

## Sno-Park permits now available

Oregon Sno-park permits officially went on sale November 1. Permits can be purchased in all Motor Vehicles Division offices, most ski areas, many winter recreation resorts, ski shops and sporting goods stores.

Sno-park permits are required from November 15 to April 30 on vehicles parked in areas posted as "Winter Recreation Areas." Most downhill and cross-country ski areas and snowmobile trail heads have been designated winter recreation areas. Two major exceptions are the Mt. Bachelor ski areas near Bend and the Willamette Pass ski area on Oregon Highway 58 near Oakridge. Sno-Park permits are not required in these areas, but are required in nearby cross-country areas.

Two types of permits are sold. An annual permit costs \$9 and a daily permit, \$2. Failure to have a Sno-park permit can result in a fine of up to \$10.

In 1987, DMV sold over 147,000 daily and annual permits and transferred \$701,000 to the Highway Division.

Money collected from Sno-park sales is used by the Highway Division to plow parking lots and roadside parking strips used by winter sports enthusiasts.

## How to buy the right size wood stove

Thinking about buying a wood stove, but concerned about pollution that wood burning causes?

A stove that is the right size for your home will pollute the air less than a stove that is too large or too small, according to Tom Wykes, Oregon State University Extension energy agent in Bend. Wykes is the author of a new OSU publication that tells how to choose a wood stove that's right for your home.

The size of the home, how well it is weatherized and winter temperatures in the area all are important, Wykes said.

Writing a novel set in a time of man's pre-history is not a new idea. It requires a vast amount of research but has been done more or less successfully by many authors, among them Ruth Bebe Hill with her magnificent "Hanta Yo" and Jean M. Auel with the less satisfying but still rewarding books "Clan of the Cave Bear" and "The Mammoth Hunters". These novels of pre-history can be fascinating with their wealth of detail about man's dim past. Most of their charm and popularity are due to the vivid pictures they paint about a time and place we can never visit.

The most recent novel in this genre, "She Who Remembers" by Linda Lay Shuler, is something less than fascinating, however. In the "Acknowledgements" at the beginning of this book, Ms. Shuler thanks, among others, Jean Auel for her encouragement and research materials. Shuler should also have thanked Ms. Auel for her story line and plot. Unfortunately she hasn't written as good a story on these bones as Auel has done. In fact, there is very little originality here. The novel is basically a free wheeling regency romance superimposed on the sketchy anthropology of the American southwest. Shuler's erotic flights of fancy occupy most of the 391 pages of the book. Her plump little Anasazi heroin, Kwani, trips

through 13th century Colorado, New Mexico and Texas singing a descendant of "I'm just a girl who can't say no," to a massed male chorus of heavy breathing.

The mysterious Anasazi hump-backed god Kokopelli has here been artfully reduced to an aging and lecherous opportunist. Part merchant, part magician, he is perhaps the best developed personality in a cast of decidedly shallow characters.

It is unreasonable to expect this group to be motivated by any but the most prozaic impulses. They react predictably but not satisfyingly so, erratically but not unexpectedly. They seem more to be tireless than really alive. And while the reader cannot actually anticipate what will happen next, he is never really surprised by what does happen.

Without doubt, there will be more pre-historical novels written. They sell very well after all. (Indeed, the final paragraphs of "She Who Remembers" leaves very little doubt that Linda Shuler has every intention of writing another herself.) Not all of these novels will be pale clones of Jean Auel's efforts. The law of averages guarantees that a few will be very good. Perhaps even Ms. Shuler will do better on her second try. I can hardly wait!

See you at the Library.

## BOOK DROP

by Marie Struthers

## Band Concert held at Heppner Elementary School



Sixty-five fifth and sixth grade band members from Heppner, lone and Boardman gathered recently for a band concert at the Heppner

Elementary School. A pizza and skating party followed with skates being donated by Tom Riehl.

The best time to watch for gay whales migrating along the Oregon coast in winter months is in the early morning hours when wind and the resulting whitecaps leaves the ocean surface calm.

## Nov. 20-27 is Nat'l Adoption Week

November 20-27 is National Adoption Week, a time for Oregonians to reflect upon the 80-100 children in our state who are currently waiting for adoptive parents.

These "waiting children" are older children minorities, siblings, and children with handicaps or delays. Both single and married applicants will be considered. There are no definite age, income, or housing requirements. Experienced parents who have raised children, and minority persons, are especially encouraged to inquire. For more information about adopting Oregon children, contact the Special Needs

Adoption Coalition at 222-9661. Outside Portland call toll free 1-800-342-6688.

