

Off the Wall By Marilyn Robinson

Like magic, colorful Christmas decorations enhance the season as time-honored carols waft through the air. It's almost impossible to not get caught up in the excitement. However, everyone is being urged to 'giddy up' with Christmas shopping and planning, even those already accelerated into high gear.

People like myself have to be slightly 'bananas' to go shopping before the Thanksgiving turkey became cold; especially if one comes home empty-handed. It was like getting caught in the middle of a six-lane free-way during rush hour.

No wonder freight trucks roll every day of the week. It takes plenty of hauling to supply goods for shop-happy people. Shoppers were rushing about like it was the night before Christmas during the turkey day weekend. I witnessed some arm wrestling over items marked on sale. One woman smugly marched towards the check-out counters with a large cart crammed with men's shirts. Either she has an abundance of male relatives or she was stocking up for years to come. There were very few sale shirts left in that display.

But in addition to being less forceful, I understand my problem. Quickness is reduced when aging causes the loss of limb muscle mass. It's also difficult to convince older and wiser feet to boldly march forward and get stepped on. And my solar plexus don't take kindly to elbow jabs anymore.

How about those people who persist in exiting the 'in' door or who stroll in the opposite direction of the flow of traffic in store aisles. There's also the 'stop in the middle of a narrow passageway to visit' kind of shopper. But those shopping carts are handy for defense when fleet-footed youngsters pretend that larger bodies are merely markers as if those young speedsters were negotiating a downhill ski run. I just hope Santa doesn't bring them sidewalk skates.

Such an experience makes one realize what a bargain it is to shop at home. If a particular item can't be found locally, it might be better to give an I.O.U. than risk getting carted off in an ambulance. Hopefully I won't have a yen to go store hopping in large places again during the after-Christmas sales.

But Christmas isn't just about gifts. Highlights are the school and church Christmas programs revolving around the true meaning of the season that hopefully carries into the new year. Meanwhile many people plug away at a daily routine with just a little less sleep. For this family, that routine revolves around feeding critters with no time out for holidays.

For those animals, a generous feed ration is an ample Christmas hand-out. I did consider buying a catnip mouse for this cat that adopted us. But I haven't yet 'sprung' for that purchase. I've been too busy 'springing' when this feline repeated catch and release tactics for a house mouse that finally met its demise in my trap. I hope mice are an endangered species because they definitely endanger my longevity.

Care of animals, big and small, is a time-consuming chore. But a surprise animal visitor has become a deterrent to hastily leaving our house after dark. Thanksgiving evening, son number two did a hasty retreat when he stepped out on the deck and came face-to-face with a skunk. Out of necessity, his clothes that he was wearing were hung outside their door all night. So I won't be leaving an inviting dog pan filled with food outside anymore for those nocturnal visits. Meanwhile I'm reciting a parody for 'O Holy Night'. But no one seems to know the correct way to deter this particular kind of air pollution while this black and white beauty lurks about to add to Christmas season scents.

Hermiston Farm Fair Dec. 1-3

There is something for everyone at this year's farm-city fair Dec. 1-3 at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston, according to Phil Hamm, OSU Umatilla County Extension Agent.

The topic on Wednesday morning was potato pest management. Topics included the latest information dealing with disease, weed and insect control. Most of this new information came from work being done in the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Those attending will receive six hours of re-certification credits for Oregon and Washington private and commercial pesticide applicators.

The Wednesday evening session will begin at 7 p.m. Topics will be animal, pasture and health management for the small beef, sheep, and swine operator. This program will be of interest to anyone that raises these animals for fun or profit, said an extension press release.

Speakers for the livestock session will include Bill Broderick, OSU Morrow County Livestock Agent. Broderick will present recommendations for irrigated pasture management. Swine production topics will be presented by Gay Newman, livestock nutritionist for Pendleton Grain Growers, Feedville Division.

