

Season's Greetings



May the spirit of the season bring peace, love and joy to you and your family.

Kinzua Resources, LLC. wishes for you a blessed and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

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Warning sirems to be installed in Heppner

The Heppner City Council, at its Dec. 12 meeting earmarked up to \$800 for a radio frequency needed to implement a new warning system for the city. The state of the art system, valued in excess of \$30,000, was installed and paid for by the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps ran out of money before purchasing the frequency.

When completed, the warning system, consisting of two strategically placed 120 decibel sirens, will provide flood and other emergency warnings.

Casey Beard of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program in Heppner and Jim Williams of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, are in the process of setting up flood management training.

In other business: -the city council gave the city employees the option as to whether to opt in a PERS-like retirement program. The employees, however, decided against the program, according to city manager Gary Marks,

fearing legal challenge and wanting to remain responsive to the voters.

-agreed to submit a request for funding for an additional police officer from a federal program for smaller towns. In the plan, the officer's salary would be absorbed by the city in the fourth year. The council voted for the plan, which is a part of the federal crime bill, with the stipulation that the officer's salary would be absorbed by the city at the end of the three years only if possible. The grants will provide funding for over 75 percent of the officer's salary and benefits.

-heard a report concerning a complaint on the new bridge at the end of Court St. According to the report Linda Dutcher, who lives near the proposed bridge, is opposed to the direction of the bridge for safety reasons and wants a guard rail put up. Cars coming off the bridge would directly face Dutcher's back yard. Gary Marks was to meet with Oregon Department of Transportation people who are constructing and funding the bridge.

Off the Wall By Marilyn Robinson

Talk about Garfield, Christmas time contributes to abundant fat cats. People strive to outdo one another by stirring up a variety of decorated cookies, candies and popcorn balls. That should create a Christmas bonus for American sugar producers and processors.

However the United States, despite its record sugar beet production this year, anticipates importing about one million tons of sugar to meet all its sweetener needs. That's due to a USDA-imposed allotment of 4.36 million tons, raw, on domestic beet sales. Companies can't exceed those allotments without paying a penalty of three times the wholesale price.

Limiting sugar beet production in this country allows for sugar imports as a balance of trade, I guess. One could say it raises cane against expansion of American sugar production. Perhaps the economy suffers also when those natives decide to hand-deliver their sugar and the rest of their families for permanent status in the states. All I know about sugar is that it's fattening when one overdoses.

The good will and sharing during the holidays often makes us feel guilty about others who are in less fortunate straits. After all one can only buy so much sugar with food stamps. Yet the sharing of sugary treats proves that there are still many generous people and that the whole world has not become heartless.

As to matters of the heart, opening Christmas presents has to top a list of holiday affairs. It's the thought that counts. No matter that uncle Zeek doesn't need a green and red necktie that lights up or that cousin Gertie won't utilize a Christmas-decorated sweatshirt until next holiday season, that is if she can still find it.

Amid all this giving, we could substantially lower our cost of living, if we didn't persist in duplication of things that we perceive to be pertinent in our lifestyles.

Along with excess facial wrinkles, how many pairs of shoes can this one pair of feet wear out during the year? And those older towels, stored behind closed doors, seem to multiply like mice. Yet they are still too good to be used for rags. Alas, they just aren't color coordinated anymore.

Perhaps we could do with fewer vehicles, particularly if they were all operable at the same time. Granted that ranch trucks and pickups are a necessity not just for recreation, unless you consider aerobic exercises brought about by bouncing over frozen cow turds while hay feeding. But it seems that some vehicles are frequently in need of being resuscitated, while at times everyone needs transportation to go in a different direction at the same time.

If people on your Christmas list delight in dustbibles, it's a shopper's heyday. From ceramics to stuffed dolls, bunnies and bears, there's more than enough created to fill many a Christmas sock.

I frown on dustbibles. Since the only unused area in our house is the space between our heads and the ceiling. So it's illogical to store books that probably won't be re-read. Yet one should hang onto those books that teach you how to become better organized or those books that inspire us to utilize those stored items that seldom see daylight.

The President and congressmen must have completed their Christmas shopping. Now they're talking about giving proposed tax cuts. Is that a vote getting proposition or what? But they do know how to economize by axing budgets where it hurts the most.

If Santa Claus makes a mistake by giving you the wrong size garment or you don't receive that pined-for electronic gadget, don't despair. There's always the return department, the after-Christmas sales and you might even get a gift certificate. Happy holidays everyone.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



Winifred Cox was the winner of the free meal ticket at the Senior Mealsite Christmas dinner Dec. 14. There were approximately 100 people in attendance. Six meals were delivered to homebound people. Members of the Baptist church served.

The menu for the birthday dinner Dec. 28 will be fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit and birthday cake. Members of the Episcopal church will serve.

