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Lutherans present live manger scene

Sunday, December 20 will be an exciting day in the life of the churches of Hope and Valby Lutheran. Adult Bible class at Valby begins at 8:15 a.m. with a study of biblical concept of loving. Celebration of Holy Communion is at 9 a.m. Pastor Stan Hoobing will preach on the theme of "The Spirit Prepares Us" based on scripture reading of Matthew 1:18-25.

Pastor Hoobing will lead the congregation of Hope Lutheran Church in the celebration of Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

From 2 to 5 p.m. the members and friends of Hope and Valby

will present a live manger scene at Hope Lutheran church located on Alfalfa street in Heppner. There will be live animals as part of the program. People may drive by and visit with some members of the cast in the church fellowship area as they are done with their shift or before they go in. There will be coffee, punch and hot chocolate.

Valby Saturday school youth will present "Silent Night", a pantomime version of the Christmas story by Betty R. Foster at 6:30 p.m. Wrapped and marked Christmas gifts will be gathered and given to the Neighborhood Center for distribution with Christmas boxes to needy families. A coffee hour will follow the program.

Christian Life Center to hold Christmas program

A Christmas program will be held at the Christian Life Center Sunday, Dec. 20. The program

will be held at 10:30 a.m. during the morning service. A potluck will follow the service.

St. Patrick's kids present play

St. Patrick's Catholic church will hold their annual Christmas potluck Sunday, Dec. 20 beginning at noon. The Sunday school students will present the play

"They Heard the Angel Sing", directed by Bill Kuhn. There will be a special visit by someone from the North Pole. Those attending are asked to bring a hot dish and salad or dessert.

First Christian church to hold Christmas program

Children from the First Christian church will present their Christmas program on Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 a.m. All parents, relatives and friends are invited to attend. Kids pre-school through sixth grade will sing songs and take part in a play of the birth of Jesus. "The kids have worked hard to make this a

special program," says a church spokesperson.

A breakfast for the men of the community will begin at 8 a.m. Bill Jepsen will be the speaker. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. with worship to follow the program at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend any or all of the events.

Candlelight service slated at Ione Church of Christ

A candlelight communion service will be held on Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ. Everyone is welcome to join in

the singing of carols, hearing the Christmas story from Luke, listening to the choir and celebrating communion.

Tax volunteers needed

Instruction classes for volunteers interested in being a counselor for the Tax-Aide program are scheduled to be held in January. Tax-Aide counselors provide free personal income tax

preparation assistance to all low and moderate income taxpayers.

Interested persons are asked to contact Vivian Corp at 567-8054 or Sherron Woodside at 989-8166.

Understand hospital billing

An informational seminar has been planned to help people understand the billing process at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The meeting will be held this Thursday night, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center in Heppner. During the seminar, put on by Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator Kevin Erich and Russ Demianew, they will also give an update on the Morrow County Medical Fund. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lunch with Santa Sunday

Parents can get in a little bit of Christmas shopping and kids can enjoy a movie and lunch with Santa at the annual "Lunch with Santa", Sunday, Dec. 20 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club. The event is sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Lunch and photos with Santa will be from noon to 1 p.m. only. A movie will follow from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost for the lunch, photo and movie is \$2 per child. Lunch includes a hot dog, chips and kool-aid. The afternoon will be supervised. For more information call event chairpersons David or April Sykes, 676-9228.

Lexington dance recital draws 34 girls



Young dancers show their talent

A dance recital in Lexington December 12, featured 34 young ladies, ages three and up. Dressed in colorful tutus, these young ballerinas performed graceful airs before strapping on tap shoes for

livelier numbers.

Capitolizing on her 20 years spent studying ballet and other dance forms, instructor Jane Richards said she was delighted with their performance before a

large audience of supportive family members.

Richards said she would begin taking registration for a winter term following the successful completion of the nine weeks of instruction.

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Vision 2000 changes name

Efforts to assure economic development in the greater Heppner area have taken an important step forward with the transformation of the Vision 2000 planning group into a new committee known as the Heppner Coordinating Council.

The transformation was prompted by the completion of the Vision 2000 Committee's goal of producing a strategic plan for economic development. The 44-page plan they completed earlier this year covers a number of projects, including the community swimming pool, local business enhancements, road im-

provements, housing and industrial development.

"The Coordinating Council was formed to implement the Vision 2000 plan," said council chairman Gary Marks. "Over the next three to four years I think the public will see some exciting changes that will enhance our community. There are a lot of groups around town working on several projects," Marks added. "Our role is not to reinvent the wheel or muscle in on any groups work, but rather to try to be advocates and a catalyst for action with state and federal agencies for Heppner projects."

The Coordinating Council has been officially recognized by state economic development agencies as Heppner's organizing group for economic development. This makes Heppner one of only a handful of communities statewide that are now qualified for a number of new economic development and assistance programs through the state and U.S. Forest Service.

Members of the committee include Gary Marks, George Kofler, Ann Spicer, John Edmundson, Claudia Hughes, Stan Hoobing, Ray French, Kent Goodyear and Pat Hyatt.

The council meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the GEODC office on Main Street.

City receives safety award

The League of Oregon Cities and the City/County Insurance Services Trust presented the City of Heppner with an award of merit for recording no on-the-job injuries for the fiscal year ended June 30. Heppner was one of only 10 cities in the state with similar numbers of employees to achieve an accident-free year.

"I'm real proud that our workers were able to receive this

award," said city administrator Gary Marks. "Accidents happen so quick and can cost a great deal in pain and suffering, higher insurance rates and lost work time. It's a tribute to our employees and our safety awareness program that we realized no accidents."

The award was presented to the city in November at the League of Oregon Cities Convention in Portland.

Caroling planned

Dec. 21

The Seventh Day Adventist church along with members from other church congregations will be caroling around the community on Monday, Dec. 21 starting at 7 p.m.

The group will not be able to cover the entire community so those wanting carolers to come by their house should call 676-9449.

People interested in caroling should meet at the Seventh Day Adventist church at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 21.

Refreshments will be served at the church following the caroling.

Firewood season ends on Umatilla

The final day to cut firewood on the Umatilla National Forest for the 1992 season was November 30, when all areas on the North Fork John Day Ranger District closed. All other firewood areas on the Umatilla National Forest closed earlier.

Firewood permits purchased for the Umatilla National Forest are also valid on the Wallowa-

Whitman National Forest when the Wallowa-Whitman special conditions attachment accompanies the permit. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest will remain open for firewood cutting until December 31, although most areas have received significant snowfall and may be inaccessible.

Last week to punch cards

Next week is the final week for shoppers to enter the Christmas Punch contest being held at local businesses.

In addition to six \$25 gift certificate winners next week, there will also be one grand prize winner of \$550 in gift certificates.

If you have not yet entered the contest, just pick up a punch card at any participating business and

enter before Tuesday of next week.

Winners of this week's contest were: Terry Mewhinney-Pettyjohns Farm and Builders Supply; Shana Geer-Green Feed; Alma Green-Country Rose; Gayle Gutierrez-Morrow County Grain Growers; Vickie Turrell-Peterson's Jewelers.

Weather Report

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Thurs.	46	27	.0
Fri.	41	30	.0
Sat.	38	25	.0
Sun.	46	31	T
Mon.	53	27	T

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