

Off the Wall By Marilyn Robinson

Nostalgic recollections of Christmases past motivate people into striving to maintain holiday traditions. But the truth is that today's holiday celebrations have undergone as many changes as those that are occurring in our everyday vocabulary.

"You've got it!" Probably you're now "on-line", not with the Internet, but with the way many of us operate today. Holiday dinners can be fulfilling with many short-cut choices. The meat comes ready to shove in the oven or can be purchased ready-cooked at the supermarket. No more sprinting about the barnyard in pursuit of the main entree and hoping that fowl turkey can be cooked to a tender stage. No longer do farmers spend hours butchering those December-ready fat hogs that require hours of intensive labor in smokehouses. Smokehouses have disappeared from the American farm scene in most cases and the word can be more closely associated with an occasional late-night poker game.

There's no "waffling" about the goodness of homemade rolls. Yet the store-bought variety comes in "lip-smacking" quality along with "soul" food. Guests can also be fooled by those ready-to-bake store pies that appear to be homemade in case one has lost the touch when it comes to making pie crusts.

Perhaps you haven't mailed those Christmas cards that keep the Post Office operating, thanks to your red ink. One can hop on the "bandwagon" by E-mailing those sentiments. Perhaps you're as slow as I am about finding the "on-ramp" for this technology. Meanwhile the rest of the world is rapidly "getting wired". That leaves lazy slowpokes to lick a few postage stamps. But if you don't like the taste of glue, there's the peel and stick kind.

"Internet speak" is complicating our vocabulary like foreign words. The plethora of services from those on-line services could keep one "surfing" night and day. Meanwhile without getting my feet wet, I continue to surf and search through stacks of written materials that seems to grow like uncut grass.

"Domain names" refers to more than 70,000 Internet choices about specific subjects of interest, not so interesting, or even gross. Seems it's difficult enough to make selections at grocery stores if one devotes time to reading the fine print about calorie and fat content. Like short-cut methods of using pre-packaged food products, hyperlink highlights a text that takes one beyond the realm of a particular subject for those "browsers" who use a "hang ten" approach.

You thought "host" referred only to the person where the dinner party is held. Telnet is a tool to allow one to log on to remote computers, access public files and databases and even run applications on a remote host. I hope people don't lose the art of verbal language when working from a home-based computer. A occasional outburst of "Jingle Bells" could help them to remain articulate.

One no longer has to head to the forest to find that perfect Christmas tree that may need a grafted limb or two. But you're not "out of the woods" when it comes to making selections at Christmas tree lots filled with perfectly shirred specimens. Artificial trees have become popular and you can even buy that evergreen scent in a can. And judging by the amount of Christmas lights, that business is not "in the cellar".

Take heart, those of you who have left your shopping until the day before Christmas. Prices are never better unless you wait until the after-Christmas sales. That little woman can surely use one more kitchen gadget to place on that overloaded kitchen counter. And you can personalize it with some sexy perfume promoted via advertising.

For that man in your life, perhaps add HBO or a sports channel for his television viewing. Or buy him a new computer as those rascals keep changing faster than one can change socks. Forget the "funky" underwear or the power tools that are action-provoking. Have an "awesome" and upbeat Christmas everyone!

NEED STOCKING STUFFERS?

Let us help with "last-minute" needs!

We are open
Sunday Christmas Eve
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Pharmacy/Liquor closed

We will be open regular hours
Tuesday 12-26.

Clearance Sale on selected Christmas merchandise

Merry Christmas!



Murray's Drug
217 North Main Heppner 676-9158

Sharing trees to help area families

Community members are reminded about two sharing trees on display in downtown Heppner this Christmas season. The trees will benefit area families who otherwise may not have a very merry Christmas.

The Willow Creek Baptist Church is sponsoring a sharing tree for area children. The tree will be on display at Kate's Pizzeria until Dec. 22. Those wishing to help out may take an ornament from the tree, buy a gift appropriate for the age and sex of the child indicated, wrap the gift and then bring it back to place under the tree. The cost of the gift is up to the donor.

The Heppner Neighborhood Center will distribute the gifts so that the children will have them to open Christmas morning.

