

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

A bit of lightheartedness...
 Unfortunately, many of my work days in town get off to a late start due to a variety of reasons, not the least of which is being married to a rancher. Take this morning, my head was sopping wet and there was no hair dryer to be found. After searching the house from top to bottom, a yell across the pasture to my spouse solved the mystery. Seems "something" out in the corral needed drying out yesterday and "someone" forgot to put the dryer back. The lost was found. We'll be patronizing a Heppner restaurant tonight, his treat. There are many other town and country stories; another time, another place.
 Periodically I like to share mail that comes across the Chamber desk. Recently a letter arrived from Emily Heppner of Norfolk, Nebraska, the great-great-great niece of Henry Heppner, founder of our town. Her grandfather, Darel Heppner, visited here in 1957. Emily, who is a seventh grader, would like anyone having information about her great-great-great uncle Henry to write to

her (604 South 4th, Norfolk, Nebraska, 68701.) Her dream is to visit Heppner some day.

* Additional correspondence came from a male visitor who had been to Heppner four times and extolled the virtues of our friendly community. He had traveled all over the U.S. and very much wanted to settle in Heppner. Not only had he fallen for the town, he had neglected to get the name of a female resident with whom he had visited at length. Twenty letters were sent to be distributed around town in hopes that he might find her. In this case, we may never know "the rest of the story."

* Special thanks to Bev and Trisha Gunderson at Bev's Bookkeeping for answering chamber calls, greeting visitors, and sharing their office. Another example of Heppner hospitality.

* Next week chamber members will have a chance to get to know our high school principal, Steve Dickenson, as he shares his perspective and ideas. Chamber strives to have a variety of programs interest to all.

* Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving.

EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett

X'es Nix the Hassle of X-Mas Gift Buying

to find in your stocking, read on.

Folks of the sporting genre are a rather fickle lot to try to buy for; not just any fishing rod, ski boots or hunting coat will do. And though most will agree "it's the thought that counts," just about any fisherman can tell you that trying to crank a reel with the handle located on the wrong side is akin to picking your nose with a baseball mitt.

Several years ago a buddy and I were browsing among all the wonderful goodies at a large sporting goods store when a woman's frantic voice beckoned from behind. We turned and saw an attractive yet frenzied middle-aged woman clutching a wad of camouflaged canvas and aluminum tubing.

"Excuse me," she pleaded, "but does this look like something you would use?"

Silence. Then, "Uh, that depends." My partner was understandably apprehensive and glanced quickly about for Alan Funt of Candid Camera fame. "What is it supposed to be?"

"Well the box said it's a collapsible chair or something," she said, "with beer can holders, a wind-direction indicator and a built in compass. You see, my husband likes to hunt, but I haven't the slightest notion what to get him for that. I'm afraid I don't know very much about this stuff."

We took another look at the contraption and assured her she had done well in consulting us. (We had always wondered what it would be like to become sporting-goods advisors, and here was our chance.) After learning a bit more about her husband's hunting preferences and helping her select a more appropriate gift, I had to reflect on how flawless my own wife's gift-buying system is.

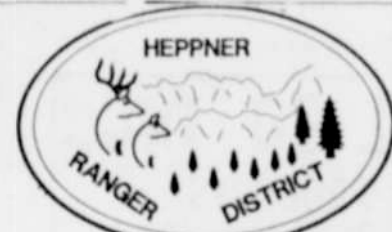
Every time I get a new mail-order sporting catalog (and I get oodles), Diane, bless her heart, hands me a pen and instructs me to mark a big "X" on everything short of the bass boats that even remotely strikes my fancy. When Christmas or any other gift-giving occasion approaches, she has a multitude of ideas from which to choose without having to second-guess my needs.

Of course, the catalogs are basically just a shopping guide. While they offer the convenience of ordering the more difficult-to-find items, many of the indicated suggestions can be found locally. Newspaper ads and supplements also serve well.

