

Wilkinson honored with Fish and Wildlife award



Dick Wilkinson (l) and wife Virginia, receive recognition from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for being selected as Fish and Wildlife Supporters of the Year.

Dick and Virginia Wilkinson of Heppner have been selected as Fish and Wildlife Supporters of the Year by the Northeast Region of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Wilkinsons have a ranch on Willow Creek south of Heppner. All private landowners from a seven county area encom-

passing northeast Oregon were considered for this honor.

"Dick and Virginia Wilkinson were selected for the many things they have done as landowners and wildlife supporters to help maintain and enhance Oregon's natural resources," according to Warren Aney, Northeast Region Supervisor.

Dick and Virginia were recognized for providing habitat for a substantial number of deer, elk, upland birds and other wildlife. They improved this habitat with extensive noxious weed control and seedings to control erosion and provide wildlife food and cover.

Wilkinsons were also recognized for allowing public recreational access to their lands and for being the first landowners included in the Heppner Regulated Hunt Program. "The Wilkinson's land has provided over 200,000 recreation days since 1968," Aney said. "This represents several million dollars worth of expenditures in the local economy."

Other adjacent major landowners, Shirley Rugg, Jack Glavey, Terry Thompson, Ralph Beamer, Kinzua Corp. among several smaller landholders have included their property in the "Welcome to Hunt" program which is a great asset to the local community both from the aspect of recreation and economic values.

The Wilkinsons have also gone out of their way to help with Lake Penland improvements, hunter camping access and wild turkey introductions. Glenn Ward, Heppner Wildlife District Biologist said "the outdoor enthusiasts and businesses owe Dick and Virginia Wilkinson a big debt of gratitude for their generosity in allowing many opportunities for outdoor recreation."

St. Pat's committee needs help in putting on celebration

There will be a St. Patrick's committee meeting, Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. at the Extension office conference room.

This is a community project and much more help is needed if this celebration is to continue. If you are interested, come to the meeting and bring a friend.

Ward receives recognition

Glen Ward of Heppner was awarded Employee of the Year and Outstanding Biologist of the Year for the Northeast Region of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Glen Ward has been Heppner District Wildlife Biologist since September 1952.

Ward developed the first Regulated Hunt Areas in the Columbia Basin, now providing hunting access to private lands for public use. He is currently monitoring elk in his district in cooperation with Umatilla National Forest. This project uses radio telemetry equipment to determine elk migration patterns and habitat usage in relation to timber

harvest activities. Perhaps the most important of Ward's accomplishments has been the development and maintenance of a close working relationship with private landowners based on mutual trust.

Ward was selected for the Outstanding Biologist award by ODFW employees in the Northeast Region. Ward was also recognized by Warren W. Aney, Northeast Regional Supervisor, as the Region's Employee of the Year. In his remarks Aney referred to Ward as "not only the Outstanding Employee of the Year, but of the Era," in recognition of Ward's long service.



Glen Ward

Wine tasting event was fun for all



Daisy Collins (r) and Mary Goheen (center) serve wine donated by Ed Glenn and Boardman Farms to Mark Cutsforth, Heppner, during Town and Country week.

The Wine Tasting held last Thursday at the Elks as part of the Town and Country celebration was hosted by the Soroptimist Club and Chamber of Commerce with wine being donated by Boardman Farms and Ed Glenn.

Winners of the beard contest were as follows: Best all-around, Doug Drake; Best crop rotation, Greg

Sweet, Most misguided attempt at civic participation, David Sykes; first runner up, George Koffler; Abraham Lincoln award, Bill Kuhn; Youngest looking, Steve Rhea and Triple C Award (Coercive contest coordinator) Fred Lundin.

Entertainment was by a local Heppner Band and a fun evening was enjoyed by everyone attending.

United Way donation goes to Heppner Senior Citizens Inc.



Judy Eckman (L) presents a check to Jane Rawlins, (R) Senior representative in the amount of \$2,386.60 from the United Way.

The United Way of Morrow County has donated a check for \$2,386.60 to Heppner Senior Citizens, Inc.

A donation made in 1986 targeted \$1,386.60 to the hotel project for

Rescue vehicle donated by Kinzua



Judge Louis Carlson, Mayor of Lone Judy Osmin and Jim Boor accept the newly donated 'rescue vehicle' from Kinzua Corporation representatives Frank Pearson and Paul Sumner. Ernest Wick, hospital administrator looks on. The vehicle was presented to the Morrow County Medical

Board for use in the lone area. The vehicle will not be used to transport patients, only to stabilize them until the ambulance can get to the scene. Jim Boor and Harvey Childers will be available to operate the vehicle. To get a response, call 911.

