

Koffler to head Chamber



George Koffler

George Koffler will take over the presidency of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce in January from Birdine Tullis who has served for the past year.

Koffler, 35, and his wife Debbie have lived in Heppner since 1973. They have two sons, Rick, 11, and Brian, 8.

He has been a member of the Chamber Board of Directors for three years, treasurer for three

years, and secretary for two years.

His, and the Chamber's goals, for the coming year are to promote Heppner by encouraging tourism, stabilizing the work force, stabilizing the health care situation and stabilizing the school situation, he says. "There are more challenges facing us in the next year than since I've been in the area, he said. It will be a challenging and rewarding year."

"We need to concentrate on agribusiness and help the farm economy in any way we can, he emphasized, in addition to our continued efforts to help the general retail economy. We need to support our local communities with our time, money, and efforts, he said.

"It's time that we try to act rather than react to things which affect us. We need to chart a course for what we want for Heppner and then achieve it," he said. "We need this sort of positive, realistic approach."

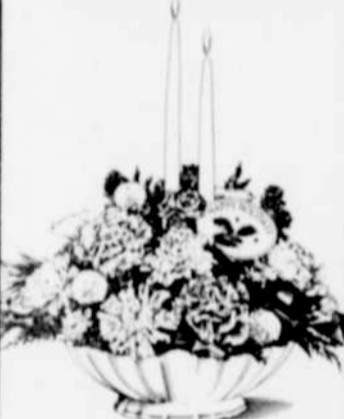
Heppner notes

Ambrose Chapin is recuperating from surgery at Emanuel Hospital in Portland. Anyone wishing to send cards or letters can send them to 2107 N.E. Franklin, Camas, Wash. 98607.

Another Heppner resident Clayton Ayers is a patient at St. Vincent's Hospital Portland. His condition is said to be somewhat improved.

Mary Bryant, the Gazette-Times Heppner correspondent is recuperating from the flu and hope to have a column next week.

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Bank of EO announces dividends

G.H. Pierson, president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon has announced that the Board of Directors of the bank has declared a \$2 per share dividend to stock holders of record as of Dec. 15, 1986.

Pierson stated that the Board was pleased to be able to make the

declaration based on a profitable year.

Bank of Eastern Oregon is a community bank with 197 share holders. They celebrated 40 years of banking in Gilliam and Morrow Counties in 1985.

There are 30,000 shares authorized and outstanding.

Santa will visit on Dec. 23

North Pole--It's no secret that Santa Claus is coming to Heppner on Christmas Eve. But Santa's also making a special appearance Tuesday, Dec. 23 at First Interstate Bank in Heppner between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

To celebrate the happy occasion, First Interstate in Heppner is inviting

children to come in and meet Santa. Everyone is welcome to bring their own cameras and take as many pictures as they like.

Santa Claus will also give away peppermint candy canes to all the youngsters, and he's sure to spread plenty of goodwill and holiday cheer.

Ione farmer to serve OWGL

Don Peterson, 61, Ione, is the new vice president for the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Peterson, a 36-year member of the wheat growers has held various positions including vice chair of the transportation and farm program committees and secretary-treasurer of the organization last year. He was president of the Morrow County Wheat League for one year.

He joins the following slate of officers for the coming year: President Kenneth Hart, Moro and Secretary-Treasurer Clinton Reider, Helix.

Peterson says his duties will include attending other states' wheat meetings and the national wheat league meeting. He also expects to make a March trip to Washington D.C. for some legislative work. He will also lobby at the state legislature. "We will begin working

with foreign organizations and trying to coordinate production. It's also important to coordinate the U.S. Wheat Commission programs with the National Association of Wheat Growers," he said.

Christmas Church Services United Methodist Church

Rev. Don Boyce

A special Candlelighting Service will be held at the Heppner United Methodist Church on Christmas Eve, December 24, beginning at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

This special Candlelighting Service will include a special time for children (nursery care will also be provided), the singing of the traditional Christmas Carols, special music by the church choir and the traditional lighting of the candles.

The community is invited to attend this special service along with the regular Sunday morning worship services which begin at 11 a.m.

United Church of Christ

Rev. Matthew Nelson

Special services planned for the holiday season include:

Sunday, December 21, 5 p.m. - Children's Christmas Program followed by a potluck and caroling.

Wednesday, December 24, 10:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Hope-Valby Lutheran Parish

Rev. Rick Evenson

Special holiday services at the Lutheran Churches include:

December 21, 11 a.m. Hope Sunday School Christmas Program followed by sharing of favorite Christmas desserts.

December 21, 6:30 p.m. Valby Christmas program and aptry.

Christmas eve, December 24, 6 p.m. - Valby Candlelight Service, not at 7 p.m. as announced in church newsletter.

December 24, 9 p.m. - Hope Candlelight Service with Holy Communion.

Auto repair business opens



Frank & Janice Skaggs

A new business, Skaggs' Auto Clinic, will open for business in Heppner Thursday, Dec. 19. The auto clinic will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday in the old Beckett building on Linden Way in Heppner.