The other tree, located at Heppner TV, is for the Townsend family who have serious health and financial difficulties. Their need is mostly monetary, although any gift would be appreciated. For more information, contact Corol Mitchel, Senior and Disabled Services

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Danny Lawrence Hussey, 25, Irrigon-Driving While License Suspended, \$287 fine; Failure To Appear, \$352 fine, 30 days in jail, \$200 and jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of law, especially driving while license suspended, excluding other minor traffic offenses;

John Gates, 43, Tigard-Driving Under the Influence Diversion, \$371 diversion fee;

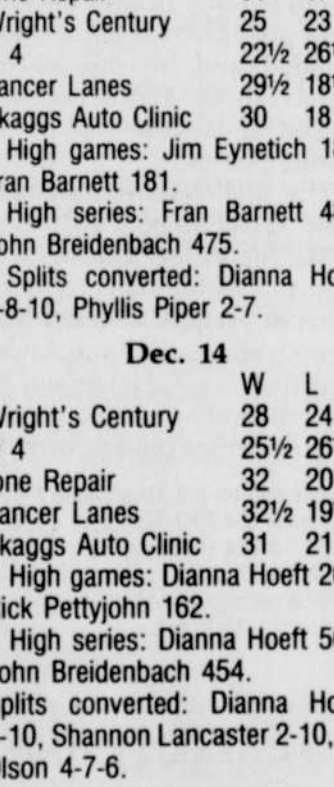
Michael Gregory Holtz, 18, Lone-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 81 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$122 fine;

Gary Dwayne Lant, 40, Prineville-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$101 fine;

Anthony Homan, Monument-Negotiating A Bad Check, \$640 fine, 180 days in jail, \$200 and jail sentence suspended with one year probation with no further violation of law excluding minor traffic offenses.

Bowling League

Thursday Nite Mixers		
	W	L
Nov. 30		
Wright's Century	24	20
# 4	22½	21½
Lone Repair	27	17
Lancer Lanes	25½	18½
Skaggs Auto Clinic	27	17
High games: John Breidenbach 213, Dianna Hoeft 185.		
High series: John Breidenbach 502, Dianna Hoeft 480.		
Splits converted: Michele Hams 3-5-7, Fran Barnett 5-7, Dianna Hoeft 5-10; 3-10; 2-5-7.		
Dec. 7		
W	L	
Lone Repair	31	17
Wright's Century	25	23
# 4	22½	26½
Lancer Lanes	29½	18½
Skaggs Auto Clinic	30	18
High games: Jim Eynetich 187, Fran Barnett 181.		
High series: Fran Barnett 489, John Breidenbach 475.		
Splits converted: Dianna Hoeft 5-8-10, Phyllis Piper 2-7.		
Dec. 14		
W	L	
Wright's Century	28	24
# 4	25½	26½
Lone Repair	32	20
Lancer Lanes	32½	19½
Skaggs Auto Clinic	31	21
High games: Dianna Hoeft 200, Rick Pettyjohn 162.		
High series: Dianna Hoeft 509, John Breidenbach 454.		
Splits converted: Dianna Hoeft 3-10, Shannon Lancaster 2-10, Ed Olson 4-7-6.		



The brightest wishes for a happy holiday season are being sent your way.

Our very special thanks are also in order!

Merry Christmas!

1st Interstate Bank
Sharon, Florene, Gail, Andrea, Robin, Merilee

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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Christmas is just a few days away, with a new year around the corner. The Heppner Chamber of Commerce appreciates your willingness to volunteer and be active in community events, as we build social capital together. With voice mail and the Internet, there's still nothing like talking to one another eye-to-eye; volunteers working together make that a reality.

Remember to get your nominations in right away for Man, Woman, Business and Citizen/Educator of the Year. Many people deserve recognition. Awards will be given at the tenth annual Town and Country Day, Thursday, Jan. 11.

With that, I leave you with a little verse I'd like to share: "Build a better world," said God.

and I asked, "How?" The world is such a vast place and so complicated now.

