

Lighting contest New cafe opens in Irrigon

held in Boardman

The Boardman Tillicum Club is again sponsoring the lighting contest. The contest will be for businesses, homes and mobile homes. Judging will be held on the 20th and 21st of December. Prizes will be awarded.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this contest.

Boeing donates to firefighters

The Boeing Agri Industrial Corporation donated \$1295 to the Boardman Firefighters Association to be used for the purchase of paging equipment for the Boardman Fire Department. The gift was donated at a presentation in Boardman recently by Jay Robinson, farm manager and Rob Brown, farm manager assistant.

Lexington grange installs officers

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Grange had a good crowd at the installation of all Pomona and subordinate Grange members. Granges present were Greenfield with a 100% of officers in attendance, Mikalo Grange, Lexington Grange and Pomona officers. The installing team from Malheur County were doing the installing, with the ladies in pink formals, and the men in dark suits with pink cummerbunds, and neckties. Margeite and Rosey Sykes were the vocalists in the duet. Pomona officers were installed at this time. The Pomona officers were marched into the room and installed first with the other officers taking the obligation at the same time. The members of the Lexington Grange installed were: Master, Lyle Peck; Overseer, Carl Martin; Lecturer, Dorothy Jackson; Steward, Eldon Gilbert; Assistant Steward, Joe Yocom; LAS Hilda Yocom; Chaplain, Mildred Wright; Treasurer Cecil Jones; Secretary Jean Nelson; Gatekeeper Glover Peck; Ceres Virginia Peck; Pomona Geri Martin; Flora Marie Steagall; Ex Committee Barton Clark; Delpha Jones; and Kenneth Smouse. The next Pomona meeting will be at the Willows Hall on January 30. Attendance at Pomona is encouraged, as it is there that many resolutions are discussed from the floor and much work is done for the grange, and ideas exchanged for the good of the subordinate officers, and those interested in the different projects supported by the Grange such as, dogs for the deaf, glasses for the needy, and care, and other projects as well as the interesting contests such as Needlework, sewing etc.

Births

Jacqueline Rachel Cook—a daughter, Jacqueline, was born December 1 to Eric and Meike of Boblingen West Germany. The baby weighed 10 lbs. 7 oz.

Rory Patrick Kilkenny—a son, Rory, was born November 27, 1987 to John and Diane Kilkenny of Heppner at Good Shepherd Hospital, Hermiston. The baby weighed 10 lbs.

Grandparents are Robert Kilkenny, Heppner, Vesta Cutsforth Handy, Portland, June Hennig, Richland, Wa., and Loren Henderson, Coulee Dam, Wa.

Great-grandparents are Alta Cutsforth, Heppner and Annie Hammons, Priest River, Idaho.

The baby joins one brother Connor, 3 years at home.

Terrence Kristopher Parret—a son, Terrence, was born September 28 to Nick and Monique Parret of Heppner at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 7/8" long.

Grandparents are Bonnie and Alfred Parret, Heppner; Gordon and Judy Schroeder, Unity; Barbara and Ray Frances, Knappa, Ca.

Great-grandparents are Bill and Freda Bennett, Prairie City; Norm Parret, Unity; Nell Perry, Knappa, Ca.

Great great aunt and uncle are Alan and Helen Kellogg, Knappa, Ca.; Hank and Anna Cox, Dayton, Wash.; Mae Shough and Peg Henderson, Bend

Rhea Creek meets

By Delpha Jones

Rhea Creek Home extension met at the home of Leila Palmer on Wednesday. The program was on Christmas decorations for the home and packages. Following the program a delicious luncheon was served. The business meeting was presided over by the Chairman Judy Stevens. The next meeting will be at the home of Bebe Munkers in Heppner and will be on Beef microwave cooking.

By Joyce Hensley
Craig's Drive-In, located in a portion of the old Stokes Landing Restaurant building on Main Street in Irrigon, featuring home-made pies, recently opened its doors to serve customers.

