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Santa's Little Helper



Jessica Gutierrez, Heppner, daughter of Kim and Gayle Gutierrez, is shown giving Santa her Christmas list at Les Schwab at the Christmas opening on Saturday.



Frank and LaVonne Mader

Blowing dust so bad it caused wrecks and tumble weeds so thick they would fill up Buttercreek were conquered by Frank and LaVonne Mader and family. The Mader's Sixty-Six Ranch was announced as the Oregon Wheat Growers League 1987 Conservation Farm of the Year award winners at the OWGL Convention Monday, November 30. The Mader's farm is near Echo on Buttercreek in Morrow County.

The Mader family has turned a disaster they purchased eight years ago into a productive farm raising the per acre yield of wheat from 17 bushels to 47.

Innovative farming techniques used by the Maders have minimized erosion of the fine, silty soils. The Maders eliminated the moldboard plow and established a stubble mulch tillage system. They also use no-till

seeding with chemicals to minimize soil disturbance.

"Because the Sixty-Six Ranch is farmed so carefully, using so many successful new ideas, it is seen as a model for other farmers in Morrow County," said Fred Lundin, Morrow County Extension Agent. He went on to say, "The Maders are looked to as leaders in farm technology."

Maders were selected by a committee of last year's Oregon Wheat Growers League county conservation winners from around the state. These farmers took a week off from busy spring schedules to travel over 1,650 miles and visit all eleven county and area winners for 1987.

Don and Jean Bennett, 1979, were the last Morrow County winners at the state level.

Notice

People who may be visiting the library or museum on Wednesday, December 2, or Thursday, December 3, are asked to approach with caution. Workmen will be repairing the sidewalk at this time.

Chamber sponsors Outdoor Lighting Contest

Sunday December 20, is the date to have your homes all decked out for Christmas. They will be judged for the best outdoor lighting display.

International exchange host families needed

Are you fascinated by other languages and cultures? By hosting a foreign exchange student, you can meet the world in your own home.

We are seeking families to host students from Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Colombia, Spain, Germany and Thailand.

One of these boys or girls, individually selected for you, will live as a member of your family while he or she attends the local high school. These excellent students are very carefully screened, covered by medical insurance, and provide their own spending money. They are eager to experience our American way of life while sharing their culture, but they can only do so if you are willing to open your hearts and homes to them.

If you would like to participate in this unique learning experience, please contact International Student Exchange, PO Box 58, Fort Jones, California 96032 or 1-800-233-HOST or 1-916-468-2264 in California.

Drug ring smashed by local police officers

In the early morning hours of November 25 after a lengthy investigation by law enforcement agencies in Umatilla County and Morrow County, a large cocaine and tar heroin sales ring was broken up in the Hermiston-Umatilla area. A search warrant was served on a residence in the McNary area of the city of Umatilla. Isabe V. Nunez, 20, was arrested at the residence and

charged with Possession of Heroin and Cocaine. Seized at the residence was several pounds of suspected cocaine and several ounces of suspected tar heroin. Handguns and a sawed off shotgun were also seized. Also seized was approximately \$8,500 in currency. Law enforcement personnel from the Oregon State Police, Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Umatilla County

Sheriff's Office and Pendleton Police Department all worked together on the investigation which has resulted in the largest seizure of cocaine and/or tar heroin in Eastern Oregon to date. An estimated street value of the drugs is between \$300,000 to \$400,000. The investigation is continuing and further arrests are expected.

OWGL elects Peterson President

Don Peterson, lone farmer, was elected as president of the state-wide Oregon wheat growers league at the closing of their annual convention today.

Peterson and his wife Martha farm as a partnership with their sons, Paul and Joel, in the Valby-Eightmile area, 19 miles south of Lone. Their two other children, son Kerry and daughter Kristine, live in Portland and Hermiston respectively.

Peterson is a third generation farmer following his father, Oscar, and grandfather, John. His farm is "very light rainfall," he said, pointing out that only an average of 14 inches falls on their farm ground.

Peterson has been active in a number of organizations. He is a past state president and national director for the National Farmers' Organization. He has also been county president and vice chairman of the Transportation and Federal Programs committee for the Oregon

Wheat Growers League. He has been secretary-treasurer and vice president of the OWGL the past two years.

