

## Christmas morning fire destroys home



Photo by Joyce Hughes

A pile of smoldering rubble is all that's left of Judd home.

A fire believed to have been started by electrical heat tape, burned a home to the ground in Heppner early Christmas morning.

The home, occupied by Jim and Barbara Judd, and their four children, 235 W. Baltimore, and the family's car were totally destroyed. The home is owned by Jim's parents, Wayne and Glenna Rollis, who live next door.

Three fire engines and 12 volunteer firemen responded to the call at 8:15 Tuesday morning. According to a Heppner Volunteer Fire Dept. spokesperson the fire became so hot that it was necessary to hose down neighboring houses to prevent the fire from spreading. The house

was still burning at 2:30 p.m. that day, said the fire dept. spokesperson. According to owner of the house, Glenna Rollis, the house was valued at \$18,000 but was insured for only half that amount. Mrs. Rollis said that they hope to be able to put a mobile home on the lot so that her son and his family will have a place to live.

Mrs. Rollis said that her son was in the hospital at the time of the fire, and was expected to remain there three weeks, but that her daughter-in-law woke the couple's children when she smelled smoke and brought them to her house. Mrs. Rollis said that by the time Mrs. Judd returned the home was in

flames. She said Mrs. Judd suffered burns to her hands.

An account has been established at the Bank of Eastern Oregon to receive donations for the Judd family. Donations of clothing and household items may be dropped off at the Neighborhood Center. Jim Judd wears a 15 1/2 (medium) shirt and 32-30 pants; Barbara wears a size 12-14; Matt, aged 10, wears a size 16; Cheri, eight years old, wears a size 8 or 9; Tim, five, and Cody, 4 1/2 both wear size 6-8.

This is the second home in Heppner destroyed by fire this month. The home occupied by Paul and Margie Hendricks and their four children on Water Street was destroyed Dec. 6.

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## Winter brings snow and cold



New snow blanketed the area Christmas Eve and Christmas day with sub-zero temperatures of the previous week warming to the plus side of zero. Another Artic cold front, however, is forecast later this week, bringing more snow and plummeting mercury.

Jo Pettyjohn of H & J Plumbing reported 12 calls of frozen and broken water pipes in the Heppner area before Christmas.

While shoveling snow might be a chore for Howard Bryant (above photo), Paul and Stacy Lauritsen (left) take full advantage of the snow and their Christmas vacation.

## 1990 farmers tax guide available

The "Farmer's Tax Guide" for the 1990 returns are now available at the Morrow County office of the Oregon State Extension Service, located at the Pettyjohn Building in Heppner, according to Fred Lundin, Extension agent.

The publication explains how the federal tax laws apply to farming. It is used as a guide to figure individual taxes. It is an excellent reference for farmers and tax advisors, said Lundin.

The "Farmer's Tax Guide" highlights a number of changes in the tax law for 1990. For example, if you received payments in 1989 under title 1 of the Disaster Assistance Act of 1989, and your tax year ended before April 1, 1990, you may file an amended return to defer these payments until 1990.

There is a new self-employment tax rate of 15.3 percent this year, and the two percent credit for 1989 and prior years has been replaced by two deductions.

Another change is a new social security tax rate and new wage maximum for payment of social security taxes.

The standard mileage rate for 1990 is 26 cents per mile for all business miles in 1990, and you are not subject to the 15,000 mile annual limit that applied in earlier years.

There are many other changes, suggestions, and administration changes in the 87 pages of this document. It is available free of charge at the Extension office in Heppner.

## Heppner Alumni Tournament to get underway Friday

The third annual Heppner Alumni Basketball Tournament has added a number of attractions for basketball fans according to organizer Stuart Dick.

A men's and women's alumni team from Lone will be featured in Saturday evening's action against Heppner teams. A special awards presentation in honor of Heppner's

"faithful supporters" will be made prior to the championship on Sunday.

The Alumni committee and the Michael Curran family have initiated a scholarship for a scholar athlete from Heppner High School with a portion of the proceeds from the tournament.

Also this year for the first time the

men's tournament championship round game will be officiated by OSAA qualified officials from the Hermiston area, according to Dick.

A free throw contest for women will be included Sunday as well as a slam dunk contest and three-point contest for the men.

According to Dick, the purpose of the tournament is three-fold: "to provide a reunion and opportunity for ex-players to return to their home town and enjoy the game of basketball with ex-teammates; to provide an opportunity for fans to enjoy some outstanding basketball from the past 30 years; and to provide funds for deserving Heppner athletes and sports programs."

"The purpose of the tournament," continued Dick, "is not to determine which community had the best basketball team from the past. The alumni committee expects all teams to demonstrate the kind of sportsmanship, good conduct and goodwill that will be exemplary for the youth of our communities."

