

New Year's Baby arrives



Josefina and Victor Landeros with baby Jessica.

Jessica Landeros has won gifts donated by local merchants to the first baby born at Pioneer Memorial Hospital during 1986.

Jessica was born at 8:51 a.m. January 15 to Josefina and Victor Landeros of Boardman. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 1/2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is the couple's first baby.

As the "New Year" baby, Jessica will receive a \$5 gift certificate from Murray's Drug, a \$10 gift certificate from Central Market, a \$5 gift

certificate from Case Furniture, \$10 cash from Ray Boyce Insurance, an appropriate gift from Heppner Auto Parts, a \$5 gift certificate from Pettyjohn Builders Supply, a \$10 gift certificate from Morrow County Grain Growers, a \$5 gift certificate from Lexington Lumber Yard, a case of baby food from Court St. Market, a \$5 gift certificate from the R & W Drive In, an engraved baby cup from Peterson's Jewelers, and a \$5 gift certificate from the Shoe Box.

Weather postpones 12th Night ceremony

The January meeting of Lone Garden Club convened at the home of Kenneth and Leila Palmer with Joyce Buchanan serving as co-hostess.

At the business meeting, president Lorraine Ladd presented an alternative to the customary ceremonial burning of the holiday greens, which has been one of the club's projects for many years. It was started for the purpose of keeping the discarded Christmas trees from contributing to the litter problem, as well as to end the holiday season on a joyous note, carols being sung and refreshments being enjoyed as the pile of holiday greenery burns.

This year's scheduled ceremony was postponed due to the slippery footing, although the greens had been collected at the usual Rietman lot site. Mrs. Ladd contacted Chris Karas, park ranger at The Dalles Dam in answer to a request in the "East Oregonian" for trees to be used as animal shelters at the wildlife refuge near Irrigon.

Because they already had enough

trees, the tree burning was rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 13.

The program for the day by Ruth McCabe sparked a lively discussion of edible wild berries and ways to use them. She served samples of huckleberry and blackberry jams on warm biscuits.

Among the edible wild berries mentioned were blue elderberries (red ones not recommended), choke cherries, salal, service berries, Oregon grape, thimble berries, salmon berries and even sumac berries.

It was noted that some wild berries are poisonous and others not at all palatable. Mrs. McCabe showed a pamphlet from the Extension office listing these and also containing recipes for using the edible ones.

On the poisonous list were Western yew, nightshade, holly, false Solomon's seal.

On the not-recommended list are asparagus, lily-of-the-valley, honeysuckle, Dalmatian toadflax and others.

Counseling service opens Umatilla

Co. office

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Umatilla County, a non-profit community service, has opened its office to serve the people of Eastern Oregon.

Individuals needing this service may call 276-3856, day or night.

Beef giveaway begins Feb. 1

Les Schwab Tire Centers in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho will be celebrating their 22nd Annual Free Beef Give-Away February 1-28. For the past 22 years the company has been giving away free beef certificates with the purchase of new and retread passenger and pick-up tires. This year \$7.50 worth of free beef will be given with the purchase of two new passenger or pick-up tires or four Les Schwab passenger or pick-up tires. \$15 in free beef will be given to customers buying a new set of four passenger or pick-up tires.

Throughout the Northwest the Tire Centers will be giving each customer the actual freshly wrapped free beef at the stores promoting the theme, "You're Not Just Coming Home With New Tires - You're Coming Home With Dinner." Free beef will be promoted on television, radio, and in newspapers as well as local cook-offs and demonstrations with the Cow Belles at all Les Schwab Tire Centers.

Mr. Schwab stated, "It's our way of beefing up the tire business in

February and at the same time supporting our Northwest beef industry. Many of my first customers were farmers and ranchers. In fact, their loyalty over the years helped our growth and our free beef promotion was our way of saying thanks. It's been a good deal for all of our customers. We don't raise our prices to cover the cost, it's a bonafide savings. Many of our customers wait until February to buy their tires just to get the free beef. We gave away \$172,815 in free beef last year and we expect that figure to reach \$200,000 this year."

Les Schwab Tire Centers was started in 1962 by Les Schwab in Prineville. The first store was a dirt floor O.K. Tire Shop specializing in retreading. Today the company operates the centers from its Prineville Distribution Center with a complete supermarket selection of tires, wheels, and batteries along with complete alignment, brakes, an shocks service backed with warranties in writing honored at any of its 160 locations.

Dept. of Ag announces new conservation reserve program

Secretary of Agriculture John Block recently said farmers may begin in early March to volunteer highly erodible cropland for entry into the Conservation Reserve Program, a provision of the Food Security Act of 1985.

Highly erodible land that enters the Conservation Reserve Program will be ineligible for farming for 10 years and must instead be planted with permanent vegetative cover.

"The Conservation Reserve is one of the most important provisions of the 1985 farm bill," said Block. "The program will go a long way toward conserving America's eroding farmland for the future."

Up to 45 million acres may be enrolled in the reserve during the five-year period 1989 through 1990. The yearly program acreage goals are at least five million for the 1986 crop year, 10 million or more each year 1987 through 1989, and five million or more for 1990, according to Block.

Program participants will receive annual rental payments, the amounts depending on the bids per acre and the number of acres under the 10 year contracts. Participants also will receive 50 percent of eligible costs of establishing trees or grass on the acreage placed in the reserve.

Rental payments will compensate farmers for retiring highly erodible cropland from crop production. The conservation payments will partly reimburse farmers for one-half the one time costs of establishing vegetative cover.

