

## Game night set at Stokes Landing

Game night will be held at Stokes Landing Senior Center on Friday, Nov. 29. All pinochle card players as well as those who enjoy scrabble or table games are invited to come and enjoy the evening. Cost is \$1 per person and all ages are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

There will not be a meal before game night since it falls on the day after Thanksgiving.

## Prescribed burning demonstration

Foam Works of St. Maries, Idaho and Firecon, Inc., of Ontario in conjunction with the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA Soil Conservation Service, is conducting a prescribed burning demonstration, Friday, December 6, at 1 p.m.

The demonstration will be on a Conservation Reserve Program field owned by Dick Wilkinson just outside of Heppner. The demonstration will be an example of using prescribed burning to decrease weed and grass residue buildup on CRP fields. This will provide decreased fire hazard on the CRP fields and enhancement of the permanent cover, said an SCS spokesperson. Foam Works and Firecon are ex-

perienced with controlled burning in timberland and rangeland and are interested in assisting with controlled burning on CRP, they said. The demonstration will include various ignition methods and the protection provided by fire retardant foam.

The demonstration will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 6, weather permitting. Plans are to meet at the Agriculture Service Center, 430 Heppner/Lexington Highway, at 12:30 p.m. and then drive to the site. For further information please contact Jerry Anderson of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, 676-5422, or Loren Unruh of the Soil Conservation Service, 676-5021.

## Morrow County Fair earns gold medallion

The 1991 Morrow County Fair rated a gold medallion, which will be awarded to the fair board during the December Fairs Convention. The last gold rating received here was in 1987. This year's judge was Carole Alley of Bend, one of the eight-member Oregon Fair Commissioners Board.

This past season, 29 of the 36 Oregon county fairs received gold medallion awards, the highest number ever recorded, with scores between 950 to 1110 points. Silver medallions are given to fairs with 850 to 950 points. Blue ribbons are received by fairs with less than 850 points. Morrow County received a score of 950.

"To produce a successful fair and rodeo it takes a lot of dedicated volunteers," said Fair Board Chairman Richard Ladd, lone. This year's show had the support of both ends of the county and all the people who gave their time for both the fair and rodeo, he said.

In the merit rating handbook recently received by the fair board, Commissioner Alley said she was impressed with the live demonstrations, the quality of livestock competition and the way the open class

home economics and art exhibits were displayed.

Merit rating points received under the system are rewarded financially based on apportionment. The dollar amount, not yet determined could be down from last year's figure of around \$20 per point, since racing revenues that fund fairs have declined this past year.

Fairs are judged on showmanship, attendance and county participation during the show. Judging also includes year-around management, off-season use and the upkeep and improvements of the fairgrounds.

According to Commissioner Jane Rawlins, Heppner, fairs everywhere are trying much harder to improve their shows and facilities. She said that although small fairs everywhere are handicapped by lack of off-season revenue to supplement the merit rating funding, there has been a great deal of effort to utilize suggestions for improvements through the merit rating handbooks which were written up by the evaluators.

Morrow County's fair rating showed loss of the most points for lack of off-season commercial use. Alley made suggestions for physical plant improvements, including bet-

ter lighting in the poultry barn, wheelchair access in restroom stalls, and improvement of rough and uneven lawn surfaces and landscaping.

She also suggested that while there had been good promotion of the events, the public needs more education that parking is available on the rodeo field grass area to avoid congestive, hazardous parking along the highway.

Alley specifically gave praise to improved fairgrounds signs, good use of the fair theme except in the livestock areas, parade participation, the queen's luncheon and community involvement during the fair and rodeo.

Chairman Ladd said that since long-range fairgrounds plans and implementation are judged under the merit rating system, he would like to see a good turnout of interested people at the public meeting regarding fairgrounds' master planning held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 26 at Heppner High School. Ladd said that more people are needed on the fair committee to help pre-plan fair events.

## A time of Thanksgiving

### Give Thanks Always

Roger Scharen, Pastor First Christian Church  
Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Eph. 5:20)

Thanksgiving Day is one of the most remarkable days of the year. Decried by a layman, the President of the United States, by authority of Congress, it is observed by Catholic, Jew, and Protestant, and by many who have no church affiliation. The response of more than 240 million people to this call is one of the most encouraging events in our national life.

Someone has defined Thanksgiving as "our annual time for saying grace at the table of eternal goodness." Just as some people neglect to say grace before their meals, so some have forgotten the meaning of Thanksgiving.

Yet ingratitude is one of the most common sins of our time. An accurate definition of ingratitude, though not the one usually found in the dictionary, might be worded like this:

"Ingratitude is the attitude of the person who receives every good and perfect gift without so much as an appreciative nod in the direction of the donor, be he human or divine."

There is no creature so ungrateful as a human being. Even animals will seldom bite the hand that feeds it. Not so with man.

Many years ago, as the story goes, a devout king was dismayed by the ingratitude of his royal court. He prepared a large banquet for them. When the king and his royal guests were seated, a beggar, by prearrangement, shuffled into the great hall, sat down at the king's table, and gorged himself with food. Without saying a word, he then left the room.

The guests were furious and wanted to tear him limb from limb for his ingratitude.

The king replied, "That beggar has done only once to an earthly king what each of you does three times a day to God. You sit there at the table, eat until you are satisfied, then you walk away without recognizing God, or expressing one word of thanks to him."

Let us thank God for his blessings. He who provides all things, who supplies our daily needs. Let us this day and every day remember the words of Paul to the Ephesians, "Give thanks always."