Frank and Janice Skaggs will manage the auto clinic. Skaggs was a mechanic for Ron McDonald

Chevrolet in Heppner for five years. He has 28 years experience with General Motors vehicles. "No job is too big or too small," he says. "I can work on all foreign and domestic cars and trucks."

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Community Calendar

Episcopal church lists events

All Saints Episcopal Church Choir will practice this evening December 17 at 5:30. There will also be a 6:30 meeting of the Building Committee following choir practice.

All Saints' will enjoy an all church Advent potluck next Sunday at 6 p.m. Following the potluck the Sunday School Children will present an old fashioned Christmas program.

Ione garden club plans for Epiphany

By Eva Hamlett

Ione Garden Club members met at the home of Pat Pettyjohn for an annual luncheon and Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 10. Jean Nelson assisted the hostess. For the roll call each member looked at a club history book and told about some project or activity that club members participated in.

The club voted to participate in the Foster Friend program that is being

initiated at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

Twelfth Night Burning will be held Tuesday, Jan. 6. It is hoped that everyone will cooperate again by bringing Christmas trees to the lot beside the Ione post office so that they can help celebrate Epiphany. As usual there will be singing of carols, burning of the trees and serving of cocoa and cup cakes.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones 989-8189

Lexington once again has the lighted Christmas tree atop the city hall to wish the citizens and those passing through a wonderful holiday.

Let's not forget the Garden Bugs Christmas Lighting contest. How nice it is to drive around and see the homes both inside and outside ready for jolly ole Santa. Now if you haven't decorated or aren't ready, please hurry because the judging will be December 21. Prizes will be awarded.

Eddie Munkers, Lexington, who has also been a patient at Emanuel Hospital, Portland will be coming home soon it is reported.

Three Links Club met at the home of Luella Taylor on Thursday afternoon. Meeting presided over by

V. Chairman Joyce Buchanan. It was announced that the lodge had adopted Catie Padberg as their sister in the Pioneer Memorial Nursing home. She will be remembered on special occasions. Door prize was won by Annetta Padberg. Refreshments were served to Leila Palmer, Dorothy Burcham, Ruth Robinson, Joyce Buchanan, Delpha Jones, Annetta Padberg and Luella Taylor.

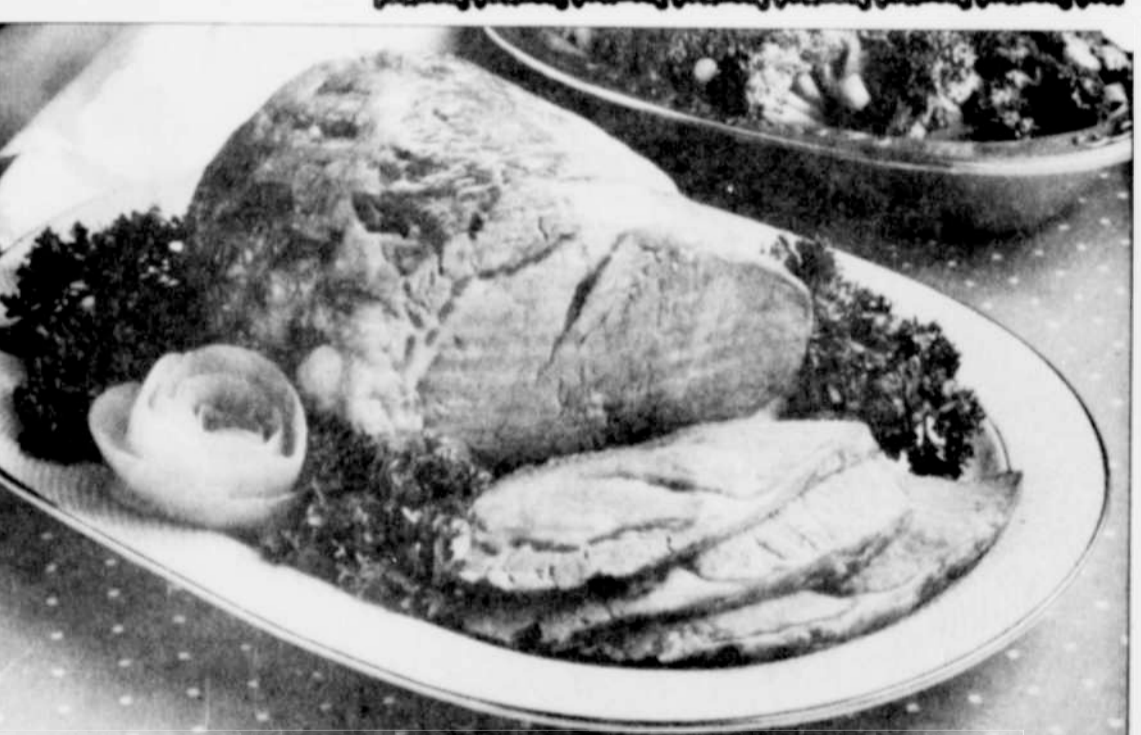
Bertha Sager is at home recuperating from major surgery in Portland.

The Christmas Program for the Lexington Baptist Church is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday Dec. 21.

Leita and Truman Messenger have both been confined to their home the past week with illness.



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