The Petersons are active in the Valby Lutheran Church which recently celebrated its 102nd anniversary. Valby is one of the few "country" churches, he said, in Oregon and holds regular Sunday services, sharing their pastor with the Heppner Church.

"I am interested in developing the political action and the marketing opportunities of the Oregon Wheat Growers League," stated Peterson. "We must work to return our markets to the marketplace instead of government, and I'm working toward that end during this coming year."

Peterson said that, "Sometimes we don't realize the strength that we all have by working together. I think that the Oregon Wheat Growers League can serve the purpose to help all of agriculture."



Don Peterson

Santa will be at Benjamin Franklin on Friday

Santa Claus is coming to town...On Friday, December 4 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Santa will be here in Heppner at the Benjamin Franklin Savings and Loan.

Cookies and punch will be served throughout the day and during Santa's visit with the children.

The Benjamin Franklin will be having an Open House all day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and they will be having a special drawing for a \$50 Savings Passbook.

Start the Christmas season off right. Come on down to the Benjamin Franklin's "Wishbook" Open House.

Krebs conviction reversed

A Marion County Circuit Court Judge has ruled that John Krebs should be allowed to withdraw his guilty plea to the 1985 robbery of an lone bank.

In a Post-Conviction Relief Action, Marion County Circuit Judge Greg West ruled that Krebs, as part of a 1985 plea negotiation, was wrongfully allowed to plead guilty to Possession of a Firearm by an Inmate of a Penal Institution. Krebs was an escapee from the Oregon State Penitentiary at the time of the bank robbery. Since he was not actually in the penitentiary when he committed the robbery, the Court ruled that "there was not an adequate factual basis for a conviction on the weapons charge. Krebs was also allowed to withdraw his guilty plea to Robbery in the First Degree, which was entered at the same time.

As part of the 1985 plea negotiation entered into between then Mor-

row County District Attorney Richard J. McNeerney and Krebs, five other charges arising from the robbery incident were also dismissed.

Judge West ordered that the Krebs case be remanded to the Morrow County Circuit Court for further proceedings.

No winner last week in Santa contest

There were no winners last week in the Ol Saint Nick contest, so this week the prizes will be doubled.

The businesses this week where the boxes will be located are The Shoe Box, Pettyjohn's Building Supply, Gardners Men's Wear and Green Feed store. Identify the Santas and win cash for Christmas. Double!



Bob and Cheryl Ployhar, Farmers Insurance Agency, stand in front of their new business location, between 1st Interstate and Fabrics, Etc. on Main Street. They are still awaiting the new windows for their building.

Bob and Cheryl Ployhar recently moved their business "Uptown". The Farmer's Insurance Agency recently purchased the Degree of Honor building, located at 127 North Main, "to make more room and the location more convenient for our customers," said Bob. They are expanding into the health insurance market, handling medicare and nur-

ring home policies. "We felt that a local agency was needed here, for convenience sake," Bob stated. They will be adding a conference room for future use at a later time.

Bob and Cheryl have two sons, Jerid, 9 and Darrin, 6.

Look for their Open House in December, and stop by to see them at their new location.

Accident victim now recuperating at home

Debbie Sharp, Heppner, was involved in a one-car accident last Tuesday, November 24, about 3 miles south of Heppner on the Heppner-Condon Highway. The accident occurred around 9 a.m. Debbie was taken to Pioneer

Memorial Hospital and then transferred by ambulance to St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton.

She received a fractured pelvis in the accident. Debbie is now home recuperating from the accident.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

| November 24 - 30 | | |
|------------------|----|--------|
| High Low Prec. | | |
| Tues. | 51 | 29 .05 |
| Wed. | 48 | 26 .0 |
| Thurs. | 44 | 25 .0 |
| Fri. | 38 | 25 .0 |
| Sat. | 35 | 23 .0 |
| Sun. | 36 | 20 .01 |
| Mon. | 56 | 16 .04 |

Market Report

Companions of the Morrow County Grain Growers

| Tuesday, Dec. 1 | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Soft White | |
| Dec. | \$3.07/\$3.09 |
| Jan | \$3.11/\$3.13 |
| Feb | \$3.15/\$3.17 |
| Barley | |
| Dec | .90 |
| Jan-Mar | .91 |
| Hard Red Winter | |
| PIK | 3.33 |
| | 110% |

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