

Fee to be charged on new tire sales

After January 1, 1988, consumers will begin paying a \$1 fee on each new tire they buy. The fees, collected by the Department of Revenue, will be turned over to the Department of Environmental Quality. The DEQ will use the money to regulate storage of waste tires and to encourage the use of recycled waste tires.

Oregon businesses that sell new tires in Oregon must receive a certificate from the Department of Revenue to sell new tires," said Beverly Johnson, tire fee program manager. There is no charge for the certificates. Retail tire dealers must turn the fees they have collected over to the Department of Revenue quarterly. The first payment is due on April 30, 1988.

Brass Ensemble featured on musical Sunday

A Brass ensemble will be performing Sunday, December 12, downtown from 1-2 p.m. Also on Sunday, the Community Choir will be performing at the Methodist Church starting at 3 p.m. The Public is invited to attend.

A major milestone is reached by Farley

A large crowd of people surprised Jim Farley on his 70th birthday on Friday, December 4, in the showroom of his garage. A number of people stopped by to congratulate him and enjoy a piece of cake and punch. Bev and Trish Gunderson, Bettie and Phil Doherty along with his daughter Shannon Miller, all of Jim's employees combined their efforts to make this a special day for him.



Shanny Miller gives her dad a piece of his 70th birthday cake.

Winners of Ol' Saint Nick contest

Winner of last week's Ol' Saint Nick Contest, receiving gift certificates totaling \$100 was first place, Lynnea Sargent, and three second places each receiving \$50 in gift certificates were, Donna Troxell, Joan McDaniel, and Darcy Coil. Congratulations to these winners. Be sure to check this weeks paper for the next Ol' Saint Nick contest to see if you will be the lucky winner.

What Christmas means to 3rd graders



Karen Dubuque's third grade class were more than happy to give their ideas on what Christmas means to them. They were given a few

minutes to think about what Christmas meant to them and this is some of their responses: Cimmie Huth said that Christmas means "Joy, Happiness and Jesus"; Phillip Tellechea, Lexington, says Christmas is "a time to get together and have fun"; Shannon Benjamin says "Jesus was born on that day"; Ann Wick said "because Jesus was born on that day, not just because of the gifts"; Kari Oglesbee thinks "you should have fun and joy because it is Jesus' birthday and be with your family"; Ricky Worden thinks we should "thank God for sending Jesus and a time to be with your family"; Katie Holloran says it is a "time to love people and be with your relatives"; Nicole Van Etta says "Jesus birthday is on Christmas"; Justin Adelman thinks this is "a time to be giving"; and

Lonnie Rill proclaims Christmas is "a time to praise God."

This is the time of the year when all of us should take stock and really think what Christmas means to us. Out of the mouths of babes, gives us an opportunity to rethink our ideas and set our own priorities.

Missionary to visit Lexington Church

Bill Moreland, missionary to Brazil will be speaking at Lexington Baptist Church Sunday, December 13, at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Bill is no stranger to the church in

Lexington, as father, Elbert pastored the church when Bill was younger. Elbert and Ruth will accompany Bill next Sunday, and all who wish to visit with them are welcome to come.

Santa to call area children

Heppner Lions Club President Bob Kahl, has just received word from the North Pole that Santa Claus will be phoning Heppner and Lexington area children in the evening on Thursday and Friday, December 17 and 18. Santa will be calling children who have mailed him letters at special mail boxes located in the post offices

in Heppner and Lexington. The letters should be mailed by Wednesday, December 16, 1987.

Children who write to Santa should address their letters to Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, North Pole. They should tell Santa what they are hoping to receive as Christmas gifts. Also the letter writers should be sure to include their full names, addresses and phone numbers and also mention the names of the other children in their families.

Mr. Kahl reports that Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves are very busy preparing toys for all the good little boys and girls in South Morrow County. Also he stated that Santa was really excited about talking with these children on the phone next week.

DOCTORS ON WEEKEND CALL AT PIONEER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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it does not guarantee that you will find that perfect Christmas tree," according to Phil Kline, Timber Staff Officer. Kline adds "a high-quality tree will be difficult to locate due to the spruce budworm infestation." Permits can be purchased during regular office hours Monday through Friday at the Supervisor's Office in Pendleton, Oregon and at Heppner.

Eastern Star plans Christmas party

The next meeting of Order of Eastern Star will be Monday, December 14, at Heppner Masonic Hall. After a short business meeting, a Christmas get-together is planned. All attending are asked to bring a Christmas "goodie" and if they desire, something to add to the evening's entertainment.

At the O.E.S. November meeting, the chapter had two visitors from Hermiston making their official visits. Mrs. Ruth Olson, a member of the Cancer Research Committee of the Grand Chapter, and Dorothy Stump, a member of Home Endow-

ment Committee, gave interesting reports with updates on their respective programs. Also Justine Weatherford gave interesting historical comments on the November American holidays and other events.

On Tuesday, December 15, Eastern Star members and wives of Masons are invited to a 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Heppner Masonic Hall. This dinner will be followed by the Installation of the 1988 officers of the Heppner Masonic Lodge No. 69 and the officers of the Ione Masonic Lodge No. 120.

Santa to appear at First Interstate

North Pole--It's no secret that Santa Claus is coming to Heppner on Christmas Eve. But Santa's also making a special appearance on Tuesday, December 22 at First Interstate Bank, Heppner Branch between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. To celebrate the happy occasion, the Heppner Branch is inviting

children to come in and meet Santa. Receive a free souvenir picture of your child with Santa while supplies last.

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

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Thank You Everyone

We would like to thank everyone who helped look for Miff, Sunday afternoon, through the night and Monday morning. Words can't express how much we appreciate your effort, thoughts and prayers.

There are so many people to thank and we know we can't possibly name them all but special thanks to John Boyer, Barbara VanArsdale and Denny Nave for the use of their planes and flying. Thanks also to Sheriff Roy Drago, Mark Calbick and Morrow County Search and Rescue, Tim Harris, Chuck Billings, and Mike Cobb with the Kennewick and Richland Police Dept. Canine Unit, Greg and Janet Greenup, Ralph Beamer and Neal Beamer, Danny Wilson, Bob Mahoney and crew, Tony and Val Doherty, Harlan Dunaway, Al Osmin and family, Bob Krein, Keith Lewis, Terry Thompson, Dispatchers, Tami Robertson, Sandy Holtz, B.J. Mathis, Terry Denton, the local churches who offered prayer chains, Umatilla Search and Rescue, Wheeler Co. Sheriff's Office, Boardman Ambulance Crew, Columbia Basin Crew and all the individuals who came to help us look. Just knowing you were all there for us was comforting.

Once again thanks to everyone for all their thoughts, prayers, phone calls and concern.

Oliver, Rene, Jeff and Miff