam. "At times, when it heated up, there was some controversy, but for the most part, I think most people accepted it. There are a lot of people who joke about it, and there are quite a few people who still do not like it. But it's a fact of life, and I think everybody's learned to live with it. I think it's going to have some potential nobodys seen yet."

Last week saw the Heppner Senior Citizens thankful to be together on Tuesday for a Thanksgiving Dinner and a fine musical program. A scale drawing of the proposed Senior Citizens Building was displayed. Seniors are working with various projects to raise money toward the building of it on the county-donated site.

Each year folks in the community who need extra help as Christmas nears are thankful for Pat Brindle and her helpers at the Neighborhood Center. We hear that more volunteers help is needed there now as the time for assembling Christmas boxes nears. Each member of the Soroptimists as well as several other generous individuals are taking dolls to the center for little girls. I haven't heard anything about some special efforts for toys for small boys.

In this county, as in many parts of the world, so much good is accomplished by volunteers. Think of the good folks who give hours of effort to the various county boards and committees, of people who volunteer time to the schools, to the hospital, to the museum and library, to Senior events, to working with 4-H or Boy Scouts or with the various churches.

Now it is about time to begin thinking about the two citizens in this county who will be honored as First Lady and First Man at the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet the second Tuesday night in January. When you've decided on the names of worth candidates please tell someone on the Honors and Awards Committee of the Chamber. Dr. Wolff, the committee chairman, reminds folks that these First Citizens are honored for various types of volunteer community service and that his committee will make the final determination of the winners.

Don't miss the musical "Annie" at Heppner High School tomorrow and Friday nights (Nov. 29 and 30). A good attendance is necessary to encourage the students and community members who have been working toward giving a fine performance.

Of course Saturday at the Morrow County Fairgrounds at the annual Artifactory will involve selling food, displaying arts and crafts and helping persons who wish to make decorative items from fresh, mountain-grown greenery. This is an annual first Saturday in December, every-age event. Be sure to come to the Morrow County Fairgrounds this Saturday.

## Pre-Christmas sale planned

Heppner Swim Team members are selling cheese and sausage again this pre-Christmas season announced a team spokesperson.


The items available are one pound tubs of soft cheese in two flavors--port wine or cheddar--and one pound sticks of sausage. These products come from the Nestle company and

are sold as a fund raising activity by the swim team.

Anyone who would like to buy cheese or sausage may contact Sheridan Tarnasky 676-5059. Nancy


Bruch 676-9420, or Kathy Hedman 676-9227.

Swim team members will be selling door-to-door during the next two weeks.




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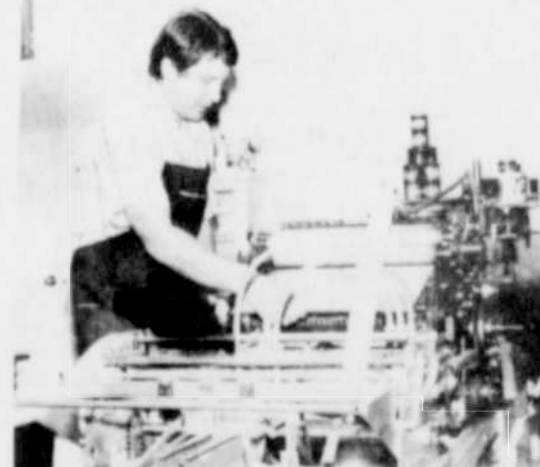
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