Besides the usual luncheon fare of hamburgers, sandwiches, hot dogs, and chile, Virginia and Marvin Craig, Hermiston, are serving some interesting concoctions such as Chocolate-Cherry Bavarian Pie. "If you like chocolate covered cherries you'll like this," said "Ginny".

Another interesting taste experience they offer is Mistake Pie. "It is mincemeat and cherry with an oatmeal topping," she said.

The Craigs are enjoying the friendly chatter and the give and take discussions which are tossed around between their customers. "A good portion of the local people come

down and stay for a couple of hours over coffee," said Ginny. "It is nice that people come in, then leave enjoying themselves."

Marvin is in the background, he has turned the business over to his wife. "It is all Momma's," he said.

Signs of remodeling are everywhere. "Sometime in the future we hope to have our drive-in window ready for use and counter seating installed," Ginny said.

This is her first experience in the restaurant business, but she has been a busy person. She has worked in a lumber mill and potato processing plant, managed motels, and farmed, "besides raising two children," she said.

The Craigs, who spent nine years in the Tri-Cities before moving to this side of the river, have a married daughter, Christina Vandergriff of Walla Walla and a son, Edwin, 21, living at home.

Counselors put out handbook for seniors

The High School seniors of Morrow County have a new tool to help them through the maze of preparing for and finding funding for education past high school. This past week copies of the "Senior Handbook" went into the hands of interested seniors in the county's three high schools.

The "Handbook" is a 40-page collection of information. It contains a listing of important dates to remember, what to look for when selecting schooling past high school, entrance requirements, test dates, names, addresses, and phone numbers, financial aid information and deadlines, a listing of costs at Oregon's public, community, and private schools, and a scholarship list. The 14-page scholarship list is only a partial list but it lists scholarships available from specific schools, and available on a national, state, county and local level.

The "Senior Handbook" was a project of counselors, Liz Curtis at Heppner High School, Del LaRue at

Ione High School and Mike Wetherell at Riverside High School. The process of obtaining education past high school has become costly, complicated and confusing. The counselors felt it would be helpful for seniors to have much of the important information they need inside one cover.

This first copy of the "Handbook" is a preliminary copy. The three counselors encourage suggestions for input and improvements in future editions. Although all seniors who wanted a copy now have them, additional copies are available at the three high schools.

Hospital Aux to meet

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will meet December 11, 1 p.m., at the hospital for decorating trees and gift wrapping for residents of the nursing home.

All members and other volunteers are urged to attend and help with this yearly project.

Board members answer school budget questions

How does "Safety Net" affect school districts?

Many school districts around the state don't have an adequate tax base to operate their schools. In the absence of a tax base, a levy request has to be approved by the voters annually to provide necessary funds and I'm not certain that this is necessarily bad, but it does have some risk.

In the interest of removing some of this risk, closure being one, our legislation has offered several ways to fund schools but all have been unsuccessful until the voters approved the safety net. The intent was, of course, to arrive at an acceptable way to keep schools open in the event of a levy failure. Unfortunately, keeping school open is not an assurance of quality education.

Several of the larger districts in the state have recently found themselves caught in the net and unhappily find it works out to be more of a trap than a net.

Hillsboro is a prime example of the potential of disaster of having to reply on the safety net. In talking with officials from Hillsboro, the following items are earmarked for reduction in order to operate schools on approximately \$2.5 million less than last year.

School opened without any buses except special education. All extra curricular activities and related staff were cut.

On October 30, half of the custodians of six junior high buildings, one custodian from all high school buildings, and all athletic directors.

January 25, 45 teachers will be terminated.

All these staffing changes bring on a bumping procedure that ripples throughout the district.

It is not my intent to make a case for another district but only point out that the voting public may not have been fully informed of the consequences of dropping into safety net.

Hillsboro and many others are now experiencing the full impact of the safety net and the results are far different than anyone had expected. Applying Morrow County to this scenario would show a decrease in revenue of \$731,000, under the safety net. Last spring we were being forced to look at the devastation of cutting less than half this amount from our budget had the voters not approved the levy.

