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Merchants' Moonlight sale Oct. 30



Which is which? Forrie Burkenbine, owner of Central Market Red Apple poses with twin look-alike pumpkin created by store employees.

The Heppner merchants' Moonlight Madness Sale has been scheduled for Monday, October 30, from 5 to 7 p.m.

In addition to specials on merchandise, participating stores will offer a treat to goblins coming into their store in Halloween costumes. Stores include Central Market, Peterson's Jewelers, Gardner's

Men's Wear, Coast to Coast, Shoe Box, Country Rose and Murray Drugs.

Results of the "Boss Pumpkin Look Alike Contest" will also be tallied that evening. In the look alike contest, store employees have decorated pumpkins to look like their bosses. Customers may stop in

the stores to vote on the pumpkin that most resembles the boss. Pumpkins for bosses who are not on Main Street will be on display at Heppner TV. Winning entries will accompany their look alike boss to the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Halloween, Oct. 31, for the finalist competition.

Speaker scheduled, report cards released

A motivational speaker has been scheduled at Heppner Junior/Senior High School Thursday, Nov. 2, in conjunction with grade reports and parent-teacher conferences.

For the first time, parents are being asked to stop by the HHS/HJHS office from 5 to 7 p.m. to pick up their child's report card. Principal Steve Dickenson said that teachers will be available during that time for conferencing. Dickenson said that parents do not have to make an appointment for conferences. Teachers will also be available and report cards may be picked up the following day, Friday, Nov. 3 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Immediately following the Thursday conference time, at 7 p.m., parents are invited to attend a program by motivational speaker Dan Clark in the high school cafeteria.

As a teenager Clark was a television actor, and became a champion moto-cross racer, alpine ski racer an amateur boxer. He also was a highly recruited eight-time letterman in football, basketball, baseball and track before he was

paralyzed one day in practice. After hitting bottom, Clark's life reached a turning point and he was finally able "to let go and make room for a new life to emerge", according to a news release.

Clark has been a full-time professional speaker since 1980, speaking to over two million people in all 50 states, throughout Canada and other countries, including Russia. An alumnus of the University of Utah, Clark has written six

books, including "Weathering the Storm", written and recorded three albums of songs, authored and produced over 25 audio and video tape programs and has established an educational foundation to bring together young people from all nations. He is one of fewer than 250 speakers worldwide to hold the Certified Speaking Professional designation bestowed by the National Speakers Association.

Kathy Cash named to commission

The Morrow County Court has appointed Kathy Cash of Boardman to the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families (MCCCF). Cash is currently the office manager for the Boardman Healthcare Center. She has had experience working with youth as a 4-H leader, and as a parent of a teenage son, has first-hand knowledge of the problems facing today's youth, said Dar Merrill, MCCCF executive

director.

"I am very interested in support groups for parents and teens," said Cash. "We have a growing problem of drugs, alcohol and gangs among our youth for which we as parents and the youth have no support system." Cash is also a strong advocate for providing more meaningful activities and opportunities for youth involvement in Morrow County, said Merrill.

Jane Rawlins tells of visit to Poland

"Doikopala Polski (Poland is great)," says Jane Rawlins, Heppner, who memorized over 60 Polish phrases in preparation for her recent visit to Poland. Although she was the only east Oregonian, there were 14 Oregon Lutherans who traveled together for a pre-arranged tour of Poland. Their successful mission gave these Americans an insight into types of Polish worship, a chance to become acquainted with the Polish people and to form companion synods between Polish and Oregon congregations.

In a nine hour flight from Seattle to Copenhagen, Denmark and on to Warsaw, Poland, Rawlins became acquainted with her traveling companions, ranging in age from 17 to 74, who are from all walks of life. Having done her homework, Rawlins' studious nature came in handy when she helped Bishop Swanson, Portland, to learn how to say "God Bless You" in Polish.

The group visited about 20 church congregations from the northern part of Poland near the Baltic Sea to the southern, more populous area. Although the group had excellent interpreters, Rawlins says that to be able to say simple phrases in Polish brought smiles to many faces.

"It was inspirational to meet these people who have suffered so much but have great resilience and abundant faith in their hearts," Rawlins says. Poland is trying to make a transition from a communist government to a capitalistic system. For Rawlins, it appeared that the country's grave economic situation seemed to be reflected in the strained look on many people's faces.

Poland was once a major European country between the 14th and 17th centuries. Portions of Poland were seized by Austria, Prussia and Russia between 1785 and 1919. What was left remained an independent country until it was occupied by Nazi Germany and Russia



Jane Rawlins

during World War II. Following the Solidarity Movement and the collapse of communism, Poland is once again struggling to rebuild an independent republic, although unemployment there has affected about 30 percent of its people.

