

Fair Board expands, 1997 fair theme selected

By Merlyn Robinson
The Morrow County Fair Board has been expanded to seven members who meet re-

gularly on the second Monday evening of each month at the fairgrounds. Board members are chairman

Sam Bellamy, Lexington; Marlene Gray, Ione; and Alan Holmes, Boardman. The newest board members are Kalvin Keys, Irrigon; Gary Oberg, Heppner; and Joe Yocom, Lexington. One other position on the board will be appointed by the Morrow County Court.

After wrapping up this year's fair season, board members and fair committee people are at work to prepare for the 1997 season. Budget preparations have been completed which will be submitted for approval by the Morrow County Budget Committee.

The 1997 fair theme is "Boots, Jeans and Cowboy Dreams," which was submitted by the Fair Committee. This logo should provide ample decorating ideas for the fair, rodeo and parade, which will be held Aug. 13-17, 1997, said a fair spokesperson. Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court chaperone for the 1997 court is Teresa Bunn, Heppner.

Recently completed fair-ground improvements include enlarging the 4-H office inside the pavilion to accommodate board meetings. Other projects scheduled for the near future include remodeling the inside restrooms for handicap access. Future plans are to convert the building housing Shorty's Museum into a shop after Shorty Peck's antique farm machinery collection is relocated to the proposed museum building at the west end of Heppner. Tentative road improvements are planned to provide better access from the highway to the rodeo field area at the west end of the fairgrounds.

A subcommittee has studied the feasibility of erecting a livestock exhibit building on the grounds. A proposal to build a 100x140' open-sided pole building will be presented at public hearings in the near future to gain input from the public.

To implement fair activities, the fair superintendents meet on the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. to update departmental changes. The craft department has two new volunteer superintendents, Bobbi Angel and Ruby Munkers. Other persons interested in helping with fair activities may contact the Fair Office at 676-9474.

Office hours of Fair Board secretary LaRae Kindle are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, noon-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Fair facilities are available to rent for business meetings, parties, family reunions or other activities.

Martinez appointed to MCCCCF

The Morrow County Court has appointed Virginia Martinez to a three year term on the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families (MCCCCF).

Martinez, Heppner, is currently employed at the Heppner Central Red Apple as a clerk. "She has considerable experience working in youth-oriented programs such as the Boy Scouts of America, Sea Scouts and the Parents United programs," said Dar Merrill, MCCCCF director. "I care about children and families," said Martinez, "and would like to see them solve their problems in a better and more caring way."

"Martinez will not only bring some valuable experience to the commission but will also bring a strong desire to make Morrow County a better place for our children and families," concluded Merrill.

Downtown Heppner bustles with activity

Downtown Heppner will be bustling with activity this Sunday, Dec. 8, when many businesses will begin staying open from noon-4 p.m. each Sunday until Christmas.

This Sunday, a Scavenger Hunt through participating businesses will provide some fun and an opportunity to win prizes. Entry forms for the hunt will be available in participating stores. Each participating store will offer a prize to a winner, and a prize of \$100 worth of gift certificates will be the grand prize.

Another Heppner Sunday activity will also begin this weekend. On the three Sundays before Christmas, entries will be accepted for a drawing for a trip to Reno, NV. Individuals 21 years old and over may enter the drawing on Sundays only. On Sunday, Dec. 22, the drawing for the trip will take place. This "Reno Get-away" is for two and includes transportation and accommodations for three nights. Mid-Columbia Bus Company has donated the trip, which is scheduled to occur in April.

On these special Christmas shopping days, most businesses will offer customers Sunday specials, as well as other holiday gift ideas. Sunday purchases will contribute to the punch card drawings.

After shopping hours this Sunday, community members are invited to help the Chamber of Commerce "Deck the Tree" downtown at 4:30 p.m. Everyone, young and old, every organization, and every business is encouraged to make a waterproof tree decoration to add to the community tree next to the Post Office. Music and refreshments will add to the festivities that "attract visitors from as far away as Newport," said a spokesperson. Claudia Hughes, at the Chamber office, can answer specific questions about this event.

Yaw's sponsors "Giving Tree"



L-R: Carol Kight, Heidi Yaw and Connie Jones

Yaw's Restaurant in Heppner is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" this Christmas season.

Heidi Yaw organized the tree, along with the other bartenders at the restaurant, Connie Jones and Carol Kight.