Dick stressed that children must be supervised at the tournament and balconies will be open for adults.

Tournament schedules are as follows:

Friday, Dec. 28: 6 p.m. - '76-'79 vs '83-'87; 7:30 p.m. - '64-'67 vs '68-'71; 9 p.m. - '80-'82 vs '88-'90.

Saturday, Dec. 29: 11 a.m. '72-'75 vs non-lettering alums; 12:30 p.m. winners of Fri. 6 p.m. game vs winners of Fri. 9 p.m. game; 2 p.m. losers of Fri. 6 p.m. game vs losers of Fri. 9 p.m. game; 3:30 p.m. losers of Fri. 7:30 p.m. game vs losers of Sat. 11 a.m. game; 5 p.m. winners of Fri. 7:30 p.m. game vs winners of Sat. 11 a.m. game; 6:30 p.m. Heppner women vs Lone women; 8 p.m. men's three-point contest; 8:15 p.m. losers of 12:30 p.m. game vs Lone men.

Sunday, Dec. 30: 1 p.m. consolation finals; 2:30 p.m. Condon alums vs Heppner men's semi-finalist loser lower bracket; 4 p.m. women's free throw contest; 4:15 p.m. Heppner women's odd vs even; 5:45 p.m. slam dunk contest; 6 p.m. awards presentation; 6:30 p.m. championship game.

Cost for the tournament is \$3 adults and \$1 children per day.

The women's volleyball game will be Saturday at the Junior High Gym. Players need to be there by 10 a.m. game time is at 10:30.

## PACT team readies parent-adolescent program



L-R: George Izzett, Marilee McDowell and Kathy Clark.

The Morrow County PACT (Parent & Adolescents Can Talk) team is ready to deliver the community based program, beginning January 16. Since October, seven south county residents-health professionals, educators, counselors and concerned parents have been organizing, promoting and preparing for their role in the PACT Program.

The major purpose of PACT is to help adolescents build positive self concepts, improve their interpersonal communication and decision making skills; to enable them to exercise greater responsibility over their behavior; and resist media and peer pressure to become sexually active.

Because the focus of the program is on communication between parents and youth, it has implications and benefits relating to many other youth and parent issues, said Morrow County Extension agent, Carol Bennett.

There are seven workshops in the series. Workshop topics and facilitators include:

\* Parent-Youth relationships, changes and adjustments of adolescence, by Father George Izzett and Carol Bennett;

\* Strategies for parent/adolescent communications-Liz Curtis and Kathy Clark;

\* Physiology, maturation and health-Kathleen Lowe, R.N. and Father George Izzett;

\* Keeping sex in perspective-Betty Carlson and Carol Bennett;

\* Decision making and problem solving-Merilee McDowell and Betty Carlson;

\* Adolescent relationships-Liz Curtis and Merilee McDowell;

\* Values, communicating about limits, goals and expectations-Father George Izzett and Betty Carlson.

The series will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the All Saints Episcopal Church parish hall. A light supper will be available from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Child care is available. The cost for the series is \$5 per family. Informational brochures are available at the Heppner Extension office, and from facilitator team members.

## Designate a driver this New Year's Eve

For millions of adults across the nation, New Year's Eve is a joyous and festive event. Drinking to excess this one night of the year is perhaps a foolish endeavor, but is a prevalent one as well. "If you insist on going out and having a few drinks this New Year's Eve," reminds Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago, "please have enough sense to designate a driver to remain sober for the night to drive you and your friends home safely."

While football games and a day off from work on January 1 bring pleasure to a vast majority of families, reports of traffic accidents and fatalities from the night before ruin the holiday for several other bereaved ones. Over 50 percent of all fatal traffic crashes involve a driver who is under the influence and New Year's Eve is usually the most lethal night of the year in that respect.

The sheriff also cited our state's tough anti-drinking and driving laws as another reason for a designated driver. "These tough laws are here to protect motor vehicle operators and passengers, not to hassle them."

National, state-wide and local campaigns have spread the word against drunk-driving over recent years yet so many lives are wasted anyway on our highways. Everyone should know that alcohol relaxes inhibitions, slows reactions, decreases coordination and impairs judgement and vision.

"You can help reduce traffic accident statistics," stated Sheriff Drago. "Promote the designated driver program, respect the designated driver and don't let friends drive drunk."

"Remember," concluded sheriff Drago, "drive your friends home and be the 'life' of the party."

## Road Dept. reminds of local limits

Winter is here and with it comes the freezing and thawing of the roads and the need to impose the load limits on the county roads in order to prevent road damage from heavy hauling. Once again the Morrow County Road Department is asking

for your cooperation when these roads are posted with the load limit signs. The road department will do everything possible to keep the inconvenience minimal, according to a Public Works Department spokesperson.

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