Poland is a beautiful country, with well-kept woodlands where shrines are found in the countryside. Timber is a valued resource, so most buildings there are of stone and concrete. People in cities live in high-rise apartment buildings, as very few can afford houses. For lack of a purification system, drinking water is carried from wells in big cities like Warsaw.

Northern Poland is much like our rural areas, Rawlins says. However there are currently many fields that are idle due to lack of machinery and capital. Dairy cows were seen tethered in fields as there did not seem to be any fences. In contrast, the southern part of Poland is an industrial area where iron, steel and coal are produced. But even there, she says, it was apparent that some factories were closed.

"It's simply miraculous how Warsaw was rebuilt to appear as though the buildings have been there for centuries," Rawlins remarked. Warsaw was almost completely destroyed by bombing during World War II. Buildings and many beautiful churches were rebuilt to capture the original styling of Poland's earlier years.

During the four days that the group spent in Warsaw, Raw-

lins says they were entertained in style. They visited Lutheran schools, facilities for the elderly, museums, the opera and places of interest, including attending a city council meeting. A reknown publishing company known as a Bible Center was rebuilt on the same spot where it was destroyed, except for a portion of one wall. Under communism, worship and Bibles were banned. But a Biblical phrase, "Thy word shall not pass" continued to live in the hearts of Polish people, said Rawlins.

Poland is predominately Roman Catholic where 80 percent of the people are members. Some 350,000 are Polish Orthodox and about 80,000 are Lutherans, plus other religious faiths. Churches there participate in the Polish Ecumenical Council, and since 1974 they have become a motivating force in the Catholic Episcopal Commission for Ecumenism to deepen the bonds of Christian partnership.

Accommodations for lodging for this group were arranged. In Warsaw, they stayed in a dormitory of the Christian Theological Academy, an inter-confessional theological university. At other places, they stayed in church-owned guest houses built to accommodate tourists.

"The food was excellent," Rawlins says. "In fact, we were expected to eat five times a day. Hearty breakfasts featured wonderful breads and the meat, vegetable and salad dinners followed fabulous soups. Our hosts did everything possible to make us comfortable."

While Rawlins previously never found time to be stricken with the traveling bug, she says her first trip to this country was a valuable experience. The only downside to her Polish visit was a tour of the concentration camp at Auschwitz where so many Jewish people were put to death. But on the positive side, she says that Americans could take a lesson from Polish people who have survived because they continue to put religion first in their lives.

Parents, school officials to meet

By April Hilton-Sykes

After meeting with Morrow County School Board member Russ Morgan Monday night, a group of parents, concerned about crowding in the Heppner Elementary School first grade classroom, has agreed to schedule another meeting with school officials.

The parents became upset after they learned 33 children, 25 of them boys, had enrolled in the first grade classroom taught by Cherry Webber. Several par-

ents said they had visited the classroom and found it crowded, noisy and not conducive to learning.

The parents plan to schedule a meeting with Webber, Heppner Elementary School Principal Bill Karwacki, Morrow County School District Superintendent Chuck Starr, classroom aide Carol Goodyear and Morgan to find a solution to the problem.

The parents have asked that another teacher be hired. An

additional classroom aide was hired to assist in the class.

Morgan told the assembly Monday night that no money had been budgeted to hire another teacher, since estimates this summer indicated a classroom of around 22 students. He said that if a teacher were to be hired, the funds, estimated around \$50,000 for salary and benefits, would have to come from the district's contingency fund. Of the district's \$200,000 contingency fund, Morgan said that \$75,000 has already been spent for the 1995-96 school year to hire four educational assistants. The parents urged the board to use the contingency funds because, "This is an emergency."

While Morgan stressed that he was not speaking for the whole school board, he felt they were "not that opposed" to hiring an additional first grade teacher if the present teacher indicated the necessity.

The parents stressed the need for immediate action because they feel that the first grade students have already been shortchanged because of their two-day a week kindergarten schedule last year. "All we want to do is get a good education for our six-year olds," said first grade parent, Dr. Jeanne Berretta.

Pickups, tools stolen from MCGG

Two pickups, tools and tool boxes were discovered stolen from the Morrow County Grain Growers shop in Lexington around 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20. MCGG manager Larry Mills said that it appeared that the burglars cut the bolt from the gate, walked in the area and knocked a window out of an overhead door. After gaining entry the intruders probably loaded up the pickups and drove off with the tools, according to Mills.

Mills said that the cost to replace the two pickups, one a

1988 Ford half ton and the other a 1994 custom steel flatbed, would be around \$40,000. The other items, including two mechanics' tool boxes, air conditioning tools, a portable welder, a plasma cutter and other shop tools are estimated around \$55,000.

Mills said that the older pickup had been sighted at Rufus on Saturday and in the Tri-Cities Sunday. Both pickups had the Morrow County Grain Growers painted on them.

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