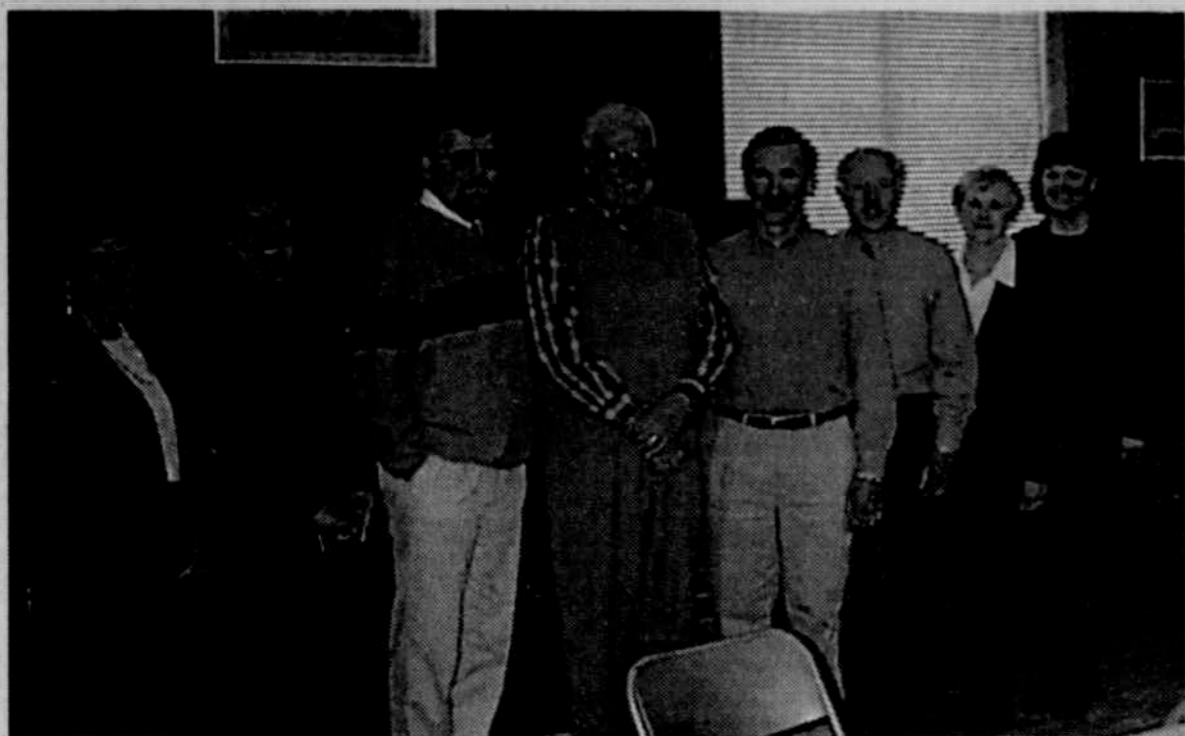


Green, Hughes earn hats off award



L-R: Delanne Ferguson, Barbara Hayes, Darrell Raver, Tom Sly, Bob Kahl, Jerry Breazeale, Sharon Harrison, Trisha Sweeney.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce has presented "Hats Off" service awards to Cliff Green and Merlin Hughes.

Green has been Chamber of Commerce president and a member of the board. Green, the owner of Coast to Coast in Heppner, has helped out in numerous Chamber activities, including donating a bicycle to the "Celebrate Heppner" celebration, helping get an electrical outlet beside the community Christmas tree, putting a spotlight on the tree, and decorating downtown trees. "He (Green) has had a big attitude change. No more 'Bah Humbug'. Well, most of the time," joked Chamber manager Claudia Hughes.

Hughes also joked that Merlin, her husband of 34 years, received the award "for putting up with me." "He is the person that gets volunteered, like it or not," said Claudia Hughes. "Just plant one tree, I said. Four trees and rolls of turf later, an hour job turns into all day."

Claudia Hughes also praised her husband for answering calls and taking messages for the chamber, accepting "lots of late hours, sometimes with dinner ready when I drop through the door," she said. "He's dealt with 13 years of St. Pat's, Town & Country, luncheons, goal settings, Cycle Oregon, meetings, meetings and more meetings when he could have used my help."