Rental payments will be made annually as soon as practicable after October 1 of each calendar year. Cost-sharing payments will be made as soon as possible after individual participants report their conservation treatments are in place.

The total amount of rental payments for any fiscal year may not exceed \$50,000 or its equivalent, if in-kind payments are made. There is no payment limit on cost-sharing for cover establishment.

"Farmers who decide to return land to production during the 10-year contract must repay the government, with interest, all of its costs for annual rental and for establishing cover," said Block. "In the event of national need, however, the Secretary of Agriculture may declare that any farmer who wants to return the land to production may do so without penalty."

The sign-up dates for the Conservation Reserve Program are expected to be announced soon. Farmers interested in participating

in the program should contact their local office of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Boici said other USDA agencies also will administer the program. Technicians from USDA's Soil Conservation Service will help farmers determine if their land is eligible; the Extension Service will lead public information and education efforts; and the Forest Service will coordinate and provide technical assistance for tree planting.

State and local agencies also will lend assistance, he said. State forestry agencies will help prepare and approve tree planting plans. State wildlife agency representatives will serve on the conservation review groups to recommend and assist in determining the cover practice specifications necessary for wildlife enhancement. State conservation agencies will recommend and assist with erosion control requirements. Local conservation districts will approve all plans.

Oregon gets new vehicle code

Oregon will have a new vehicle code January 1 and with it will come many new laws, approved by the 1985 Legislature, which change that code.

A Motor Vehicles Division news release lists the following laws which take effect January 1:

The odometer tampering and reporting law. It requires owners to report odometer readings and related information when motor vehicles registrations are renewed and when a title is transferred to a new owner. It also creates several new criminal offenses for tampering with odometers, removing repair notices, or providing false odometer information to the Motor Vehicles Division on odometer readings.

An all-terrain vehicle law. It requires owners of ATVs to title and register the units whether they are used on private or public lands. It also establishes a safety education program for young operators and require ATV operators to have either a driver license or an ATV operator permit, or at least be accompanied by someone who has an ATV permit or driver license.

The late penalty transfer fee. This new law will require DMV to impose a penalty fee if owners do not transfer titles within the 30 days required by law. It will add a \$25 fee if the transfer occurs after the 30th day and a \$50 penalty fee if the transfer occurs more than 60 days after the purchase date.

The "coercive procedures" law. Actually, there are two laws—one to allow DMV to enter into agreement with other states to deny license renewal, cancel or suspend drivers who fail to respond to traffic tickets issued while driving in another state, and the other to authorize DMV to refuse to renew, cancel or suspend a driver for non-appearance on traffic tickets issued in Oregon to Oregon drivers. Currently, DMV is required to suspend if a court sends a notice that a driver has been a



Community Calendar

Country Club sets annual meeting

Willow Creek Country Club will hold its Annual Meeting at the conference room of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6.

The meeting will include discussion of the budget and plans for upcoming events. All members are encouraged to attend.

Parents Club sponsors carnival

A carnival is coming to Heppner. The Heppner Parent's Club is sponsoring a carnival Friday, Feb. 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School multi-purpose room.

An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the grade school.

For more information contact Marcia Kemp, Joan Records, April Sykes, or LaRae Kindle.

Panel discusses opportunities for women in Morrow County

The American Association of University Women will hear a panel presentation on "The future for Young Women in Morrow County," Monday, January 27 at 8 p.m.

Some of the panelists will be Liz Curtis who will speak from a counselor's point of view about what job opportunities young women are seeking.

female athlete; Nancy Lankford will address the forestry vocation and give tips on how to get to the top. Cara Costa will outline local political opportunities. The presentation is open to the public.

An A.A.U.W. business meeting will precede the presentation at 7:30. Members need to bring their Artifactory reports.

Merchants Committee to meet Friday

The Heppner Merchants Committee will meet at noon Friday, Jan. 24 at Kate's Pizza and Pastry for a no-host luncheon and discussion of plans for Heppner's St. Patrick's Day celebration. Everyone is invited.

ed to attend the meeting to help plan the festivities.

Newly installed president of the Merchants, David Sykes, says that merchants will also go over their plans for activities in the coming year.

Preparations underway for St. Pat's Day

The St. Patrick's Day committee will meet Monday, Jan. 27 at noon at the Wagon Wheel Cafe banquet room. People who may be interest-

ed in helping are urged to attend.

Any donations to this event may be sent to Diana Ball, Box 727, Heppner, OR 97836.

Creative Arts & Crafts to meet Jan. 27

Morrow County Creative Arts & Crafts will hold a January meeting at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, in the reading room at Heppner Public Library.

Those attending need to bring a sack lunch.

The program will be a film on Vincent VanGogh.

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Also scheduled to take effect next month are most of the fee changes approved by the Legislature. After January 1, a driver license or ID card replacement will cost \$8-\$2 less than it does now. The cost for a replacement instruction permit also will be \$8-\$5 more than at present. An original ID card will cost \$12-\$2 more than the current fee. The driver license reinstatement will be \$44 and the occupational or probationary application fee, \$38. Both of these figures are increases over the currently charges. In addition, it will cost \$10 each year to renew a probationary license.

vision screening test as part of the renewal process.
Vision screening will be done once every eight years since Oregon drivers need to renew in person on an eight year basis.
An army of other changes will be implemented with the new code, but most will not have major impact on division procedures or most highway users and motorists. Yet to come, however, is the major driver related program improvement of the 1985 session—classified driver licenses. That law will take effect October 1 next year and put Oregon in step with most other states in testing drivers in the types of vehicles they plan to drive.

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Block Home meeting slated

A Block Home meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center.

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