Devin and Angell selected to All State team



Dick Devin

Craig Angell

The single 'A' coaches in the state of Oregon have honored several Heppner Mustang football players by selecting them to the All State teams.

Dick Devin, senior at Heppner High School, was named to the 1988 All State Class A First team defense as a defensive back.

Craig Angell, senior at Heppner, was named to First Team offense as a receiver.

Named to second team defense was defensive end, Mike Mahoney, senior and linebacker, Jess Jeffries, also a senior.

Receiving honorable mention for offense was quarterback, Dick Devin, running back Russell Britt, junior and Craig Angell, punter.

All of these young men deserve being recognized for their accomplishments.

Quilt being raffled by OSEA

Tickets are being sold by the OSEA (Oregon School Employees Association) for a hand-stitched quilt made by Velma Campbell, Bend. The drawing will be held February 18 at the basketball game in Heppner.

Each year OSEA provides a

scholarship for a graduating boy or girl. The proceeds from this drawing will go towards that end.

Tickets are being sold at all Heppner High School varsity basketball home games.

The quilt may be seen at the games.

Rodeo meeting

There will be a regular meeting of the Morrow County Rodeo committee on February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the V and G Restaurant.

New members with new ideas and lots of energy are encouraged to attend.

The committee will be discussing the possibility of dropping the NRA sanctioned rodeo and putting on a two day jackpot rodeo. Public input is needed.

Please attend the next meeting with your ideas or call John Moyer at 676-9844 for more information.

The Adventures of
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(After Hours)
6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Grazelda growled: "Danged you Clem, are you goin fishin again?"

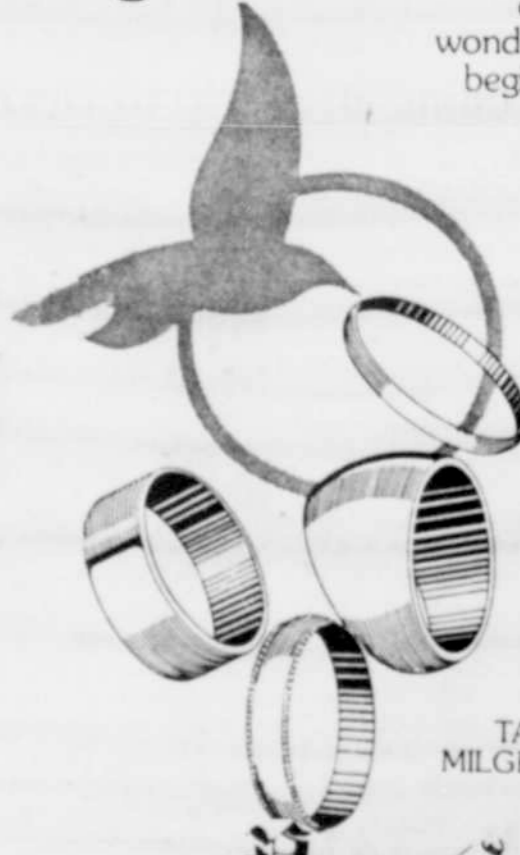
Clem chirped: "You, betcha, Grazelda, that old John Day beckons and I gotta go! What are you gonna do?"

Grazelda fumed: "Well then, Me and the girls are gonna have a little party! We're gonna jog on down to Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron and get some ice cream, cookies, candy, pop, chips, dip, gum, rolls, etc., etc., etc., etc. etc. etc. etc."



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Lex Lighting contest winners

By Delpha Jones

Many people have remarked how nice the decorated homes in this area looked during the holidays with their gay decorations. Due to the combined efforts of the Garden Bugs and the Lexington City Council, a cash prize was awarded the winners in the town of Lexington. Winning first were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, second Mr. and Mrs. Berl Stillman and third Mr. and Mrs. John Ripple. Besides those in the contest there were several other homes which added to the holiday spirit, such as the Lexington airport homes, the Lee Wagenblast lights, the Bob Lovgren home the Lee Padberg home and several others. The community owes these people a vote of thanks for a job well done. The prizes were \$50, \$25 and \$10.

MCCAC meets

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts group will meet Monday, January 23 at 1 p.m. at Kate's Pizza for the regular meeting. Anyone interested in arts and crafts is invited to attend. 1989 dues are due.