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Weather

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	High	Low	Precip	Snow
Tues	46	30		4"
Wed	36	22		4"
Thurs	44	30	14	3"
Fri	44	28	29	2 1/2"
Sat	43	29	01	2 1/2"
Sun	34	29	.09	1/2" new 3" T
Mon	38	21		2 1/2"

## Santa 'brings Christmas' to Heppner



The Rev. LeRoy Wornell led the singing of Christmas carols Friday, Dec. 6 in downtown Heppner as merchants and area citizens prepared for the official opening of the Christmas season when Santa Claus came into Heppner on a fire truck Saturday, Dec. 7. Santa visits with seven-month old Emily Sue Chick at the Artfactory, another mark of the beginning of the Christmas season in Heppner.



## Naming of princesses completes 1986 Fair & Rodeo Court



Missy Schoonover



Sandy Wright

The Morrow County Rodeo Committee has selected Missy Schoonover and Sandy Wright, 1986 Fair and Rodeo court princesses to serve as Morrow County representatives this year along with Queen Dawn Timms.

Princess Missy is the daughter of Lawrence and Sharon Schoonover of Lexington. A 16-year-old junior at Heppner High School, she is active in sports and an avid rider, a member of Wranglers, and taken 4-H horse for three years and enjoyed riding horses all her life. Missy would like to go on to college and

pursue her desire to be a veterinarian. Princess Sandy is currently looking for a new horse.

Princess Sandy is the daughter of Patricia Wright and the late Harvey Wright of Lexington. An 18-year-old junior at Inne High School, she is active in volleyball, basketball and tennis. She has been a member of Heppner Wranglers and taken 4-H horse. Sandy's horse this year, due to the generosity again of John Ledbetter, will be a bay horse named Ketsup. John was kind enough to have loaned him to last year's princess Sheila Sieler also.

## Boeing granted use permit

Boeing was granted a conditional use permit at the November 25 meeting of the Morrow County Planning Commission, reports member of the planning-building department staff, Mike Oths. The permit allows the company to conduct preliminary tests through August, 1986 of new types of remote antennas at a site owned by the company near the Boardman Coal Fire Plant.

The fact that they are testing is not secret," explains Oths, "but the design of the antenna is," so the tests will be done at night. Very weak radio signals will be "shot" down a 4,000 ft. gravel "runway." Company officials told the commission that the frequencies used would not interfere with radio or television signals in the area.

Boeing also told the commission, continues Oths, that the company

gave up testing at a site near Seattle because there was too much interference. The Boardman area has a low level of interferences.

The test area will be a circular arrangement with a fence to prevent cattle from wandering too close and disrupting the signal. Cars traveling on Tower road would not be a problem because, with headlights on, they can be seen and those conducting the test can wait until they have passed and then continue.

Oths said that the commission listed several conditions which must be met by Boeing in order to continue their testing, among them that Tower Road must remain open for public access, and that no extreme security measures such as electrical fences or armed guards would be used.

## Merchants giving 'real money' coupons through Saturday

Heppner businesses will be giving and redeeming "real money" coupons through Saturday, Dec. 14. A coupon worth 50 cents is given by participating merchants for each five dollars of merchandise purchased. Coupons cannot be redeemed at the business where they were received, but may be taken to other participating businesses and "spent" just like "real money." Coupons have no value after December 14.

## Motor Vehicles tells new hours

The Heppner office of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be open on a reduced schedule beginning January 1, 1986. The office will remain at the same location on Main Street but will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays only. Ron Ostrander, the current examiner at the Heppner office will continue to staff Heppner, Condon, Fossil, and Hermiston. Trip permits and PUC permits are expected to be available at the Heppner office in six to nine months.

## Factfinding session rescheduled

A factfinding session concerning unresolved issues in contract negotiations between Morrow County teachers and the school board has been rescheduled for 4:30 December 15 at Riverside High School in Boardman. A session scheduled earlier this month was postponed because of severe weather and dangerous driving conditions.

## Citrus sale begins Dec. 14

The Heppner Lions Club will be conducting its annual fruit sale on Saturday, Dec. 14, starting at 9 a.m. and going into the early afternoon. Lions Club members will be selling oranges and grapefruit door to door. For those who are out of town or are missed, phone orders may be

given to either Bob Kahl at 676-9113 or Rusty Estes at 676-9228 days or 676-5422 or 676-5808 evenings.

Proceeds from the sales are used for Lions Club projects such as the swimming pool solar heating project and the vocational scholarship fund.

