

## Local child wins magazine award

Laurel Webber-Gray, age 13, of Lexington, received second prize in the September 1988 "Cricket League" international poetry competition sponsored by Cricket Magazine in the 10-14 year old division. For this contest, entrants were asked to write a poem about an object in the night sky. Laurel's name appears in the December, 1988 issue of the award-winning children's magazine.

Cricket, the Magazine for children has been called the "New Yorker of children's literature." It features the best short stories, poems, and articles by the world's finest children's authors and it is illustrated by the best artists from here and abroad.

Each month Cricket sponsors a different and unique writing and drawing competition for its readers, with seven to eight hundred entries pouring in each time from enthusiastic Cricket readers. Some come from as far away as Africa and Australia. All stories, poems and drawings are judged in two age brackets: 5-9 and 10-14 year olds. Winners receive prizes and recognition, and the best entries are published in the Cricket League pages of the

magazine. Laurel's poem follows:

**The Celestial Moon**  
Amongst the heavens with stars of all sizes

From the horizon the crescent moon rises

To engulf the sky with arms open wide

Like a giant smile tipped on its side

The Moon in all its celestial grace Shines down on us with its benevolent face

To peer down on Earth with blazing eyes

Interrupting the quiet calm of the night skies.

Against the black of Night's dusky cape.

It reflects the Sun's glory with its crescent shape.

Its size looks larger than the other stars

Since it's miles closer to the world we call ours.

All through the night it dances across the sky

From side to side in a seeming blink of an eye.

And when the night ends, dawn drawing near,

It falls over the horizon like a slip-sliding tear.

## O.E.S. to have annual Christmas party

Ruth Locust Chapter No. 32, O.E.S. will hold their regular meeting and annual Christmas get-together, Monday, December 12, 8 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Hall.

Heppner Community Choir will entertain.

After the meeting there will be a Christmas gift exchange and refreshments. All members are encouraged to attend.

## U.G.L.Y. contest nets over \$400

The U.G.L.Y. Bartender Contest officially ended September 28, and the Oregon Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been busy compiling results.

Heppner Chairpersons Cheri and Red Lovgren announced that the Wagon Wheel, the only bar actively involved in the contest, raised a total of \$471.85.

The UGLY Contest included 61 small towns from all over Oregon, with populations from 22 to 18,000. 162 bars competed, raising a grand total of \$52,302.40 to fight multiple sclerosis and provide services to people who have it.

## Chamber lighting contest to be held

"Deck the Halls" and prepare for the outdoor lighting contest sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Judging will occur Sunday, December 18. Prizes offered are first place, \$50 gift certificate, second place, \$25 gift certificate and third a \$10 gift certificate.

Special recognition will be given to the most festive business window lighting Christmas display.

## Lodge plans potluck

The Holly Rebekah Lodge of Lexington is planning a community potluck Christmas party Thursday, December 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a gift exchange and treats for the children. Everyone is invited to attend.

## 4-H News

### Martingales

By Brenda Holtz, reporter  
On December 4, 1988, the Martingales held a Horse 4-H meeting at Lone High School at 3 p.m. We chose our class officers for 88-89. The officers are president, Joy Downing; vice president, Kari Morgan; treasurer, Kim Bedortha; Reporter, Brenda Holtz; secretary, Heidi Nelson. We are having a Christmas party on December 18. We will be having gifts for everyone and watching a movie. We also have partners to work with throughout the year. We will decide our next meeting on the 18th.

The Wagon Wheel placed 34th in the state, winning bartender Martie McQuinn a personal cassette player. Martie's helper in the UGLY contest was bar manager Judy McCurry.

MS, a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, is usually first diagnosed in young adults between the ages of 20 and 40. Although the cause, treatment and cure of MS remain a mystery, intensive research is under way, and there are increasing grounds for hope.

The Oregon Chapter provides services to more than 2700 MS people in Oregon, including an affiliated clinical center, support groups, long-term loans of medical equipment and more.

The statewide small-town UGLY Bartender Contest has been an outstanding success, and will return to Heppner late next summer.

## Road Report

Summer has come and gone with the county road department successfully completing several projects with others underway.

With winter around the corner we again remind all users of county roads that load limits will be posted on all county roads when necessary to prevent break-up of these roads. Please schedule your heavy hauling early to prevent delays to you.

The county road graders are blading roads in the Hardman Ridge area, Barlow and Brenner Canyons, Blackhorse and North Lexington areas and Boardman-Irrigon roads.

Fog lines are being painted on Lone-Gooseberry with plans to proceed to the Wilson Road.

The county crusher is located on Willow Creek crushing rock for the FHWA reconstruction on Willow Creek, and will remain at this location through January 1989.

Paul Smith road in Boardman is scheduled for one-half mile of reconstruction this winter with the laying of pipe and asphalt overlay being done by contracting. County crews will be doing the base work.

The county shop is busy keeping the equipment maintained and preparing equipment for snow and ice removal.

If you have any questions or problems contact the Morrow County Public Works Department, Don Ball, Roadmaster at 676-9061 ext. 17.

## Children to decorate tree at museum

Christmas elves will invade the Morrow County Museum on Tuesday, December 13, from 4-5 p.m. Any elf who shows up with an ornament to donate to the Museum tree can help decorate the tree and stay for a Christmas treat and maybe a Christmas carol or two. The elf in charge of these festivities reported that the support of Heppner Day Care Director April Sykes, her staff and a whole bunch of elves (who are rumored to be bringing cookies), the

Heppner Soroptimists, who donated the tree and an anonymous local grinch, who donated apple cider for the hard working tree decorators, have made it possible to live up the north end of Main Street for an hour or so next Tuesday. There is no age limit (who can tell with elves?), so everyone who wants to share a few minutes of seasonal goodwill is welcome. It is also rumored that if anyone has a string of lights they could share, they could probably have two cookies with their cider.

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