Let's examine just how sound the "X'es for X-Mas" concept really is: first, forget about buying for the sportsman "who has everything." He (or she) doesn't exist. If a person has the right catalog in front of him, he can easily supply you with more Christmas ideas than you ever dreamed possible.

Second, while it may be difficult to get a sports buff to come up with ideas for you off the top of his head, there are few things he would rather do than pour through his favorite catalog. Witness him, catalog in hand, barely staggering from the bathroom because he "browsed" for so long that his legs fell asleep, dreaming of the whimsical day he can try one of those and one of those and... The "X" concept helps make this a reality.

Finally, since he's sure to supply you with so many X'es to choose from, you haven't lost the element of surprise. Just because I X'ed those snazzy camo coveralls, I might instead get that set of lip-stretcher fishing lures or something else I've marked—it really all boils down to how good I've been.



The Heppner Ranger District will meet at the St. Patrick's Church annex on November 30, at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the district's timber program in light of a recent Douglas Fir Bark Beetle epidemic and to generate public input.

The Heppner Ranger District has been going through a Western Spruce Budworm epidemic since 1981. Annual defoliation of the Douglas fir and White fir timber stands has placed a lot of stress on these two tree species. The recent three-year drought has placed an additional stress on them and the long term impact far exceeded Forest Service expectations.

In 1987 and 1988, secondary insects began attacking the widespread stands of weakened trees. The most aggressive has been the Douglas Fir Bark Beetle. Recent reconnaissance has revealed 40,000 acres of active Douglas fir beetle in the Spruce Budworm defoliation areas. High levels of mortality are showing up in all stands where Douglas fir is a component. Presently there is an estimated 100 million board feet of Douglas fir timber affected or at high risk of attack covering an estimated 50,000 acres by 1991.

The public is welcome to attend this meeting and voice concerns regarding a district salvage program to harvest the Douglas fir beetle material. The Heppner Ranger District welcomes written input from those who cannot attend.

SDA church to be ingathering

The Seventh Day Adventist Church will be out ingathering evenings except Friday (weather permitting) starting Nov. 27. They will be singing Christmas Carols and will be asking for contributions to be used to help those less fortunate.

New Zealand program for women's Topic Club

"Our Trip to New Zealand" was the program presented by Donna Bergstrom at the Women's Topic Club on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the home of Martha Peterson. Frances Carlson assisted. Donna and Roland Bergstrom spent three weeks touring both the North and South Islands. The history of the islands is very different from Australia, their nearest neighbor. The Maori natives are thought to have come from an island in the Pacific and to have Polynesian background. They came in seven canoes and from this came the seven tribes of Maori. When the British took over control of the islands the Maori signed away all their rights to the land for the protection of the British. From then on they were full citizens. At the present time the tribesmen are trying to get some special considerations because so many emigrants from southeastern countries are coming and the push for land and work is affecting their economy.

The Bergstroms visited New Zealand in August which would be similar to our February so the weather was rather cool, particularly on the south island. The principal languages spoken are English, Maori and Japanese. There are very few apartments because most people want a house even if it is a small one. Exports are mutton and lamb, wool products and venison. There are seventeen kinds of sheep which were developed from the original Merino. The water is so pure that one can drink from any stream or river, according to the Bergstroms. The New Zealanders are very proud of this and do not want anything to pollute their water. That is one reason they are so against any nuclear energy coming near their shores. Donna said that the islands are very clean and a joy to see.

At the business meeting it was reported that over \$200 was taken in from the concession at the community yard sale. Plans are already underway for the spring money maker which may be another ice cream social.

Each year Auxiliary units throughout Oregon collect new items that can be used as Christmas gifts for veterans' families. For some veterans, these gifts are the only way they have to remember their families at Christmas.

Aux. asks for gifts for vets

"Please check your cupboards," says Rita Hedman, Auxiliary member. "If you have something that you were given or bought and never used that would be appropriate for a gift, it would be appreciated."

Anyone wishing to donate is asked to call Rita Hedman, 676-9278, or Linda Schultz, 676-5010. Auxiliary members say they will gladly pick the items up.

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