Sheep production and marketing will be discussed by Randy Mills, Umatilla County Livestock Agent. Weed control is a continual problem on large and small operations, Mary Corp, Umatilla County Weed Control supervisor will present information on identification and recommended weed control programs. The program will conclude with an "Ask the Vet" session. Dr. David Rademacker will be available to field animal health questions. There will be ample time for questions for all the program speakers.

Thursday's program begins at 8:25 a.m. with a program dealing with several farm related topics including farm business risk management, farm safety and farm welding.

Water issues will be discussed at the afternoon session. The session begins at 1 p.m. Water is an important component to agriculture in the area, said the press release. Local leaders will bring us up to date on what is happening water wise in the local area.

The annual Farm-City dinner will be Thursday evening. A no-host social hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7. The speaker this year is Dale L. Minnick.

The final session will be held Friday, Dec. 3. Fresh and processing vegetables, pollinators and pesticides will be discussed. Production and interest in vegetables continues to increase in the local area. Speakers will include subjects dealing with onions, carrots and other vegetables as well as protecting bees and maintaining adequate pesticide application records. Three hours of re-certification credit can be obtained by attending this session.

For additional information contact the Hermiston Extension office 567-8321.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

| | High | Low | Prec | Snow |
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| November 23 - 29, 1993 | | | | |
| Tues. | 17 | 2 | .0 | 1 1/2" |
| Weds. | 25 | 0 | 0 | 1 1/2" |
| Thurs. | 22 | -2 | 0 | 1 1/2" |
| Fri. | 26 | 5 | 0 | 1" |
| Sat. | 29 | 18 | 0 | 1" |
| Sun. | 30 | 21 | .03 | 1" |
| Mon. | 40 | 25 | .03 | 3/4" |

Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

November 22: Christopher Michael McClusky, 22, Irrigon; and

Denise Raelene Winters, 20, Irrigon.

Births

Taylor Robert Parks—a son Taylor Robert was born to Debora and Craig Parks of Hermiston on Thursday, November 25, 1993 at Oregon Health Science Center in Portland. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz.

Grandparents are Lee and Mary Ann Palmer, Ione and Fred and Joyce Parks, Hermiston. Great grandmothers are Bernice Nash, Heppner and Geneva Palmer, Ione.

Taylor joins two brothers Brent, five and Ethan three at home.

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Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Department lists the following monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, Dec. 2-blood pressures 8:30-11 a.m., Heppner office;

Tuesday, Dec. 7-blood pressures and immunizations, 1:30-4 p.m. Boardman City Hall;

Tuesday, Dec. 14-blood pressures and immunizations, 1-4 p.m. County Office building, Irrigon;

Wednesday, Dec. 15-blood pressures, 11 a.m.-noon, Heppner Senior Center;

Thursday, Dec. 16-blood pressures and immunizations,

8:30 a.m.-noon and 2:30-4:30 p.m. Heppner office;

Tuesday Dec. 21-blood pressures and immunizations, 11 a.m.-noon Ione City Hall and 1:30-4 p.m. Boardman City Hall;

Tuesday, Dec. 28-blood pressures and immunization, 1-4 p.m. County Office Irrigon;

Thursday, Dec. 30-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Heppner office.

Ione Booster Club to meet

The Ione Booster Club will meet this Thursday night, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Beecher's Restaurant in Ione.



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Adam Keizur

Air Force Airman Thomas M. Riehl and Air Force Airman Adam C. Keizur have graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airmen studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Riehl is a 1993 graduate of Heppner High School and is the son of Helen and Tom Riehl, Heppner.

Keizur is the son of Leo Keizur, Irrigon and Donna Keizur, Hermiston.

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| Dawn Liquid 42 oz. Dish Detergent Reg. 3 ⁹⁹ \$2²⁹ | Western Family 2 lb. Tator Tots Reg. 1 ⁹⁹ 89¢ |
| Banquet 25 oz. Fried Chicken Reg. 3 ⁴⁹ \$2⁵⁹ | Head Lettuce 39¢ lb. |
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| Pork Shoulder Roast \$1²⁹ lb. | Carrots 5 lb. bag \$1²⁹ |
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