### A Recipe for Thanksgiving

The Rev. Stan Hoobing, Hope-Valby Lutheran Church  
Here is a special recipe for giving thanks to the Lord for all the blessings he has given us.

Start with a full measure of God's love, in Jesus Christ. Mix well with a caring and affirming attitude toward other people. Stir in large portions of your God-given gifts as you reach out to help people become more healthy and whole in Christ. Blend in measures of hope, love, and grace to share with those around you. Flavor your ministry with large chunks of joy in the Lord. Never let stand, but take time to give God thanks and use it immediately by living out your life in the Lord with hope for children, youth and adults of all ages, sizes and shapes. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

### Thanksgiving Message

Pastor Gerry Etchison, United Methodist Church of Christ  
The apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:20, 21: "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead."

As we make our plans for Thanksgiving we need to remember to pause, and give thanks to God for the many blessings God bestows upon us. Of course, the greatest blessing is the resurrected Christ who offers us salvation. In addition to this great gift we receive from God, there are numerous other blessings. Each of us needs to pause and give thanks to God for them.

As we all enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with our families and friends, let's remember the ministry that Jesus Christ did on earth. A time in which Jesus helped those in need materially, emotionally, and spiritually. If we follow the example Jesus set, and listen to Paul who is still exhorting all Christian churches to serve God and Christ, we can feel God's spirit moving within us. As this happens we can have a wonderful holiday with family, friends, and food. We can also find ways to help others feel good about God, and themselves. Through God's power Christ was resurrected, if we follow Jesus the Christ's example we can serve God and humanity.

### Thanksgiving

By Don Bristow, Lone United Church of Christ

If you were God and God were you; and He were given a holiday to go to church to praise and pray; And then He feasted and stayed away; Without a thought of God or prayer; Or thanks for all your loving care--

If you were God and God were you; Say--what would you do?  
If you were God and God were you; And a nation set a day for prayer; But only one had time to spare; For Every hundred that didn't care--

Would you believe they were sincere; And bless that nation again next year?  
If you were God and God were you; Say what would you do?  
If you were God and God were you; And millions professed a faith in you as giver of all good gifts and true; But never said "Thanks" or thought it due;

But then when trouble came their way; Expected your help without delay--  
If you were God and God were you; Say--what would you do?  
American Lutheran

## Theatre group meeting changed

The Community Theater Group has changed their meeting date originally set for Nov. 24 to December 1 at 3 p.m. in the sitting room of the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



One hundred thirty-eight people were present for the Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center Wednesday, November 20. Eleven meals were taken out. Members of the Episcopal Church served. Jane Rawlins decorated the tables with gourds, wheat and leaves. Pete Schwarzin won the door prize and Alma Fisscha of Ethiopia won the guest prize.

The menu for Wednesday, December 4 will be macaroni and beef, cheese sticks, peas, tossed salad with carrots, bread and pineapple upside-down cake. Members of the Christian Church will serve. Following the dinner the meal site committee will meet in the office.

Dates to remember: Quilting Mondays 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays & Thursdays exercise 10 to 10:30 a.m.; December 3 the Senior Focus Group will meet in the dining room.

December 5 receptionist meeting with Merri Reamer at 10 a.m.; December 6, Willoughby hearing aid 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Knitting Monday 7 p.m.

## Heppner Elementary lists honor students

Heppner Middle school has announced the following honor students for the first quarter:

Fifth grade: Phillip Traylor 4., Timothy Dickenson 4., Brooke Boyer 4., Sara Greif, Jill Barber, Jaclynn Hughes; honorable mention-Ian Sweek, Shane Matheny, Kathleen Greenup, Amy Burkenbine, Audra Bunch, Mathew Berretta, Kristie Worden, Christine Kenney, Jared Eckman, Bobbie Rankin, Derek Gunderson, Julie Watkins, Scott McDaniel.

Sixth grade: Jessica Keerseemaker 4., Jonas Healy 4., Bonney Hill, Jayme Hansen, Jessica VanWinkle, Sherry Sieler, Josie Proctor, Annie Hisler, Mindy Binschus, Joshua Roy, Jaylene Papineau, Tyson Palmateer, Carrie Hargrove, Adam Doherty; honorable mention-Melissa Cutsforth, Katie Nichols, Sara Baker, Linsey Ropp, Crysti Taylor,

Andy Sykes, Cam Sweeney, Keith Scott, Caleb McDaniel, Brian Burnside.

Seventh grade: Ann Wick 4., Toni Kemp 4., Brent Gunderson 4., Shannon Benjamin 4., Brian Koffler, Lindsey Waterland, Brandi Marshall, Joshua Coiner, Joann Bingham; honorable mention-Eric Schonbachler, Mindy Qualls, Traci Dickenson, Richard Worden, Amanda Gutierrez, Robert Schultz, Jennifer Richards, David Michael, Stormy Howard, Phillip Tellechea, James Schlaich, Jerid Ployar, Cimmie Huth, Mathew Drew.

Eighth grade: Tina Kemp 4., Ben Ewing, Dan Burnside, Brian Struckmeier, Jessica Sumner, Phillip Spicer-Kuhn, Matt Keerseemaker, Joshua Clark; honorable mention-Stefanie Skultety, Donald Pointer, Kristina Grant, Angie Bergstrom, Jennifer Burkenbine, Shaun Hisler, Colin Anderson.

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