## Undersheriff receives award of merit



Undersheriff Verlin Denton

Sheriff Roy Drago recently received word from the Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association that Undersheriff Verlin Denton has been nominated for Officer of the Year for 1985. Nominations are solicited from law enforcement statewide and nominees are selected based on the information received from these nominations.

Undersheriff Denton received an Award of Merit for his work in the Morrow and Umatilla County area in 1985 in the narcotics enforcement field.

The O.N.E.A. presented certificates of merit to runners-up and a plaque to the officer of the year during award ceremonies held in Portland on December 5. These awards are presented once a year to the state's outstanding narcotics officers. Out of 12 nominations statewide six nominees received Awards of Merit and one officer was named officer of the year.

Denton came to the Morrow County Sheriff's Office from the Curry County Sheriff's Office on the Oregon Coast in May of 1983. He was raised in Kinzua, attending Kinzua Grade School and Wheeler High School in Fossil until the 11th grade. His family then moved to Brookings, where he finished high school. He attended Southwestern Oregon Community College studying Criminal Justice. He currently holds an Advanced Certificate from the Board on Police Standards and Training and has been working in law enforcement for over 13 years.

Sheriff Drago noted that these awards usually go to officers in larger departments which have investigators who work full time on drug cases.

## Santa to phone area kids

The Heppner Lions Club will once again be sponsoring the annual Santa Calling project. Any child who would like to receive a phone call from Santa this year, should write him a letter and place it in Santa's mailbox at the Post Office in Heppner or at Del's Market in Lexington.

The calls will be made on December 17 and 18 so letters must be in the box by December 16. Be sure to include your phone number to insure a call from Santa.

The Heppner Lions meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at Kate's at 7:30 p.m.

## Volunteers, donations needed for Christmas boxes

An all-community volunteer effort is underway this year to provide Christmas dinners, boxes of canned goods, and toys to needy families in the area. Heppner Neighborhood Center Coordinator Pat Brindle expects upwards of 30 volunteers to assist with sorting items and packing boxes throughout this week and next in preparation for the December 20 delivery of the Christmas boxes.

Members of area churches led by Bettie Doherty and Jane Rawlins have been providing much of the volunteer labor. Brindle says that all persons wishing to volunteer to help may contact either Doherty or Rawlins to help after regular Neighborhood Center hours, or may come to the Neighborhood Center between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to volunteer their help in washing and refurbishing toys or preparing the boxes. Volunteers are urgently needed on December 20 to deliver the boxes.

The Christmas dinners purchased with donated funds are packed at Central Market each year. According to family size, the dinners include a chicken or turkey (pre-cooked, frozen chicken for those who cannot cook), sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, brown sugar, eggs, canned milk, canned pumpkin, pie pastry sticks, dressing mix, and treats as donations permit or (as has happened several times, Brindle says) if donated by soft drink bottlers. "At Christmas time we like to be generous," said Brindle, "but we can only be generous if funds allow it."

Area schools are competing to see which can collect the greatest amount of canned goods to donate to the Center. Churches and Cub Scouts also have been gathering donations.

Soroptimists donate dolls each year for the Christmas boxes and Brindle says that this year they have purchased some boys' toys also. The toys will not be included with the gift boxes, however, says Brindle, parents of families needing toys will receive requisitions for the number of toys they need for their children.

Parents may then bring the requisition forms to the Neighborhood Center December 18-19 and pick out toys according to the requisition.

Individuals who wish to make donations may bring them to the Neighborhood Center, or leave donations of canned goods at boxes provided at Central and Court Street Markets.

Brindle suggests that small cans of vegetables or cranberry sauce, small jars of cheese, sardines, and Vienna sausage are nice donations for boxes for senior citizens, especially for men who don't know how to cook and can't read.

For families, all canned goods are a good donation because energy costs are so high this time of year and they require minimal preparation. Staples such as cereals without added sugar, margarine, peanut butter, and raisins are also needed because of their high nutritional value.

Fresh oranges and apples are nice additions to any box, she says, but bananas spoil and freeze too easily.

So far Brindle says that the Center has received very few donations of gifts for men. Shaving supplies and large red or blue handkerchiefs

make nice gifts. Cologne is a nice gift for senior citizens, continues Brindle, and the Center already has several boxes of stationery which would make a very nice gift if each were packed with 10 postage stamps. "that's a \$2.20 donation."

Hand towels and wash cloths are another suggestion for gifts for families or seniors, she continues.

Additional items which are needed for the boxes include: warm hats, mittens, underwear, soap, facial tissue, shampoo, and of course money donations to buy the items which are not donated.



From left: Volunteers Garnett Huddleston, Vern Batty, and Verna Brinda sort canned goods for Christmas boxes.