



Photo by Joyce Hensley

### Fun in the snow

Wayne Huffaker, 9, Irrigon, is oblivious to the slick road conditions caused by a snow storm last week, as he kneels proudly, with a big grin, by his freshly completed snowman, which also has a big grin.

## Spaghetti feed to benefit Hernandez family

A spaghetti dinner, including salad, bread and a drink, will be held on Friday, January 8 at Riverside High School. The dinner will begin at 4 p.m. and last until 7 p.m. Pie and coffee will also be served.

The dinner is to benefit the family of Javier Hernandez, who is a 3rd grader at Sam Boardman Elementary school, who has been diagnosed as having leukemia. The money will help defray costs of medical expenses and the traveling to Portland for treatments.

The community is working together to help sponsor this dinner.

The dinner will precede the basketball game between Heppner and Riverside high schools.

## Public Accountants award scholarships

Oregon students who plan careers in accounting are invited to apply for scholarships to be awarded next spring by the Oregon Association of Public Accountants Scholarship Foundation, according to Raymond A. Cass, Albany Foundation chairman.

Cass said both \$500 and \$1000 grants will be made. Scholarships will go to accounting students who are qualified residents of the State of Oregon and who are enrolled or plan to enroll in an Oregon college, community college or university.

Scholarship application forms are available from high school counseling offices and college and community college financial aid offices, or may be obtained by writing to Cass at P.O. Box 1806, Albany, OR 97321, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Applications must be returned to him by April 1, 1988. Names of successful applicants will be announced by June 1, 1988.

Award winners are selected on a basis of financial need, scholastic achievement, personal qualifications and professional promise.

## Oregon Theft Investigators Assoc. to meet in Baker Jan. 13.

The quarterly meeting of the Oregon Livestock Theft Investigators Association will be held Wednesday, January 13. The meeting place will be at the Kopper Kitchen, 480 Campbell St., Baker,

at 1 p.m.

The agenda will include updates on livestock investigations; missing livestock; open forum on local problems and the election of officers. Ranchers and general public are welcome.

## More students are required to file tax returns

Tax law changes will require a larger number of students than ever before to file income tax returns. These changes affect students who have unearned income like interest and dividends and whose total income for the year exceeds \$500.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 changed the rules determining personal exemptions and standard deductions. For 1987, if you can be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer, your standard deduction is limited and you are not allowed a personal exemption on your return.

This will result in many students being underwithheld for the first time. Many students who had to pay no tax in the past will have to pay for 1987.

The standard deduction for a child who can be claimed as a dependent on another return is limited to the

greater of: \$500, or the child's earned income, but not more than the allowable standard deduction (generally, \$2,540).

Generally, students whose income is greater than their standard deduction, the child will have to file a 1987 tax return and will have a tax liability. For example, a student who has a savings bank account and earns over \$500 babysitting or doing odd jobs, would be required to file a federal income tax return for 1987.

The personal exemption is worth \$1,900 for 1987.

Another change requires children under age 14 who have unearned income over \$1,000 for 1987 to also file an additional tax form, Form 8615. This taxes unearned income at the parent's rate if the child would otherwise have a lower rate.

It is important to be aware of these changes and adjust withholding to cover any tax liability in the future. Free IRS Publication 922, "New Tax Rules for Children and Dependents," contains detailed information. It can be obtained by calling 1-800-424-FORM (3676). Information is also available by calling IRS Taxpayer Assistance at 221-3960 in the Portland area, or 1-800-424-1040 elsewhere in Oregon.

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## North Morrow Vector Control

By Greg Barron, Manager North Morrow Vector Control

In this day and age it is most convenient to control insects, such as a pesky mosquito in the house, by reaching for an aerosol can of insecticide and zapping the critter. Chemicals have become a daily part of our lives, so why should mosquito control be any different? Fortunately, we have other methods besides chemicals to control mosquitoes for example: biological control. By introducing mosquito larva and pupae to fish called Gambia affinis, we try to integrate our mosquito control methods instead of using just one type of control. Mosquitofish, Gambia affinis, are without a doubt the most commonly used fish used for mosquito control in the world.

Gambia give birth to few but hardy fry. A female after mating gives birth in 23-24 days. A brood is born every three to six weeks during the summer. Fifty to 200 young per female are common. Gambia live as long as five years in the laboratory. Adult mosquitofish have been reported to consume as many as 230 mosquito larva and pupae in one hour.

We at North Morrow Vector Control use these fish where chemicals are unacceptable. The fish provide permanent control in localized sites about the home such as fish ponds, troughs, swimming pools and natural waterways. They have been used on irrigation patures and other large areas with mixed results. We have found that winter freezing greatly affects the population of the fish. If the surface of a pond containing Gambia freezes their oxygen supply will soon be depleted and they will suffocate. We use submersible pumps in our rearing ponds to prevent this. Watering trough heaters also help to keep the water surface unfrozen. If a pond freezes and kills the Gambia the only thing we can do is replace them in the spring.