Adults concerned about children's needs should contact their state legislators to urge them to support updated legislation to streamline the legal process of "freeing" children for adoption. Under current law (ORS 419.523) adoptable children wait for several years because the legal process to free them for adoption is too slow. Even if you can't adopt, you can help advocate for children by writing to your legislators.

## South Morrow County Ministerial Association

By Tony Bulman All Saints Episcopal Church

### The Light Still Shines

Some three thousand years ago, the nation of Israel was going through a time of great lull and spiritual darkness. The future was bleak. Depression was rife, and restlessness and despair gripped many. Yet God spoke a message of hope to His people. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned... for to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given... and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:2,6).

Centuries passed and once again the situation was bleak. Perhaps even blacker than before. The nation was oppressed, violence was rife, revolutionary groups were spreading terror, yet God's message of hope rang out. "The rising sun will come to us from Heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." (Luke 1:78,79).

Today the gloom in the world is heavier and more widespread than ever before. For the first time in history, man is faced with the real possibility of total human destruction. However, the light of Christ has not been and never will be extinguished. It still scatters the darkness wherever Jesus is welcomed into lives and homes. Moreover, one day He is coming in a blaze of splendor to take those who love Him and belong to Him to His Father's house forever. For them, whatever the world news, the best is yet to be. Praise the Lord!

Lord, show me any darkness in my life and help me to open that area up to your light. Those who Jesus lights up are to be lights to others. Am I?

## Starkey area temporarily closed to public

The 25,000-acre fenced area of the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range southwest of LaGrande is now temporarily closed to the public to allow researchers to bait deer and elk into their winter feeding site within the enclosure. The area is expected to remain closed until early spring of 1989.

Project leader Jack Ward Thomas explained why the temporary closure is necessary.

"In order to attract deer and elk to the winter feeding site, we are setting out alfalfa hay and pellets along all major roads throughout the study area.

"Consequently, we are asking the public to cooperate and remain out of the area so that animals can find and use the bait readily along the roads, thus ensuring that animals move to the winter site as quickly as possible."

Thomas said that once deer and elk are baited into the winter feeding site, they will be ear-tagged and catalogued by sex and age in preparation for the start of a 10-year study to begin in the spring of 1989. Some animals will be fitted with radio collars, and a variety of tests will also be done to check the physical and reproductive condition of the animals before their release back into the main study area in late spring.

The closed area, 28 miles southwest of LaGrande on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, is surrounded by an 8-foot-high deer- and elk-proof fence that was constructed during 1987 as part of the joint research effort by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and USDA Forest Service.

Forest Supervisor Bob Richmond said that the closure includes all areas inside the fence and that signs explaining the closure have been posted at the main gate off Highway 244.

"Researchers from ODF&W and the Forest Service anticipate that an adequate number of animals will be baited into the winter feeding site by early spring. As soon as that happens, I will lift the closure," said Richmond.

Richmond reminded recreationists that the entire area is permanently closed to snowmobiles. The boundary of the snowmobile closure includes all areas inside the fence and a small area between the south boundary of the fence and Highway 244. Signs have been posted along the fence and highway.

The right-of-way along the entire fence line is also permanently closed to motorized vehicles. The right-of-way is defined as public lands on either side of the fence that have been cleared of vegetation, and corresponds roughly to a 12-foot width on each side of the fence.

This is a 10-year experiment, the outcome of which will affect the way we manage our national forests in the future. We feel these few restrictions are necessary to ensure a successful and credible study and we ask for public understanding and compliance," said Richmond.

More information about the restrictions can be obtained from Mike Wisdom, USDA Forest Service, Forestry and Range Science Lab, 1401 Gekeler Lane, LaGrande, OR 97850 (phone: 503-963-7122).

*I would like to thank everyone for the support given to me during my campaign for re-election for Morrow County Clerk during the November 8, 1988 General Election*

**Barbara Bloodworth**  
Morrow County Clerk

## Good Luck Mustangs

at Willamina, Sat. Nov. 19  
Jerry and Anne Anderson Irrigon, Oregon

*The children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Glover Peck wish to invite all friends to share in celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. It will be held at the Lexington Hotel by Rebecca Hall, November 25, 1988, from Four p.m. until Eight p.m. We are requesting no gifts. Please join us in sharing this memorable occasion.*

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