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**New Years golf
tournament
set Friday**

For those who don't want to watch bowl games all day, a golf tournament has been organized at Willow Creek Country Club this Friday, Jan 1. The tournament will begin at 9 a.m., says organizer Ron Bowman.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Happy New Year 1999. Will this year be any different from any other new year? Hard to predict; people have a lot to say about the new millennium. We'll just have to meet it head on and give it our best shot.

1998 saw our community with a new look, brought about by the hard work and volunteer efforts of many. There's a great group of unselfish people in our town, some quietly working behind the scenes and others not so quietly, all making things happen, moving forward, instigating change while trying to maintain our wonderful quality of life. We're all different and that's what keeps life interesting and challenging.

In Heppner we celebrate the beginning of a new year with Town and Country, an opportunity to gather together, enjoy some laughs, visit, crown the queen and court and honor our man, woman, educator and business of the year.

The banquet will be Thursday, January 14, and the annual Chamber luncheon Tuesday, January 12.

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

Dinner music will be provided by some talented local folks and the speaker will be the "mother" of Meriweather Lewis.

There is an opportunity for Heppner to have another Rural Futures Team involved in the first Eastern Oregon Rural Futures Forum.

This series of three-day workshops over a four month period provides in-depth training to improve the effectiveness of community volunteers working on community and economic development projects.

Twelve people from Heppner have attended in the past and have formed some lasting friendships across the state as a result.

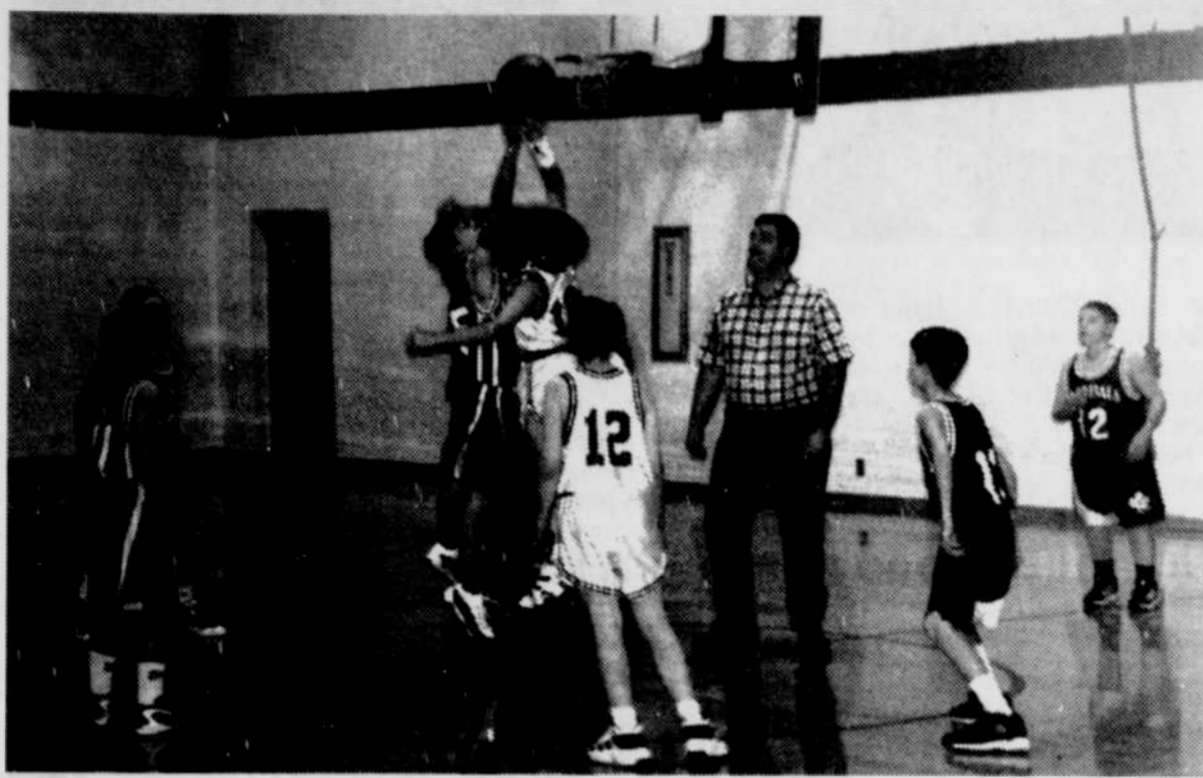
It's an asset to know and understand how other rural communities are meeting the same challenges facing Heppner.

Anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity for fun, friendship and learning opportunities should call George Koffler, John Edmundson or myself immediately.

"Lights away by the 12th day." If you were one of the volunteers who decorated the Main Street trees, please remove the lights no later than January 6. They may be returned to the Chamber office to be stored until next year. Many hands make light work.

Thoughts for the New Year: 1) Respect differences of opinion. 2) Look for new ideas from new faces. 3) Try something new. 4) Volunteer. 5) Make someone laugh. And, "Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures."

IMS perfect season lost at Echo



By Mike Radie

The Ione Cardinals lost their first middle school game of the season at Echo with a score of 31-33 in overtime.

Ione was down most of the game by five or more. Near the end of the fourth quarter Ione

used their press to tie the game, which lead the game into overtime. Ione was in trouble as Echo pulled out the big guns and Ione could not get a shot off, causing them to lose by a final score of 31-33.

Echo was led by #33, who performed with excellence as he

rebounded, made steals, blocked shots and assisted. One thing he didn't lead in, however, was scoring because of Mike Radie's excellent rebounding.

Billy Gates led in offense with three three-pointers, for a total of 11 points.

Extension offers tips on coping with outages

Don't wait until the weather outside grows frightful, the lights go out and the cold seeps in to discover that you aren't prepared for a power failure this winter.

"Coping with Winter Power Failures," a new brochure from the OSU Extension Energy Program, can help you and your family weather power outages, whether those outages last for short or long periods of time.

The brochure goes beyond good-sense tips of stocking extra batteries and candles to important information about safe space heaters, unsafe space heaters, potential dangers of some improvised heat sources and how to treat foods during a power failure to reduce the chance of spoilage.

Among the tips in the brochure: designate an area in the house that is warm and easy to find in the dark. Close off the adjacent rooms to conserve heat.

Once the power fails, turn off all the lights, television and electronic equipment. Unplug your computer to avoid damage when the power returns. Long-

term power failures mean possibly draining plumbing lines to prevent pipes from freezing and cracking.

The brochure contains important do's and don'ts about space heaters and emergency heat sources, including which to avoid. For example, turning on the burners on your gas stove could cause seepage of poisonous carbon monoxide

fumes. Also, don't connect portable generators into electrical outlets to feed electricity back into household wiring. Not only is this illegal, it could electrocute utility workers. The brochure describes how to hook up generators safely.

For a free copy of the brochure, call the OSU Extension Energy office at 1-800-457-9394.

Red Cross classes scheduled

The American Red Cross will offer seminar classes through Blue Mountain Community College beginning in January.

The classes will be held at the main facility in Pendleton and the annex offices in Heppner, Hermiston and Milton-Freewater.

The seminar is in three parts and covers Red Cross Services to the community during disasters and shelter and feeding operations during disasters.

The three courses give a broad overview of how the Red Cross performs its services, the various areas of disaster

volunteer services and how to become a Red Cross Disaster volunteer.

For more information on dates and times for the classes, contact a local BMCC office and ask about the Red Cross training being offered. The classes are free of charge and open to anyone over the age of 16.

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**Motivational speaker
planned at HHS, RHS**

Brad Henning, a nationally recognized speaker, will appear at Morrow County High Schools next week.

Henning specializes in building relationships, "creative dating" and helping people understand each other.

"Having a better relationship with their teens is right at the top of most parents' wish list. And most teens would rather not be in conflict with their parents, especially about their choices of girlfriends and boyfriends," says Sharon Barrick, Riverside High School counselor.

According to a press release, "students loved Henning: 'Henning is the coolest speaker I have ever heard'... 'I saw him at

a state conference...he is funny... Henning is hilarious... and he speaks the truth."

