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Potato feed planned at HHS

A baked potato feed will be held at Heppner High School Saturday, Jan. 17, from 3-6 p.m. during the Heppner-Umatilla basketball game.

A baked potato with the trimmings or chili will be available for \$3 each. A potato and chili meal will be \$4 each. Both meals will include french bread, cookies and coffee or Kool-Aid.

The potato feed, sponsored by the Heppner High School senior class, will be held in the HHS home ec room. Proceeds will benefit the senior class drug and alcohol free graduation trip to Seattle.

Games get underway at 1 p.m. with girls' JV, followed by boys' JV, girls' varsity and then boys' varsity.

Those who signed up to bring items are reminded to bring them to the home ec room by 1:30 p.m. The preparation crew should also arrive at that time.

The senior class will also hold a pop can drive on Monday, Jan. 26, following the Super Bowl and has planned a spaghetti feed on January 30, a taco soup feed on Feb. 6 and a pizza feed on Feb. 13.

Event to benefit "Jaws-of-Life"

The Heppner Volunteer Fire Department and the South Morrow County EMT Association will "take over" Kate's Pizza on Saturday, January 17, from 5-9 p.m.

Kathie Maben, owner of Kate's Pizza, will "loan" her business to the organizations to assist in a fund raising drive to purchase a new "Jaws-of-Life" extrication tool. All proceeds raised during the four-hour "take over" will be donated to the purchase of the tool.

Volunteer Firemen and EMTs will also offer free delivery of all food orders to locations within a two-mile radius of the restaurant during the "take over".

"This is a great way for the community to help raise funds for an important piece of emergency rescue equipment and also enjoy a great Kate's meal delivered to your door," said Heppner Fire Chief Rusty Estes.

The "Jaws-of-Life" tool is used for fire and rescue operations to dismantle damaged automobiles to rescue victims and to open doors of structures involved in fires.

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of the "Jaws-of-Life" may do so by sending a check to the Heppner Firemen's Auxiliary, P.O. Box 743, Heppner.

Town & Country Banquet, Jan. 15

The annual Town and Country Banquet, honoring the man, woman, educator and business of the year, will be held this Thursday, Jan. 15, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club.

The evening will include dinner music by "Absolutely Nobody", entertainment by the "Slob Sisters", coronation of the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen and Court and a gem drawing, sponsored by Peterson's Jewelers.

Tickets are available at Morrow County Grain Growers, Murray Drugs, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Klamath First Federal, the Chamber of Commerce and at the door.

Arts and crafts club to meet

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts club will meet in the banquet room at Yaw's on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 11 a.m. for lunch and a brief meeting.

Plans will be made for activities in 1998. Everyone is invited to attend.

MCGG gives \$20,000 to fairgrounds project



The Morrow County Grain Growers has donated \$20,000 towards construction of the new Morrow County Fairgrounds multipurpose building.

The building will feature a 125' X 225' X 22' indoor arena with bleachers, and can be used for livestock exhibits, winter farm shows, 4-H horse and animal activities, rodeo events and many other uses and activities.

Pictured above left to right are: Larry Mills, manager MCGG and Keith Rea, MCGG board chairman presenting check to Marlene Gray, Shirley Adams and Joe Yocom of the Morrow County Fair.

"This is a very appropriate donation from the co-op," Mills said. "It supports agriculture and livestock, and this is the business we are in."

The co-op donation is the second large donation for the project, as Dick and Virginia Wilkenson recently gave \$30,000.

The fair is still seeking funding for the project and anyone wishing to make a donation, or for more information, may contact the Morrow County Fair.

Severe weather hampers ODOT

Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) crews are battling heavy snowfall and high winds in the Columbia River Gorge along Interstate 84. As of Monday, Jan. 12, I-84 remained closed in both directions between Troutdale and Hood River.

"We have near whiteout conditions at Corbett," said ODOT maintenance manager Charlie Sciscione, "because of the wind blowing the snow off the drifts."

Corbett is also the biggest problem area for another reason, according to Sciscione. Drifting snow all along I-84 through the Gorge, but especially at Corbett, is narrowing the roadway so that it is nearly impassable. ODOT crews are also reporting heavy snowdrifts on all the entrance and exit ramps along the freeway.

