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Wood winner donates prize back



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Nella Britt was the winner of the FFA club wood raffle. Britt, however, donated the wood back to the club who in turn presented the wood to the Neighborhood Center to assist low income people in their winter heating. Pictured are front l-r: Jake Bacon, Scott Coe and Shelly Ahsbeck receiving wood from Nella Britt; on top Jenni Ashbeck and Rhonda Rhinehart.

Big \$550 prize for next week

Only one more week left on the big Christmas Punch giveaway contest.

Next Monday afternoon one lucky person will win \$550 in gift certificates to local businesses.

Everyone who has entered the contest so far is eligible, along with those who enter this coming week.

Winners of last weeks \$25 gift certificates were: Carol Kight (Les Schwab), Nancy McKay

(Green Feed), Jim Cooper (Heppner Bowl), Jodi Brisbois (Kate's Pizza), Lou Crum (MCGG), Hilda Williams (Peterson's) and Marlene Currin (Shoe Box).

For those who would like to enter the contest look for the posters at participating businesses, where you can pick up your Christmas Punch punch card.

Sheriff advises caution in holiday drinking

For Morrow County citizens, as for adults across the nation, New Year's eve is a joyous and festive event. Parties and get-togethers abound, and people celebrate with an abundance of food and drink. In fact, drinking to excess has become something of a tradition on New Year's eve. Unfortunately, this is also one of the most lethal nights of the year in terms of fatal traffic crashes. Morrow County Sheriff, Roy Drago points out that over 50 percent of all such crashes involve a driver who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Despite these grim facts, New Year's is also a time for resolutions to improve in the coming year. "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." He also offers the following tips for

safer get-togethers throughout the year:

Always serve food if you serve alcohol. High protein and carbohydrate foods like cheese and meats slow the rate at which the body absorbs alcohol.

Serve non-alcoholic beverages. Designated drivers of course require other types of beverages, and all guests should have the option not to drink alcohol.

Don't let people mix their own drinks. Tending bar yourself or hiring a bartender lets you control the amount of alcohol in each drink. Use smaller glasses for beer and wine. Never force drinks on your guests—some may

accept merely to avoid seeming rude.

Stop serving alcohol about two hours before the party ends. Serve guests coffee, non alcoholic drinks and more food. This will give their bodies time to absorb alcohol consumed. If a guest has had too much to drink, offer to pay for a cab ride home or have the guest spend the night.

Sheriff Drago recommends that every citizen makes following these simple procedures a part of their New Year's Resolutions, so that 1992 can be a year in which all parties end happily, with every guest safely home.

School Christmas program Thursday

The Heppner Elementary School Christmas program for children in kindergarten through fourth grade will be held Thurs-

day, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. in the school multipurpose room.

Music director is Kitty Bredemeier. There is no admission charge.

School board agrees to begin development of baseball field

A local delegation Monday evening, Dec. 16, asked the school board to begin development of a baseball field at Heppner High School as soon as possible.

According to Larry Mills, a member of the delegation, the proposed fairgrounds renovation (Nov. 27 Gazette-Times) cannot proceed until the baseball field has been moved from its present location at the fairgrounds. Mills said that moving the field is the "key to the whole (fairgrounds) project." The baseball field is now located on the football field, but plans do not include a new baseball field at the fairgrounds site.

The fairgrounds plan, unveiled Nov. 26, calls for an outdoor amphitheater, rodeo grounds separate from the football field, an antique museum, more roads and parking, a new little league baseball field, better football lighting and, perhaps sometime in the future, an activity hall. The plan also calls for expanding the fairgrounds east into what is now the school district bus sheds. Proponents of the plan say that the

project could stretch out over a 10-year period, depending on availability of funding.

At the request of the delegation, consisting of George Kofler and Bob Mahoney, in addition to Mills, the school board approved an expenditure of \$2,500 for fuel to level the high school site in preparation for a new baseball field. An engineer training school in Boardman has indicated that they will level the site for the cost of the fuel. The original site at the high school was rejected because of the discovery of asbestos-lined water-pipe that dissects the property.

