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## Judy Jepsen to attend national 4-H congress



By Anne Morter  
Judy Jepsen of Ione will be one of 30 outstanding 4-H members from Oregon attending the 69th Annual 4-H Congress in Chicago, Illinois December 1-5. Approximately 1600 delegates and 500 chaperones from all over the United States will attend the conference, which this year has a theme of 'The Celebration of Choices'.  
Judy was selected to attend the National Congress by winning at the state level last June. Her selection was based on her record book, her years of service and a personal in-

terview. Her area of expertise is safety, based on the safety practices she demonstrated to her 4-H cooking and horsemanship clubs. By winning yet another contest at the national level, she will be sponsored on the trip by General Motors.  
Highlight of the congress will include the National 4-H Style Revue and speakers, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Dawn Lewis. Schwarzenegger, chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, will speak on the topic 'Choosing a Healthy Tomorrow'. Lewis, who plays Jolisa Vincent on NBC's 'A Different World' will present the keynote address, 'Today's Choices'. In addition Judy will attend various workshops, field trips, and recognition banquets. A German tour and dinner and another tour entitled 'Chicago by Night' are two items of special interest on her agenda. Delegates will stay at the Chicago Hilton.  
Judy has been active in 4-H for ten years, as a member and then as both a junior and teen leader. Currently she attends Portland Community College where she is studying early childhood education. Judy is the daughter of John and Jean Jepsen of Ione.

## Christmas tree permits available

Christmas tree permits can now be purchased at all offices of the Umatilla National Forest for \$2 per tree. There is a limit of one tree per household, although friends, relatives, and neighbors may pick up permits for others.  
A Christmas tree permit is required for each tree cut. Douglas fir, Englemann spruce and blue spruce are the most popular trees, though past insect infestation and disease have left these species a little bedraggled. Popedora pine and lodgepole pine make unique and fragrant alternatives.  
Permits can be purchased during regular office hours Monday through Friday at the Supervisor's Office in Pendleton, and at the four district offices in Ukiah and Heppner, and Walla Walla and Pomeroy, Washington. Permits may also be purchased at Miller's Mini Mart and Chevron in Heppner.  
**Elks sponsor toy dance**  
The Heppner Elks Club will sponsor a toy dance to be held this Saturday, Dec. 1 dance to begin at 8 p.m.  
A toy will be the admission to the dance. Live music will be by Arbobag from Pilot Rock.  
A roast pork buffet dinner for \$6.50 each will begin at 6 p.m.  
Toys donated will go to the needy children.

## Suggestions made for on time Christmas mail

Sleigh bells may not be ringing yet, but for the U.S. Postal Service, it's beginning to look a lot like the holidays, says Ken Nairns, Heppner postmaster.  
The postal service has these two suggestions to get your holiday mail to its destination on time: mail early and address completely. Ken also offers the following helpful holiday mailing tips:  
Americans can help send their holiday mail with more efficiency by using complete addressing. Make sure you have the name spelled correct, current address, and zip code (even the nine-digit zip code if you have it). Print or type the address in the middle of the envelope. According to Nairns, black ink is preferable to add contrast.  
Pay particular attention to correct street and apartment numbers; directionals like East, West, North and South; address numbers and locations such as street avenue, road, place, drive or circle. Use abbreviations for directionals, street locations and the state but don't punctuate. Use all capital letters. Put the zip code on the last line next to the city and state. Make sure your return address is in the upper left portion of the envelope.  
Holiday parcels or packages can be mailed which weigh up to 70 pounds. Packages should not exceed 108 inches in length and girth (thickest part of the package) combined. In preparing your package,

use a strong box or container that has enough room for the object being mailed plus newspaper, styrofoam or other material to provide a protective "cushion." Seal the package securely using strong, pressure sensitive packaging tape (not masking tape). Avoid using brown wrapping paper, cord or string on the outside. These items can be torn in mail processing equipment.  
When addressing packages, print the address in the lower right hand corner of the package and your return address in the upper left-hand corner on one side only. Include this information on a piece of paper inside the package. Use indelible black ink.  
According to Nairns, most mail travels throughout the United States by air and surface transportation. The best prevention against possible delays caused by winter snow storms is mailing your packages early in the holiday season, preferably by the end of the first week in December.  
**Last chance to order wreaths**  
Heppner Garden Club will be selling wreaths at the Artifactory Saturday, Dec. 1. Advance orders will be available again this year, said a Garden Club spokesperson.  
In order not to be disappointed be sure to place your order with Ida Farra 676-9446 right away, and your added.