Although mosquitofish favor mosquito larva, they are unfortunately cannibalistic and will feed on their own offspring. Birds, other fish, insects, reptiles and amphibians also prey upon Gambia. Mosquitofish should be handled with a minimum of stress. Rapid temperature changes should be avoided. Mature fish adapt and establish themselves better to habitat changes. A stocking rate of 300 fish/acre proves effective against mosquitos. Trial and error is often required to determine an effective rate.

If you are a resident of North Morrow County we at North Morrow Vector Control will deliver the fish to your residence this spring and thru the summer as needed. If you live outside our district simply call us at 481-6082 and arrange a time that you can pick up your own mosquitofish. The fish are free to the public so call us at 481-6082 this spring and we'll get ahead start on those pesky mosquitos.

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## Tire fee imposed on retail tire sale

By Joyce Hensley

For each new tire sold, beginning January 1, 1988, there will be a one dollar fee charged to the customer to go towards stimulating new recycling activities and for the clean up of existing storage sites of waste tires, according to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Environmental Analyst, Bob Brown, Portland.

The Oregon Department of Revenue has set up a new department in Salem, called the Tire Fee Collection Program of the Collection Division to handle the funds and quarterly reports which each retail new tire business must send in. Fifteen cents of the dollar is to be kept by the retailer, the rest goes to the Oregon Department of Revenue, then on to DEQ.

Anyone selling tires retail must

also, now, apply for certification to receive an Oregon Retail Tire Dealers Certificate.

"It irritates me," said Barbara Wadekamper, co-owner of Brown's Auto and Truck Stop in Irrigon. "I don't like the idea that I have to do more work for Uncle Sam."

"It just costs us more. Besides, we already pay to have our old tire's hauled off, thirty-five cents per car tire and \$1.50 per truck tire," she added.

Brown, DEQ, said, "The money will be used also, to assist people who have tires piled on their property to remove them for proper disposal."

Persons having over 100 tires stored, are now required to have a permit. The permit may be a temporary one if the person is not a tire dealer or recapper, until he has a

chance to remove them. There will be funds available to that person to assist him in the removal of the tires, according to Brown.

The funds will also subsidize people who recycle tires. "We have people who make floor mats and fishing equipment out of them," said Brown.

Most recycled tires are now being burned for energy recovery.

Only new tires sold retail will be charged the waste tire fee. Tires exempt are tires sold to another dealer for resale; used tires or retreads; tires sold to federal, state or local governments or taxing districts; tires for bicycles, scooters, or motorcycles; and tires for any vehicles which legally cannot be driven on an Oregon Highway.

Exchanged tires will not be affected.

## Criminal Justice seminar planned on Sex abuse

Sex abuse will be the topic of a Criminal Justice seminar to be offered by Blue Mountain Community College in Hermiston winter term.

The three-credit course will meet Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Hermiston Safety Center. Classes start January 7.

Instructor for the course, which has been added to the BMCC schedule, will be Jeff Manley, Morrow County Director of Mental Health and Mental Health Service Consultant at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution. Topics to be discussed include: categories of

rapists and child molesters, juvenile offenders and the victim.

Cost of the course is \$54. Persons may register by mail or in person by visiting BMCC's Hermiston Center. Registration may also be completed on the college campus in Pendleton.

## 4-H Judging is scheduled for Feb. 13

The first school for judges of 4-H engineering project exhibits is scheduled for Oregon State University Saturday, February 13, according to Bill Broderick, OSU Extension Agent in Morrow County.

The workshop, featuring practical experience in evaluating 4-H bicycle, computer, electrical, tractor and woodworking displays, is open to all judges, 4-H leaders and parents, Bill adds. The program will begin at 8 a.m. and there is a \$30 registration fee.

In addition to the practice judging classes, those attending will be in-

duced to the role of judges in the 4-H program, 4-H philosophy and be introduced to the project materials which outline expectations for 4-H members enrolled in the various projects, adds Lyla Houglum, OSU Extension 4-H youth specialist who provides leadership in the engineering/mechanical science area.

Persons interested in attending, should contact the Morrow County office of the OSU Extension Service for additional information and registration forms, Bill noted. Deadline for registering for the workshop is January 29.

## 4-H food club begins

Food clubs are attracting a growing number of 4-H members, both boys and girls.

Chloe Pearson, Heppner, is ready to start a 4-H club for beginners, or those ready for 2nd year foods.

New and exciting project books and activities are presently being developed which will add interest to the foods projects.

To enroll as a member of Mrs. Pearson's club, call 676-9830 (evenings) or Extension office 676-9642 for more information.

Call immediately, as she plans to hold her first meeting soon.

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