Mills says that the group hopes to have the baseball field prepared for baseball season in the spring of 1993. He said that while they would prefer turf, the field may be seeded. Ideally the group would like to install an irrigation system, "but I doubt it," added Mills.

The delegation asked the board to appoint a foreman for the baseball field project. The board

declined, instead asking Heppner High School principal Steve Dickenson to act as a liaison to the school district concerning the project.

In other business, the board: -approved the audit report; -heard from Mike Wsiaki, director of curriculum, that ESD will be placing a financial cap on special education and other services it supplies the Morrow County School District; -received information on the Morrow County drop-out rate from 1984 to 1987;

-approved purchase of a van to replace one "totaled" in an accident with a Portland MAX trolley car on Nov. 21;

-heard that Riverside High School in Boardman has been selected to participate in the Workforce 2000/21st Century Schools grant; and

-received an elections calendar. Board members Bill Doherty and Dwayne Carroll will be up for election in 1992.

Methodist church donates to family homeless shelter



Molly Rhea (left) United Methodist Church Sunday school superintendent, presented Cheryl Etchison, wife of Pastor Gerry Etchison, a check to the Pioneer Methodist Church's Family Night homeless shelter in Portland.

The Portland church's shelter is one of only three in the Portland area that provide shelter for homeless families. All three are sponsored by the Methodist churches. Other shelters in the area accept only adults.

The Heppner United Methodist Sunday school and congregation saved \$139.49 pennies to donate to the Portland church. They also donated several boxes of clothing for the homeless children at the shelter.

Fruit still available

Oranges and grapefruit from the Heppner Lions Club and Soroptimist fruit sale are still available, says Lion member Steve Rhea.

Those wishing to order fruit may contact Rhea at 676-9113, or David Sykes at 676-9228.

Area churches hold Christmas services

Candlelight Vigil Mass will be held at **St. Patrick's Church** in Heppner on Dec. 24, at 8 p.m. Christmas Mass on Dec. 25 will be at 11 a.m.

Christmas Mass at **St. William's** church in Lone will be Dec. 25 at 8:45 a.m.

The Rev. Bruce Spencer will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at **All Saints Episcopal** on Dec. 22 at 10:30 a.m. The church school children will also present their Christmas program during the 10:30 service.

Rev. Spencer will conduct midnight Mass Christmas Eve, beginning at 11 p.m.

The **United Methodist Church** will meet for Christmas caroling at the church on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 5 p.m.

The Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at 7:30 p.m.

There will be no Sunday school Dec. 22 and 29.

The Christmas program at the **First Christian Church** will begin at 10:45 a.m. Sun. Dec. 22 following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday school classes. The program will feature children pre-school through fifth grade singing a variety of Christmas songs. Pastor Roger Scharens' message "Born This Day A Savior" will be from Luke 2:8-20.

"The First Christmas", a play by the Sunday-Saturday school of **Valby Lutheran** church will be presented to members and friends at 6 p.m. Dec. 22. A dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. Appearing in the play are Jodi, Kyle and Louis Carlson, Arthur Ekstrom, Lonnie and Leland Rill, Amber and Christopher Peck, Joel Peterson, Rick and Kasie Peterson and Tony Becket. Soloists are Kristine Bedortha and Rachel Hoobing. Narrators are Kimber-

ly Bedortha and Jessica Stefani. Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 9 p.m. "Charlie, the Inquisitive Christmas Angel" is the subject of Pastor Hoobing's sermon.

There won't be any Sunday school during the Christmas holidays at **Hope Lutheran Church**. Sunday morning worship will begin at 11 a.m. Pastor Hoobing will preach on the theme "God Does Not Give Up On You", based on the scripture reading of Hebrews 10:5-10. Members may bring a poinsettia to worship service.

Carols, candles and Communion service will be celebrated on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. Pastor Hoobing will preach a Christmas sermon on the theme of "Charlie, The Inquisitive Christmas Angel."

A special Service of the Word will be celebrated on Sunday Dec. 29 at 11 a.m.

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