Also at the Chamber luncheon, Heppner City Manager Jerry Breazeale spoke on "A vision for Heppner" and the Chamber

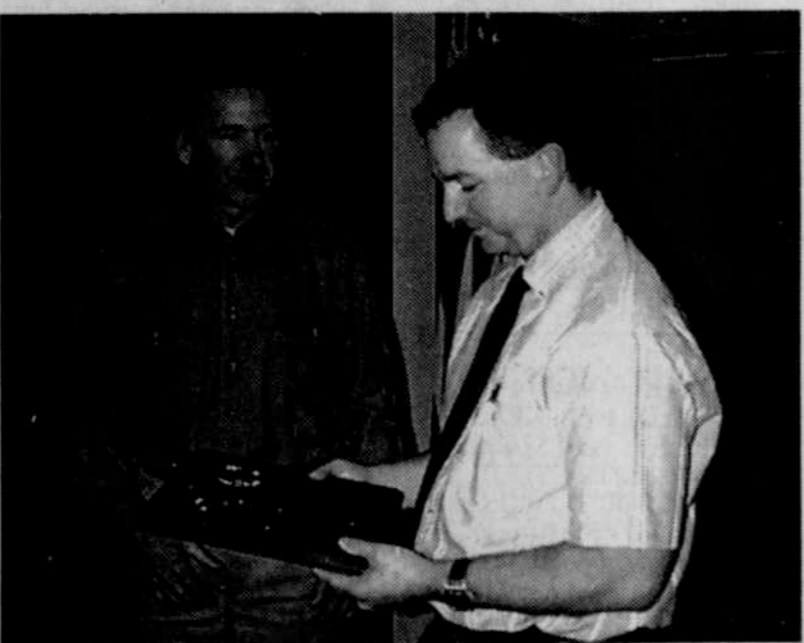
Board of Directors and Officers was installed. President is Bob Kahl; vice president-Sharon Harrison; second vice president-Chris Meyer; secretary-Trish Sweeney; treasurer-Barbara Hayes; ex-officio-Mike McGuire; board members-Darrell Raver, Delanne Ferguson, Jerry Breazeale, Cliff Green, Tom Sly, Jill Barber and Abby Kahl. Mike Armato is retiring board member, Cara Osmin, past treasurer; and John Edmundson, ex-officio stand-in.



Merlin Hughes receives Hats Off award from Chamber director and wife Claudia Hughes.



Some pretty stiff competition stands in for Hats Off winner Cliff Green, with Chamber director Claudia Hughes.



Outgoing Chamber President Mike McGuire (right) receives plaque from incoming President Bob Kahl.

Swanson improves percentages

Luke Swanson, Ione, a sophomore at Eastern Oregon University at La Grande, is now tied for sixth place in three-point field goal percentage on the EOU Mountaineer basketball team.

Swanson has made 18 of 47 attempts for 38.3 percent in 14 games.

He contributed 12 points for the Mountaineers' conference win against Cascade College,

85-48. Their next games will be Friday, Jan. 22, against Northwest and Saturday, Jan. 23, against Concordia. Both games are at 7:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Parish plans adult program

St. Patrick Parish will begin a new adult program named "Come As You Are" beginning on Monday, Jan. 25.

"This program is an invitation to slow down and live life so as to notice and appreciate more of it," said Father Gerry Condon. "People today are pulled in many directions. There are a multitude of demands on them so that those demands often get in the way of life. In the busyness and noisiness of modern life, the art of listening is being lost. For life to be truly valued this art needs to be restored. So listening is at the heart of the program." The program will facilitate the participant in relating everyday events to Gospel values and to their spirituality.

The first session of this 12-week program will be held in St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Monday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, contact Fr. Gerry Condon at 676-9462

U of Wyoming lists honor students

The University of Wyoming has announced its academic Dean's and freshman honor rolls. The Dean's Honor Roll are sophomores through seniors who earn a 3.4 or better grade point average. Freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better GPA are named to the Dean's Freshman Honor Roll. Local students who qualify include Eric Schonbacher of Heppner.

Obituaries

Ray M. Robbins

Ray M. Robbins, 76, of Irrigon, died Wednesday, January 13, 1999, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Portland.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 16, 1999 at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston.

Mr. Robbins was born March 27, 1922, at Caldwell, Idaho, to Charles and Anna M. Yarrington Robbins.

On June 24, 1942, he married Ruth Pratt at Boise, Idaho.

He served with the U.S. Army in Northern France during World War II. After the war, he worked as a logger until 1959 when he moved to Stanfield where he worked at a fertilizer plant. He later moved to Hermiston where he was employed at Marlette Homes until his retirement in 1970.