I am small and useless, there's nothing I can do. But God in all His wisdom said,

"Just build a better you."
-author unknown
Merry Christmas!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Board of Director's Meeting
A public meeting of the Board of Director's of the Morrow County Unified Recreation District will be held at the District Office, Lexington, Oregon, at 7:00 pm, Thurs., December 28, 1995. The meeting is open to the public. Any person may appear at the meeting and participate.

(s) Toni Carter,
District Secretary
Published: December 20, 1995

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SESSION
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., the board of equalization of the County of Morrow, Oregon, will meet at the County Courthouse in Heppner, Oregon to:

- Hear petitions for reduction of the real market or assessed value of property as of July 1.
- Hear petitions to excuse penalties for late filing of real for personal property returns.
- Act on recommendations from the assessor made under ORS 308.242 when no petition has been filed.

Petitions for reductions of the real market or assessed value of property must be filed with the clerk of the board not later than December 31, 1995.

A schedule of hearings for those who request to be present will be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting(s) in Morrow County Courthouse.

Executive sessions may be held during the session as required by ORS 308.290(7), ORS 308.411, and ORS 308.413.

All other hearings will be scheduled as time allows. If you have requested to be present at the hearing you will be notified of the time and place to appear. Contact the board of equalization for further information.

It shall be the duty of the persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed.

Barbara Bloodsworth,
County Clerk
Morrow County, Oregon
Dated at Heppner, Oregon, this 20th day of December, 1995.
Published: December 20 and 27, 1995, and January 3, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure for the formation of Home Rule Government for Morrow County has been filed with the County Clerk of Morrow County on December 12, 1995.

The ballot title caption is "HOME RULE GOVERNMENT FOR MORROW COUNTY". Any elector dissatisfied with the ballot title may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Morrow County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 28, 1995. Any person filing a challenge must also file a copy of the challenge with the Morrow County Clerk, 100 N. Court St., Heppner, by the end of the next business day after the petition is filed with the Circuit Court.

Barbara Bloodsworth
Morrow County Clerk
Published: December 20, 1995

Marriage Licenses

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

December 11: Daniel Wade Verley, 20, Irrigon; and Shannon Darlene Jacob, 18, Irrigon.

Correction

Ben Hubert, Heppner High School junior, was the winner of the National High School Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, not the American Legion, as stated incorrectly in the Dec. 13 Gazette-Times.

Hubert's speech was entitled, "Answering America's Call for...Change."

Toni Kemp's entry was second; and Josh Coiner, Mandi Gutierrez and Brandi Marshall were third.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON
MORROW COUNTY
Case No. 95 PR 29
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of ROLLO WATE CRAWFORD, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at c/o Kurt C. Bendixsen, 245D East Main Street, Hermiston, OR 97838, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative.

DATED and first published December 13, 1995.

(s) Milton Morgan
Personal Representative
Published: December 13, 20 and 27, 1995

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Case No. 95-CV-059

Foreclosure Execution on Personal and Real Property

On the 9th day of January, 1996, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. in accordance with ORS 187.110, at 365 Third Street, in Irrigon, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described personal property and real property, subject to redemption, located in Morrow County, Oregon to-wit:

PERSONAL PROPERTY:
A 1973 14' x 66' mobile home, manufacturer Tamarack, Model number 956D, Serial Number s6587 and situated on the following described real property.

REAL PROPERTY:
Lots 7 and 8, Block 32, City of Irrigon, Morrow County, Oregon.

The sale is made under a Writ of Execution on foreclosure issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Morrow to be directed in the case of Washington Mutual Savings Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, Plaintiff, v. Marvin R. Guenther and Linda Guenther, Defendants, case number 95CV059.

Writ of Execution dated Nov. 29, 1995.

ROY L. DRAGO, Sheriff
Morrow County, Oregon
By: Pauline Winter
Chief Civil Deputy
Published: December 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1995

CARD OF THANKS

A big Thank You to all who helped make the Chamber of Commerce Lunch with Santa a big success! especially Mike Mills, Glen Ward, the Elks Club, Heppner FFA officers and members-Tina Kemp, Toni Kemp, Frank Martin, Matt Browning, advisor Barney Lindsay and SANTA.

John Murray,
Chamber of Commerce
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