With the experience that some districts are having, we are able to see the consequences without actually having to be a part of them. In this respect, we are fortunate in not having been one of the casualties in this learning process.

Given time, the errors in this approach will be corrected. In the interim, many students are going to be impacted. By informing ourselves as voters, well in advance of an election, Morrow County shouldn't have to share this unpleasant position.

As in most new processes, it is easier to get into the net than anyone could predict and at the present time getting out may be impossible.

(s) Dwayne Carroll
Chairman Morrow County School Board

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Boardman Council ponders default

By Ed Glenn

The Boardman City Council learned last Tuesday night that Joe Locke, Lake Oswego, a long-time Boardman developer and booster, had still not made payment to the city on a Local Improvement District (LID)

obligation. The \$150,000 payment was due July 1, 1987, and would have been used by the city to retire part of the bonds used to finance improvements made to the land in the LID in 1980. That bond payment

was due from the city in October and it, too, remains unpaid. City Attorney M. D. VanValkenburg acknowledged that the city's default on the bonds may have an adverse effect on the city's bond rating.

The council authorized a loan from Inland Empire Bank to make the bond payment, hoping that Locke would eventually make his payment to repay the bank. The alternative would be to increase taxes to make the bond payments. That would nearly double the city tax rate which now stands at \$9.90 per thousand.

Councilman Steven Zielinski, M.D. voiced concern that Locke was in the process of acquiring additional land in the Boardman area and may be diverting cash due to that new land purchase. Zielinski moved to give Locke an ultimatum to pay up by January 5, 1988, or the city attorney would be instructed to file a lawsuit. The council allowed that motion to die for want of a second.

Councilman Dewey West said Locke was "a very capable man, for whom we have a lot of respect." West added that Locke was very capable of avoiding payment as long as that may suit his purposes.

With no formal action by the council, Mayor Jerry Donovan instructed VanValkenburg to continue to work with Locke to encourage payment as soon as possible.

In other action, the council approved a supplemental budget to permit a grant to the Boardman Day Care Center in the amount of \$3,450 and appointed Dick Schmidt to the Planning Commission.

Irrigon outdoor lighting contest underway

By Joyce Hensley

Christmas decorations are popping up everywhere and for the first time in Irrigon, those spectacular outdoor lights will be judged.

The Irrigon Watermelon Festival Committee is sponsoring an outdoor lighting contest to be judged December 20, according to Donna Eppenbach, treasurer for the committee.

Since it is the first year for the contest, the guidelines for the judg-

ing are pretty broad. "It will be what ever catches the judges eye," said Eppenbach.

First prize will be twenty-five dollars, second and third place will be Watermelon Festival Christmas sweatshirts, and "we'll also have some honorable mention certificates," she said.

If you live in the Irrigon area and have outdoor Christmas lights up, you are automatically in the contest. "We may even surprise somebody," said Eppenbach.

Students excel in national competition

A team of 10 students at Columbia Junior High School competed in a grueling test of academic prowess December 2 in the National Knowledge Master Open, an academic competition involving hundreds of schools across the nation.

The local team scored 1,096 of 2,000 possible points. This listed them in the high average of students their age all over the nation. The contest was run on Apple II computers at middle and secondary schools in all 50 states and Canada. The computers tallied the students' scores based on speed and accuracy.

This is the first time that Columbia Junior High School has entered the Knowledge Master competition. Those competing were Brandon Suchy, Jana Mounts, Jason Cross, Kelly Spray, Seth Smythe, Mandi Marchek, Amy Daulton, Jeff Eppenbach, Tracy Dumler, and Michelle Brown. Coach Sally Edinger expressed the highest of praise for the students' cooperation and performance.

developed to provide all schools the opportunity to compete in a national academic contest without the expense of traveling to a central site and to stimulate interest and recognition for academic accomplishment.

Results of the contest are tabulated into national, state and enrollment-size rankings by Academic Hallmarks the software publisher which produces the event.

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