

Cooks win Irrigon Christmas lighting contest

By Joyce Hensley
 "Peace!" The Christmas wish people around the globe feel in their hearts, was expressed by the Cook family in Irrigon with Christmas lights on their roof, on Old Highway 730; giving them first prize in the Irrigon Watermelon Festival committee outdoor lighting contest, not even realizing there was a contest.
 Susan Cook was motivated to light up their house because, "when I was a child, after Church Christmas Eve

we would drive around Othello in Washington, where we lived, and just look at the lights."
 "I always have loved Christmas lights," said Susan, "and I wanted to start a tradition for the kids."
 Brian and Susan Cook's four children, Stephen, 11; Ben, 12; Melissa, 9; and Tiffany, 6, helped with the project. "Ben held the ladder," she said.
 Said Susan, who did most of the decorating, "it was scary dangling

from the rafters. Now I know why people put them up and leave them up."
 The Cook's will donate their twenty-five dollar prize money to the Stoke's Landing Senior citizens.
 Second place winner was Arlo Erickson, Cemetery Road, \$10; third place, Ralph Minnick, West Fourth street, a Watermelon festival Christmas sweatshirt; fourth place, Bob and Cindy Lewis, third street; and fifth place, David and Susan Payne, Washington Street.

Scrooge Hillbilly style



Photo by Joyce Hensley

Joshua Frunheiser, Kenny Mounts soundly scold his mistrimionally-minded widow neighbor Katrina Marshall and her children Iram, Lee Holmes and daughter CoreBelle, Shaunna Martin for bringing him a Christmas tree in a Hillbilly Christmas Carol presented at Sam Boardman.

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 "It cost t' much t' feed yeh an' the hogs; yeh got t' go," said Joshua Frunheiser, a Scrooge like character played by Kenny Mounts, to his nieces and nephew, who have come to stay with him during Christmas, at Sam Boardman Elementary Christmas program recently. Their mother, his sister, "had gone t' Gramma's house t' tend t' her til she was fittin' an' it might be catchin', so we had t' come stay with yeh," they had told him.
 The thirty minute play, called a Hillbilly Christmas Carol, basically, was a back woods version of a Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, performed by seven fourth, fifth and sixth graders, chosen for the play after tryouts.
 The plot begins when a neighboring widow, played by Katrina Marshall, feels that Joshua Frunheiser is

the only eligible male and decides to marry him. Her son, Hiram, played by Lee Holmes, and daughter, CoreBelle, played by Shaun Martin, feel he is just too crotchety.
 The matrimonially-minded widow and her children bring him a Christmas tree, such as it is, and the

Scrooge like Joshua banishes it. Then, after telling his nieces, Michelle Toman and Becky Hecker, and nephew, Lonnie Spray, that all they are having is hog chitlins for Christmas dinner, the children decide to do a little scaring, Charles Dickens style. "What if some ghost came along an' showed 'im what a miserable ol' coot h' is. Maybe h' would like Christmas," said nephew, Ossie.
 Comments such as "Why don' yeh visit 'em 'stead of 'em comin' over here an' save wear an' tear on my floors," showed the extent of Uncle Joshua's miserliness.

The ghost of Jacob Marley, played by Lee Holmes, appears to Uncle Joshua while he is sleeping and proceeds with Christmas past, present, and future, with the predictable results of Uncle Joshua inviting the widow and her family over for a turkey dinner, "an' we'll shop th' biggest tree ever."
 The humorous skit was directed by Jerry Alldredge, librarian.; Lisa Constantine, migrant education teacher; and Teresa Proctor, TAG coordinator and fifth grade teacher.

School Lunch Menus

January 4-8
A.C. Houghton
 Monday-burritos, mixed vegetables, pears, ice cream bars and milk.
 Tuesday-beef & noodles, hot rolls, jello salad, fruit and milk.
 Wednesday-taco salad, beets, cake, fruit and milk.
 Thursday-chickenwiches, French fries, chocolate pudding, fruit and milk.
 Friday-chili, cornbread, vegetable sticks, fruit and milk.
Ione
 Monday-chicken patty on a bun, pickles, tater tots, broccoli normandy, fruit and milk.
 Tuesday-spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, carrot sticks, fruit and milk.
 Wednesday-weiner wraps, vegetable sticks, cheese sticks, seasoned vegetables, fruit cake, milk or potato bar.
 Thursday-hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned vegetables, pickled beets, fruit and milk.
 Friday-tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, crackers, dessert and milk.

RHS
 Monday-burritos, nachos, green beans, crazy cake, pears and milk.
 Tuesday-fish portions, tartar sauce, spanish rice, cookies fruit bars and milk or sandwich bar.
 Wednesday-hamburger gravy, potatoes, rolls, butter, apples and milk or sandwich bar.
 Thursday-hot dogs, greens, chicken salad, banana split dessert and milk or sandwich bar.
 Friday-hamburgers, tater tot casserole, strawberry jello, pears and milk.

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 Monday-burritos, green beans, spanish rice, apples and milk.
 Tuesday-weiner wraps, vegetable sticks, bananas, cookies and milk.
 Wednesday-chicken nuggets, tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, green beans, apricots and milk.
 Thursday-hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, vegetable sticks, peach crisp and milk.
 Friday-chickenwiches, tartar sauce, corn, banana/chocolate pudding and milk.