Extension newsletters were folded, stapled and addressed by 14 volunteers Tuesday. It was not an easy task as the new window was being installed in the office so the volunteers had to use the recreation room, foyer and lobby. The office is much easier to heat with the new window in.

There was one table of pinochle players Friday afternoon, Dec. 16. There will not be a movie Sunday night Dec. 25.

Schedules will be back to normal after New Year's.

Darrell Vinson is still very ill at Oregon Health Science Hospital in Portland. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and the family.

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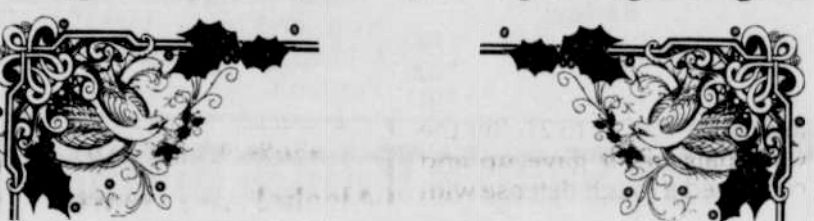
We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From your friends at
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12th Annual Miss Oregon AMERICAN COED PAGEANTS
 May 26-27, Portland Hilton Hotel
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 3775 Emma Lane • Vista, CA 92084
 1-800-707-6220

Dance to the Music of Dan Burns 3-D Productions
 Heppner High School
 Thursday, Dec. 29
 Students high school through 21 yrs.
\$1 admission, 9 p.m.-midnight
 Dance Sponsored by Oregon Together



Holiday Greetings

We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year.

Thanks!
Ginger, Gayle, Sue
Mary, Marlene, Randall

Closed Monday, December 26

Member Jewellers of America, Inc.
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Player of Week
 Dec. 11 - 17

Mustangs **Fillies**

Eric Schonbachler **Jenny Krein**

Players of the week are sponsored by Mustang/Fillie 21

Les Schwab	Coast to Coast
Playhar Insurance	First Interstate Bank
Bank of Eastern Oregon	Murray Drugs
Roger Britt Pumping & Dump Truck	Miller & Son Welding
Cals BP Service	Green Feed & Seed
Devin Oil Co.	Van Marter & Kahl Insurance
D & L Repair	Court Street Market
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Pettyjohn Building Supply	MCGG
Kate's Pizza	Heppner Auto Parts

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In the Service

Marine Pvt. Michael P. Green a 1994 graduate of Lone High School recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized

throughout the cycle.

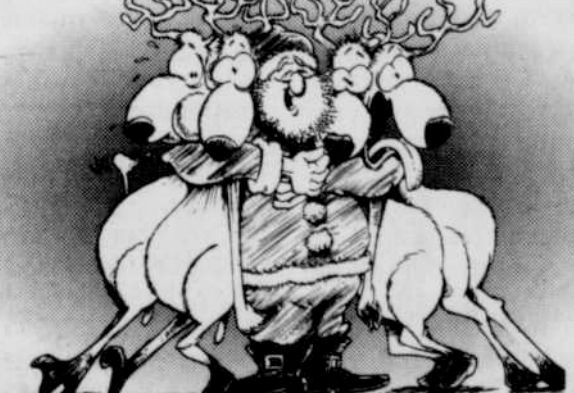
Although the Marine Corps is scaling back, its investment in high-quality recruits continues. The marine Corps has more than 38,000 job openings this year.

Hope your stocking is filled with love and good cheer!

D & L Auto Parts



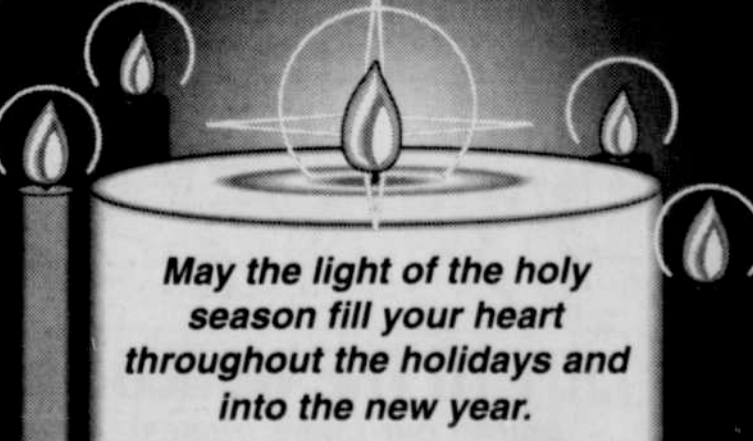
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Warm and friendly wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron

Blessings of the Holy Season



May the light of the holy season fill your heart throughout the holidays and into the new year.

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April, David, Joyce,
 Monique, Susan, Chip, Jacylyn