On state highways in the Portland area, conditions are not nearly as severe, but motorists will still find driving conditions hazardous due to packed snow and ice on all the major urban freeways and highways.

ODOT offers the following winter travel tips:

-Check your car before you start. Make sure your vehicle is in good condition by checking the tires, coolant in the radiator and the condition of windshield wipers. Clear snow and ice from the windshield and all other windows. Clear the hood of the car to keep blowing snow off the windshield. Check headlights and taillights to be sure they are clear of snow.

Make sure tire chains fit-not all chains fit all tires. When chains are required, you'll want properly fitting chains.

Slow down. Ice and snow on the road drastically affect your stopping distance and how your car handles. Give yourself more time to travel when conditions are snowy or icy.

Watch out at intersections. Intersections are where most accidents happen, especially in snowy weather. It takes longer to get started again after stopping for a red light and oncoming traffic will have a harder time stopping for you. Approach intersections slowly and use care when it is your turn to go.

Give snowplows a wide berth. Never pass a plow on the right. Use caution if you attempt to pass

a plow on the left, too. Generally the road isn't clear up ahead and there's poor visibility. The safest bet is to wait until the plow can pull over to let traffic pass.

If you don't have to travel, stay home. If your trip can wait, give ODOT more time to clear the highways. It can take awhile to clear roads after a major storm, especially the side roads. Waiting a few hours or putting off the trip until the next day could make your trip safer.

ODOT suggests that winter car emergency kits should include: an ice scraper; tire chains; a shovel; a small bag of abrasive material like sand, salt or kitty litter; traction mats; jumper cables; warning flares or triangles; a flashlight with extra batteries; a roll of paper towels; extra clothing like a change of shoes, socks, gloves and a hat; blankets, and extra food and water.

Krebs family featured on OPB

The Krebs family of Ione was to be featured in the "Ranching" segment of an Oregon Public Broadcasting program, "The Oregon Story", broadcast on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m.

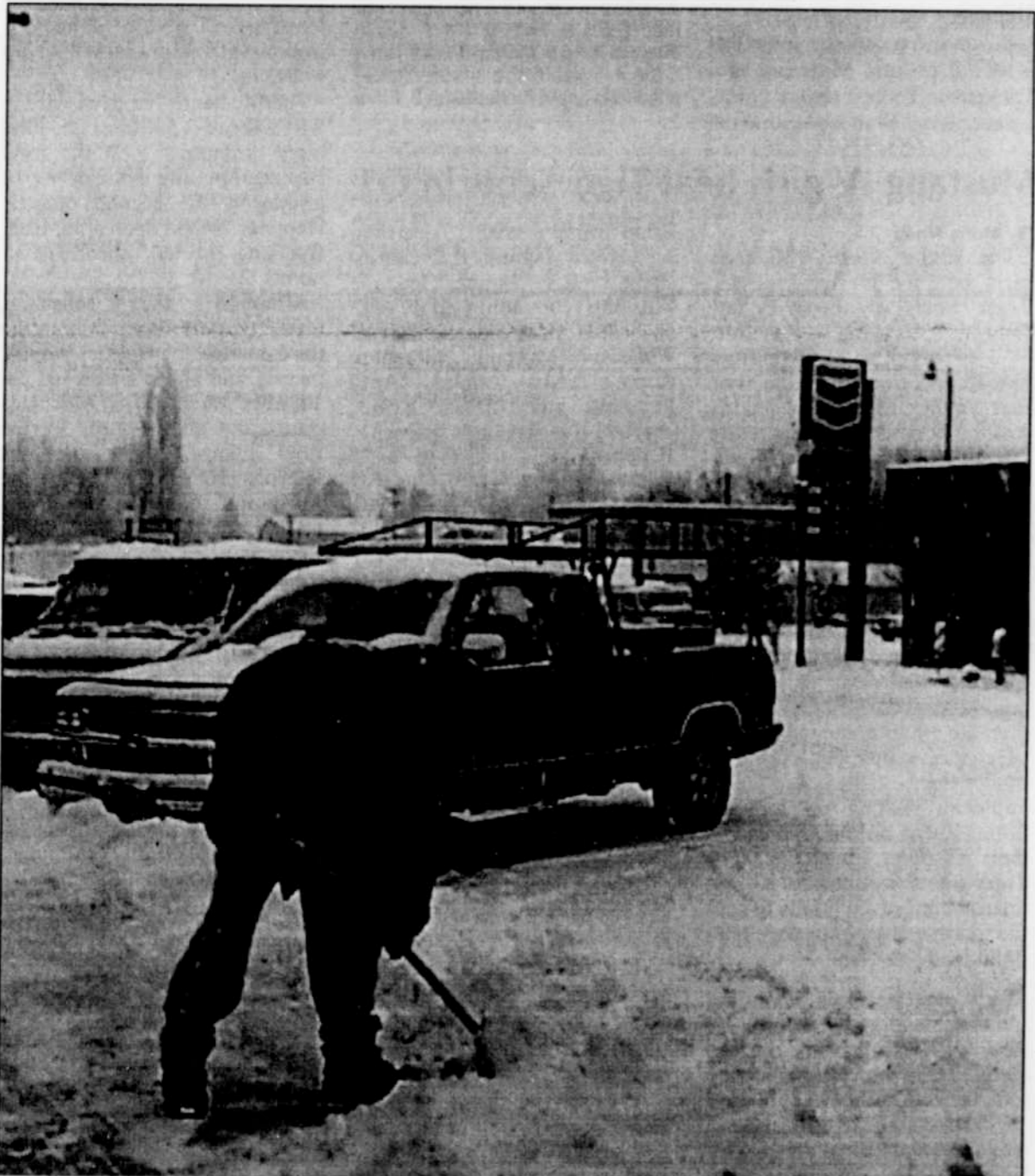
"This is a story of resilience," said an OPB news release, "as small ranchers strive to maintain their grasp on a way of life that is quickly disappearing."