Neighborhood Center gave Yaw's a list of children, identified only by number, to purchase Christmas gifts for. A paper Christmas ball was made for each child, noting the child's sex and age and a few items on his or her wish list and then the balls were placed

on the tree, which is located in Yaw's.

People wishing to participate can pick out a ball, purchase the items for the child, wrap the gifts and then return them to Yaw's, with the identifying tag on the gift.

The Neighborhood Center will pick up the gifts from the restaurant and distribute them to the families involved.

Jan Skaggs of the Neighborhood Center said that gifts must be returned to Yaw's by Thursday, Dec. 19, at the latest.

Punch Card Winners drawn

This week's winners of \$25 gift certificates in the Christmas punch are: Kathy Tellechea for Pettyjohn's Farm and Building; John Britt to Green Feed; Joan Ployhar to the Shoe Box; Ellis Pettyjohn to Coast to Coast; Eddie Brosnan for Court St. Market, and David Byrd to Lott's Electric.

Don't forget to get your punch card at participating businesses and enter between now and Christmas. All entries will be eligible not only for the weekly \$25 certificates, but also for the grand prize drawing for \$750 in gift certificates to be given away on Dec. 26.

Shoppers can pick up their punch cards and have their cards punched at these businesses: MCGG, Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders, Green Feed, Lott's Electric, Murrays/ Country Rose, Gardner's Men's Wear, Peterson's Jewelry, Shoe Box, Coast to Coast, Les Schwab, Court Street Market, Yaw's Restaurant, Central Market, Willow Lanes and Willow Lanes Cafe.

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Heppner, OR.
676-5241

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'DANEXX' SNOW BOOTS**

Stop by and register for the
"FREE RENO TRIP" drawing.

Remember to fill out your punch cards-
gift certificates are given away each week.



**We will be
open Sunday,
Dec. 8 from
12-4 p.m.
Join us
for punch,
coffee and
cookies
We are also
participating
in the Holiday
Scavenger
Hunt**



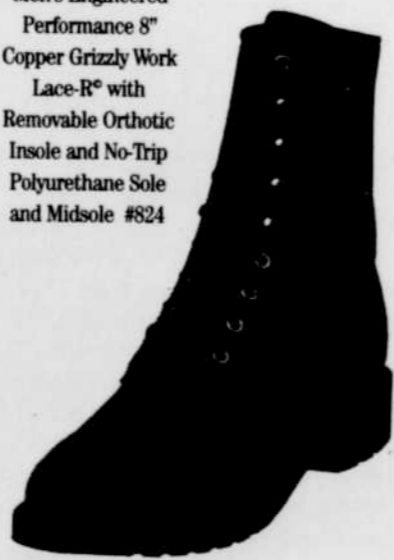
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193 N. Main St. 676-9218 Heppner

4-H News

The Barnyarders

By Tiffany Piper, reporter
The Barnyarders had their second meeting on Monday, Nov. 25. Club members learned the important parts of a pig, which was very helpful. They also received their red cards from Pendleton Grain Growers. Their record books were returned. Club members reported a great meeting.

Christmas Ideas? Let us help!

Toys Tapes and CDs Gifts
Kitchen Appliances Stationery Candy
Floral Arrangements AND MUCH MORE!

Gift certificates. Free gift wrapping.
Delivery available.

**We are open on Sundays from
12-4 p.m. until Christmas**

On Sunday, Dec. 8, enter the Scavenger Hunt
and the Reno trip drawing,
plus look for our holiday specials.

Remember to order your holiday poinsettias
Flowers from Country Rose
are available at the Ione Market
We have Wish Lists on file-Fill yours out today!



Come Share With Us,
at

Willow Creek Baptist Church

Bible Study for all ages 2 p.m.

Worship Service 3 p.m.

Meeting in the

7th Day Adventist Church

560 North Minor

December 5:
LADIES NIGHT with dinner at 6 p.m. Roast
pork prepared by Judy Buschke, Joyce Ward
and crew.

Memorial Services for all our deceased Brothers
during the past year at 8 p.m. This event is open
to the public; bring your friends and loved ones
of the deceased to participate in this event.

The following brothers have answered their call
since December 5, 1995:

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| Laurence Becket | Earl Blake |
| Ronald Broadfoot | LeRoy Gardner, PER |
| Paul Heinrichs | Earl Miller |
| George Rugg | |

"May They Rest In Peace"

The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands;
their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory

Heppner Elks 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main