A mobile home burned down in Irrigon a few weeks ago, and the probable cause of the fire was the wood stove.

The good news is no one was injured in the fire. The bad news is, if the stove did indeed cause the fire, it may have been preventable. Most home fires are. Follow these few simple rules concerning wood stoves for years of safe home heating.

Installation: Make sure there is enough clearance from combustible walls. Thirty-six inches is considered adequate. Site the stove in the large living area (living room, family room, or farm kitchen) and avoid putting it near an open stair well-the heat will rise and be an inefficient heat source for the main floor.

Chimneys: One of the biggest sources of fire hazards are faulty chimneys, or the use of existing chimneys that were not designed for

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Garbage carts available to Umatilla and Morrow County residents

By Joyce Hensley
 Hand carrying your garbage can to the curb on pick-up day can be a thing of the past in Morrow County and Umatilla County.

Sanitary Disposal, Inc., has added another choice to how you can have your garbage picked up. Ninety-gallon molded polyetherane carts, with wheels and lids, which have the capacity equivalent to three standard size garbage cans, may be obtained at no charge. The cart is dumped mechanically by an arm on the truck. The cost of pick-up is less than the price of three cans.
 Mike Jiwett, manager of Sanitary Disposal, located in Hermiston said, "it is the up and coming thing. There is more automation and less hard work for our customers and employees."

"It is also a better and more attractive way to take care of solid waste needs for the customers," he said.
 Eight trucks are equipped to serve Irrigon, Boardman, Hermiston, Umatilla, Stanfield, Echo, Ione, Pat-



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Irrigon mayor Don Eppenbach (R) and Marlin Reeves show new garbage carts.

erson, and Plymouth. The rates vary with each town.
 "The customers who have been using them say they are real handy," said long time sanitary disposal truck operator, Marlin Reeves, Umatilla.

"Eventually they will do away with any lifting," he added.
 "We hope that some day the customer carrying his cans to the curb will be a thing of the past," said Jiwett.

School Board action Dec. 21

The board heard a musical presentation from a group of Heppner Elementary and Junior High students under the direction of Kitty Bredemeier.

The board approved the retirement of Don Adams from his position of head custodian at A.C. Houghton Elementary effective January 31, 1988, approved the transfer and promotion of Joel Stahl from assistant custodian at A.C. Houghton to head custodian at Columbia Junior High, effective December 29, 1987; approved hiring Randall Barton to teach behind the wheel drivers training at Riverside High School; approved the early termination of Kristi Haguewood's temporary contract as ERC teacher at Sam Boardman Elementary, effective December 31, 1987; hired Jeanne Hollinshead to replace Kristi Haguewood at Sam Boardman

Elementary as special education (ERC) teacher. Jeanne will be on a temporary contract for the remainder of the 1987-88 school year, beginning January 4, 1988, approved the transfer of Grace Sandlin from assistant custodian at Riverside High to assistant custodian at Columbia Junior High, effective February 1, 1988.

They also approved extended responsibility contracts for the following individuals: Elaine Vandecar, assistant girls basketball coach at Columbia Junior High; Kevin Fry assistant boys basketball coach at Columbia Junior High; Mary Jean Dehne assistant girls basketball coach at Riverside High.

A request from Earl Aylett to allow his youngster to continue the remainder of this school year in the Hermiston School District was granted. If the Aylett's continue to

live in Morrow County they will be expected to transfer the youngster to A.C. Houghton in the fall of 1988.

In unfinished business the board discussed resident students attendance involving Morrow County students attending Echo and Condon, and Gilliam County students attending Ione. Approved a motion allowing the present resident students to complete the current year in schools they attend out of the county. County lines will determine attendance decisions for the fall of 1988, and;

approved a motion to put the architect's feasibility study report on hold and continue to budget for needed upkeep, repair, and remodeling of existing buildings.

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a wood burning stove.
 Chimney fires start for many reasons. Creosote can build up inside and is flammable. Old or cracked masonry chimneys can leak heat to rafters. These rafters have kindling temperature which lowers as they age. Too many units using the same chimney is unsafe. Finally, draft problems can arise due to improper chimney heights.
 If a chimney fire starts, shut off the oxygen to the chimney and call the fire department (911).
 Cutting off the oxygen only works if you have an airtight stove, if no other device uses the same chimney, if unused inlets are properly sealed, and if your chimney is sound and airtight.
 Clean the chimney regularly, about every three cords of wood is normal, but at least annually.
 Smoke detectors: These modern devices are able to detect a house fire while it is still in the smoldering stage. They have an impressive track record for saving lives. Use them and check them regularly.
 Fire extinguishers: Be prepared to stop small fires, because large fires start small.
 Metal bucket: Ashes, the final

Creative Art club to form

Benji Pearson, Heppner will begin a ten session Creative Art 4-H Club immediately after the New Year. A variety of crafts will be introduced to members.

"Shorter term 4-H projects fit the life style of modern youth," according to Birdne Tullis, Extension Service. "Kids are naturally creative-the combination sounds like really a fun club."

Benji is willing to work with no more than eight members. Meeting will be either Saturday afternoons or other time convenient for members.

For further information call Benji 676-9830 or the Extension office 676-9642.

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Dinner Starts at 6:00 p.m.

- Grand Opening
- Salmon & Halibut Special \$7.50
- Ribs All-You-Can-Eat \$5.00 Door Prizes
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