## Byway travelers warned of adverse conditions

"Travelers crossing the Umatilla National Forest on the Blue Mountain Scenic Byway should be aware that portions of the route are closed during the winter," warned Heppner District Ranger Roger Williams.  
"Byway use has increased and some signs have been installed, but many folks may be uninformed about winter road conditions. In some years, the route may be closed from mid-October to mid-May," he continued, "and visitors should check at the Heppner or North Fork John Day Ranger Stations for current road conditions."  
The number of folks using this alternate route between the Columbia River near Arlington and Baker City has steadily risen over the year. And following an article about fall color in a national weekend news magazine, traveler inquiries about the byway also increased.  
Some scenic byway logo signs are strategically located on the National Forest portion of the route to direct travelers along the correct road. The State Highway Division is in the planning stage of sign placement, so travelers will not see a reassurance sign until they reach the forest (about 70 miles). A sign has also been plac-

## Cub Scouts help decorate town tree



Local Cub Scouts gather around Heppner's Christmas tree and sing some Christmas carols. The Scouts made decorations for the tree.

## Sheriff offers fire prevention tips

"With winter already upon us along with its low temperatures, the chances of a fire occurring in your home dramatically rise," Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago recently warned.  
Statistics show that over 1,000 home fires do occur daily in the United States. And about 7,000 persons per year die in home fires as a result of carelessness or poor fire-prevention planning.  
Before bracing for the winter you should check all fireplaces and wood burning stoves for safety. Batteries in smoke alarms should be tested/replaced. Leaves should only be burned where legal and under close supervision.  
But Christmas is an extra special

time to be alert for home fire because of traditional decoration. Dry authentic Christmas trees and wreaths can be dangerous around candles and faulty electric light sources. Several chimneys burn each year as flaming wrapping paper ignites them. All decorations should be carefully located and disposed of.  
"But if a home fire does occur," the sheriff stated, "there are three fire-safety steps which can become true life-saving techniques if followed by everyone."  
First, remind your family to always drop to the floor when a fire starts. If clothing catches on fire roll around flat on the floor until it is smothered.  
Second, teach your family to crawl through smoke. The head

## ASC sends out ballots

The Morrow County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation committee sent out ballots Nov. 23 for its annual election for County Committee Members. There are three nominees on this year's ballot, Roger Morter, Virginia Grieb and Ron Becket. If you are of legal voting age and have an interest in a farm as owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper you are qualified to vote, said a spokesperson.  
The ASC farmer-committee system has been a key factor in the successful administration of farm programs. The secretary of agriculture considers the committee members very important to the success of the farm programs congress has provided. The committee members assist in carrying out programs assigned to the ASC committees.

## Beef certificate sales begin



Kirsten Harrison, (l) newest staff member at the Bank of Eastern Oregon and also a Morrow County CattleWoman presents Operations Manager Barb Watkins an extra large replica of an Oregon Beef Gift Certificate. These are available in five and ten dollar denominations at the Bank of Eastern Oregon. "The attractively packaged certificate is easy to mail or makes a great stocking stuffer," says Kirsten.

The county committee is responsible for the overall direction of the operations, the county ASCS office, and the administration of the various farm programs at the county level.  
Ballots are due back in the ASCS office by December 3. If you have not received your ballot you can pick one up at the ASCS office at 430 Heppner/Lexington Hwy.

## Alumni basketball meeting scheduled

An alumni basketball tournament meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Basin Conference room. The meeting was previously scheduled on Dec. 4.  
Team captains are reminded to bring rosters. The committee is asking all prospective players to have a physical examination before the tournament.  
Any interested supporters are invited to attend the meeting.  
A special effort is being made to draw pep band alumni to the tournament.

## First Interstate Bank to participate in toy program

A cuddly plush toy will be donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program for every purchase of American Express Gift Cheques from November 23 through December 31 at First Interstate Bank. The bank is participating in the American Express Gift Cheque 'Most Thoughtful Gift' program.  
Toys for Tots, which gives new toys to needy children nationwide, is now in its 43rd year of brighten-

ing the lives of America's underprivileged youngsters at Christmas time.  
Up to 70,000 toys will be donated nationwide as a result of 'The Most Thoughtful Gift' program.  
'Holiday time is the most important gift-giving season of the year and is so meaningful to children,' said Craig Hoenshell, president, American Express Gift Cheques. 'By giving an American Express Gift Cheque to someone on your list you are also giving a nice toy to a child who might not be on anyone's list.'  
For more information about the 'Most Thoughtful Gift' campaign, please contact Kevin Sullivan of American Express Gift Cheques at (212) 640-3902.

## All Saints video programs to begin

The Rev. George Izzett reminds the community about the video showings of 'The Stages of Life' at All Saints Episcopal Church.  
These special advent programs

begin at 5 p.m. each Sunday from Dec. 2 through Dec. 23. Everyone is welcome. Babysitting will be provided.

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