The Robbins lived in Hermiston for 30 years before moving to Irrigon 10 years ago.

Mr. Robbins was a member of the Umatilla Assembly of God Church, the Hermiston VFW Post 4750 and the Old Time Fiddlers.

He raised pigs and livestock, was a mechanic, enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, and greatly enjoyed his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Ruth Robbins of Irrigon; sons, Vernon of Irrigon, Virgil of Tulare, California, Vance of Trondheim, Norway, and Monte of Litchfield, Arizona; daughters, Sharon Douglas of Irrigon, and Iris Robbins of Apache Junction, Arizona; sister, Flossie Sagers of Grants Pass; 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Anna Robbins; brother, Horace Robbins; and sister, Grace Hammack.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Umatilla Assembly of God Church.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Baseball wall destroyed in storm

The Heppner High School baseball outfield wall was destroyed during a recent windstorm.

"The coaching staff and players were devastated by this destruction," says coach Robin Graff. "Many hours of hard work have gone into the field as they continued to improve the baseball facility. We are trying to turn a very heartbreaking and negative situation into a positive for the Heppner baseball program."

While the right field fence was a very short distance, a 30-foot wall and net were constructed, giving the ballpark an effect that right field was deeper than it actually was. Graff said that now that it has been destroyed, an excavation project, that has school district approval, is underway to lengthen the length of the field.

Volunteers are now being sought to help complete this project. Graff said that the baseball program has received commitments from Ryan Miller, Roger Britt, Morrow County

Grain Growers, Devin Oil and the Heppner Booster Club to help to cover costs for some fuel, some equipment and labor.

"Any help - little or small will be greatly appreciated," added Graff. A committee to help with the organization of the project is in the process of being formed.

For more information, contact Graff, 422-7131 ext. 34 work, or 422-7191 home; or Tony Pupo, 676-9139 work or 676-5749 home.

Wheat commission plans meeting

The Oregon Wheat Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 25, via conference call originating at the OWC offices in Portland at 1 p.m.

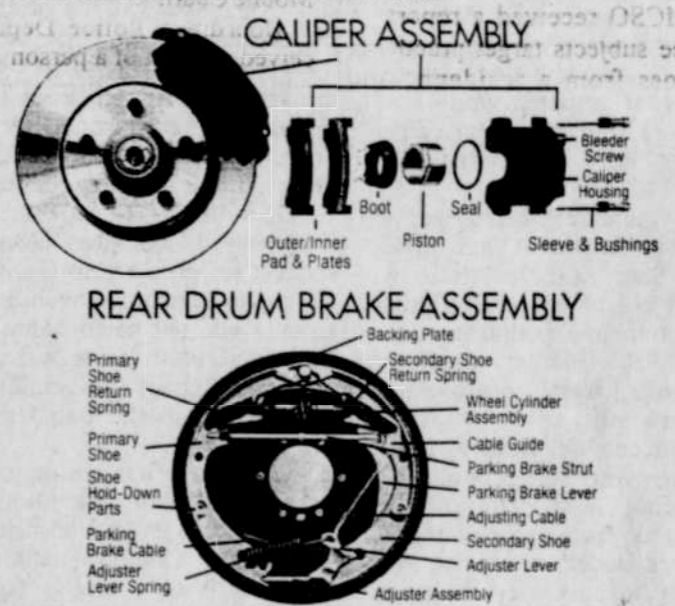
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 Week of Dec. 29

	W	L
The BJs	3	1
The Dregs	3	1
MCGG	1	3
No Pin Hitters	1	3

High game: Joan Smith 181.
 High series: Joan Smith 505.
 Splits: Bunnie Lindsay 5-10.

Week of Jan. 7

	W	L
The BJs	6	2
MCGG	4	4
The Dregs	4	4
No Pin Hitters	2	6

High game: Joan Smith 187, LaJuana McKenzie 185.

High series: Joan Smith 504, tie between Janet Beamer and LaJuana McKenzie 485.

Splits: Iris Campbell 5-7, Betty Brown 5-6-10, Rene Ledbetter 1-2-10.

Women's support group

A women's support group, sponsored by Domestic Services of Morrow and Umatilla counties, will be held at the Family Services Center on Main Street in Heppner on Mondays at 7 p.m. beginning January 25.

For more information, call 1-541-276-3322.

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January 23rd - Saturday
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