"This is living history," said executive producer Steve Amen. "There has been a lot of talk about the growing rift between the rural and urban populations, particularly when it comes to land-use regulations and environmental protection. "The Oregon Story" will help us all gain a better understanding of Oregon's traditional industries."

Gun Club open Sunday, Jan. 18

The Morrow County Gun Club will be open Sunday, Jan. 18 at 12 noon. Members and interested public are invited to attend, as the future of the club will be discussed.

Storm dumps snow on Morrow County



Tom McElligott shovels off the walk in front of his business, Morrow County Abstract and Title, in downtown Heppner. The storm, which dumped several inches of the white stuff, and brought the temperature into the teens Monday, had gone on its way by Tuesday. Temperatures on Tuesday climbed to the high 40s.

People for the Pool receives \$5,000 grant

People for the Pool, Inc., has received a \$5,000 grant from The Oregon Community Foundation and the Phillip W. and Marian Andrews-Cohn Fund for the indoor multi-use therapy spa/pool at the Willow Creek Water Park in Heppner.

The grant moneys received will be used to further enhance the current facilities with an additional pump for therapy jets, a dehumidifier and heater, an accessible chair lift and water safety instructional equipment. The indoor pool was open to the public this fall, closed in December and will be reopening January 24.

People for the Pool is a nonprofit organization formed in July of 1992 to raise funds for now pool facilities in South Morrow County. In 1997, PFTP donated \$135,000 the Willow Creek Park District towards the new water park. They are still raising additional funds to pay

the remaining \$10,000 borrowed for the indoor facility.

For more information, contact PFTP, PO Box 901, Hopper OR 97836, or call Archie Padberg, 676-6365.

The Oregon Community Foundation, established in 1973, manages charitable funds given by individuals, families, and businesses to enhance and support the quality of life in their communities. Today, the foundation's endowment consists

of 500 funds with combined assets of \$200 million.

The foundation makes grants through an application process that involves local citizens in the review and evaluation of requests for funds. Application materials are available through the foundation's Portland office. Individuals or businesses interested in establishing a fund may contact the Portland office at 621 SW Morrison Street, Suite 725, Portland, OR 97205.

Hoop Shoot set for Sunday, Jan. 18

Heppner BPOE #358 will hold its annual Hoop Shoot on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. at the Heppner High School. All Heppner, Lexington and Ione boys and girls ages 8-13 as of April 1 are invited

to attend.

There will be three ages groups: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Winners will go on to compete at the district Hoop Shoot at Hermiton on Saturday, Jan. 31.

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