Henning will appear at Heppner High School on Tuesday, January 5, for a workshop for students in grades nine to 12 from 1-3 p.m.

An evening workshop by Henning, "For Guys Only", is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Heppner High cafeteria.

Interested parents may hear him speak during a workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 6, in Riverside High School's Rick Bateman Auditorium. Members of the public are also welcome to attend this workshop and admission is free.



Off The Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

Yes, I'm still kicking-quite often myself. However, with the recent successful completion of another Christmas celebration, I'm offering my share of bragging rights. Like others during a holiday season, this family gathers to count our blessings amidst overindulgence in food and gifts. We're so fortunate to live in a land of abundance while others in the world are so needy.

Traditions and seasonal rituals abound. An idiosyncrasy of mine is to delay fall house cleaning of the most visible surfaces until just before Christmas. I call that efficiency, not procrastination. After Christmas, it's time to clear out cupboards and some closets. Necessity, not ambition, forces me to cast out hoarded, but seldom-used things. This makes room for newer items to fill up that limited space again.

Out went the 40 year old heavy cooking pots to make room for shiny, new lightweight cookware that is easier for this granny to maneuver. With a microwave and a new grilling machine, it seems the stove is not essential anymore. Perhaps the oven could store all those plastic containers that seem to propagate like dandelions.

Fortunately it won't take long to put away Christmas decorations. The outside lights are still in the original boxes. By delaying this project until the thermometer hit zero, I abandoned the plan. Next year I'll consider putting out outside decorations at Halloween, thus becoming in tune with commercial Christmas displays. Anyway, I got my jollies by sniffing fresh evergreens while helping make Christmas wreaths with other members of the garden club.

Overflowing closets are another headache. I realize that with dress styles or even pants, that any length is appropriate. But if said garment fails to meet 'round the middle, then that's a different problem. I can see the advantage of the trend towards oversized baggy pants. I read where one person survived a ferry boat sinking by removing her pants and with the openings tied together her pants became a life preserver. Some of the baggiest pants I have seen on young people might be inflated to the size of a four-person inflatable life raft. No wonder more schools are considering school uniforms. Loaded backpacks make hunched-over kids look like they are carrying an elephant. And those baggy drawers could conceal an arsenal of snowballs or worse.

Among other useful and elegant things received was a one-of-a-kind picture quilt displaying 50 years of photo moments. This treasure was created by a creative daughter-in-law, using pictures of four generations. Many memories are captured, along with before all the facial character lines (not wrinkles) also became permanent.

And that's not all. I'm now a computer owner, thanks to generous offspring. Included is a book "WordPerfect for Dummies"-no explanations needed. When I cast out a twin bed and get this thing set up, you probably won't see me for a spell. But if you hear a loud knocking, that's my head against a wall.

Hope your Christmas stocking also ran over, and not with coal. Have a safe and happy New Year.

Christmas 1/2 Price Sale
continues through Saturday, Jan. 2nd!

Murray's will be closed Friday, Jan. 1st

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Beecher's Restaurant

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**Come Celebrate New Year's Eve
at Beecher's Restaurant!**

Buffet Dinner served from 5-9 p.m.

Dance to the music of Tim Cundell

starting at 9 p.m.

Party favors & snacks provided at midnight

Reservations appreciated

We will be closed Friday, January 1st

We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Betty Gray and Staff

Out With The Old...

In with the new!

Happy New Year to all

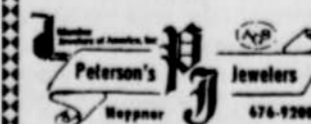
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We appreciate

your support.

From your

friends at



HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County

The generous giving of the communities (organizations and individuals) for the fixed and low-income persons this holiday season has been extraordinary!

Please consider your gift the one an underprivileged child enjoyed this Christmas. Imagine to yourself, the sparkle in their eyes and the laughter, as the presents were devoured on Christmas Day.

We embrace each of you with our heartfelt THANKS.

And, we express our appreciation to the many volunteers, past & present.

Your generous outpouring, donated clothes, food and monetary support, has made the Neighborhood Center's work of providing assistance to the community an ongoing realization.

We expressly wish your new year to be filled with happiness.

The Board of Directors
Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County

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