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## Lutheran Brotherhood helps local agencies



A group gathers in front of the Heppner Daycare and Preschool celebrating the donation of storm doors for the center. Pictured left to right back are: Linda Shaw, representing Hope Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Brotherhood; Patti Pappas, Heppner Daycare Board member; Sheryl Delveaux, daycare employee; Merry Brannon, daycare director; Bob DeSpain, volunteer; Brian Rill, Heather Rill and Patty Rill, employee; front row: Stephanie Rill, Carrie Haguewood, Brent Brosnan and Lizzy Rill.

By Linda Shaw

Lutheran Brotherhood, "an organization of more than one million Lutherans working together for financial security, volunteer service and benevolent outreach" has helped several agencies in the Heppner community this fall.

On Nov. 5, Lutheran Brotherhood's "Care and Share" program purchased bulk foods such as flour, rice, pasta, corn meal and various canned goods for food pantries in Heppner. Donna McCurdy and Judy Rickert, members of Hope Lutheran Church, delivered the allocation to Janice Skaggs, manager of the South Morrow County Neighborhood Center, and to the senior meal site through Corol Mitchell, CAPECO's senior coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging.

The Heppner Day Care received a grant of \$300 to purchase much-needed storm doors and special safety locks. Linda Shaw, Lutheran Brotherhood coordinator for Hope Lutheran, worked with Heppner Day Care manager Merry Brannon and its board of directors (Kim Armato, Kim George, Missy Lindsay, Patti Pappas and Sue Thompson) to determine the best use of the grant and to select the doors. The doors were purchased locally at Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply. Bob DeSpain volunteered to do the installation.

One hundred copies of a special advent calendar provided by Lutheran Brotherhood will be distributed the evening of Thursday, Dec. 2 during the Heppner Light Parade. The calendar will be available to those who visit the liv-

ing manger. The manger was organized by Marlene Currin and Judy Rickert of Hope Lutheran, with participation from members (and animals) of Hope and Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal Church.

Lutheran churches are also eligible for grants through matching fund programs. This opportunity helped Hope replace its furnace this fall before the cold weather hit. Fund raisers organized by the Women of Hope and co-chairs Shelli Britt and Robanai Disque enabled the church to qualify for a congregational matching funds of \$450.

## Christmas tree permits available

Christmas tree permits are now available at all offices of the Umatilla National Forest and at several local vendors, including Heppner Chevron. Permits may be purchased for \$5 per tree. One Christmas tree permit is required for each tree cut. There is a limit of one tree per household, although friends, relatives and neighbors may pickup permits for others. Permits are valid on federal Forest Service lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, state or other federally

Pastor Dick Metz, who serves Hope and Valby Lutheran churches and, through the Mutual Ministry Program, All Saints Episcopal, worked for Lutheran Brotherhood while in seminary. He emphasizes the opportunities available for volunteer service as well as educational and financial assistance in the community. The Lutheran Brotherhood's headquarters is in Minneapolis, MN, but the Blue Mountain branch and its district representative Tim Klipfel coordinate services to communities served by Lutheran churches such as Hope Lutheran.

managed lands.

Permits and forest maps may be purchased during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, at the Supervisor's office in Pendleton and at the four district offices in Heppner, Ukiah, Walla Walla and Pomeroy, WA.

Douglas fir and Englemann spruce are the most popular trees, though ponderosa pine and lodgepole pine make unique and fragrant alternatives, said a Umatilla National Forest news release.

## Ione Schools concert Dec. 20

The Ione Schools holiday concert will be held on Monday, December 20, beginning at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The musical play, presented by the high school choir and the kindergarten through grade 12 music classes, including the

middle school band, beginning band and general music classes, is based on "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. The play was re-written specifically for the Ione cast by teacher Darlene Marquardt with the help of the high school choir students.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## St. Pat's Committee meeting slated

The St. Patrick's Celebration committee will meet Monday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Kate's Pizza. All event chairpersons are encouraged to attend, said Claudia Hughes, Chamber of Commerce executive director. Decisions will be made on the fountain, entertainment, barbecue and other events. It is also time to finalize the brochure for March 17-19, 2000.

The committee will receive Morrow County Recreation District funds for additional music and entertainment during the 2000 celebration, which is free to the public. Those with a request or recommendation are asked to get in touch with Hughes or Cara Osmin right away.

## Holiday concert planned

The South Morrow Community Choir and the "Sentimentalists" will present their annual holiday concert on Sunday, December 5, at 3 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

Everyone is invited to attend for "an hour of fun Christmas music to kick off your holiday season."

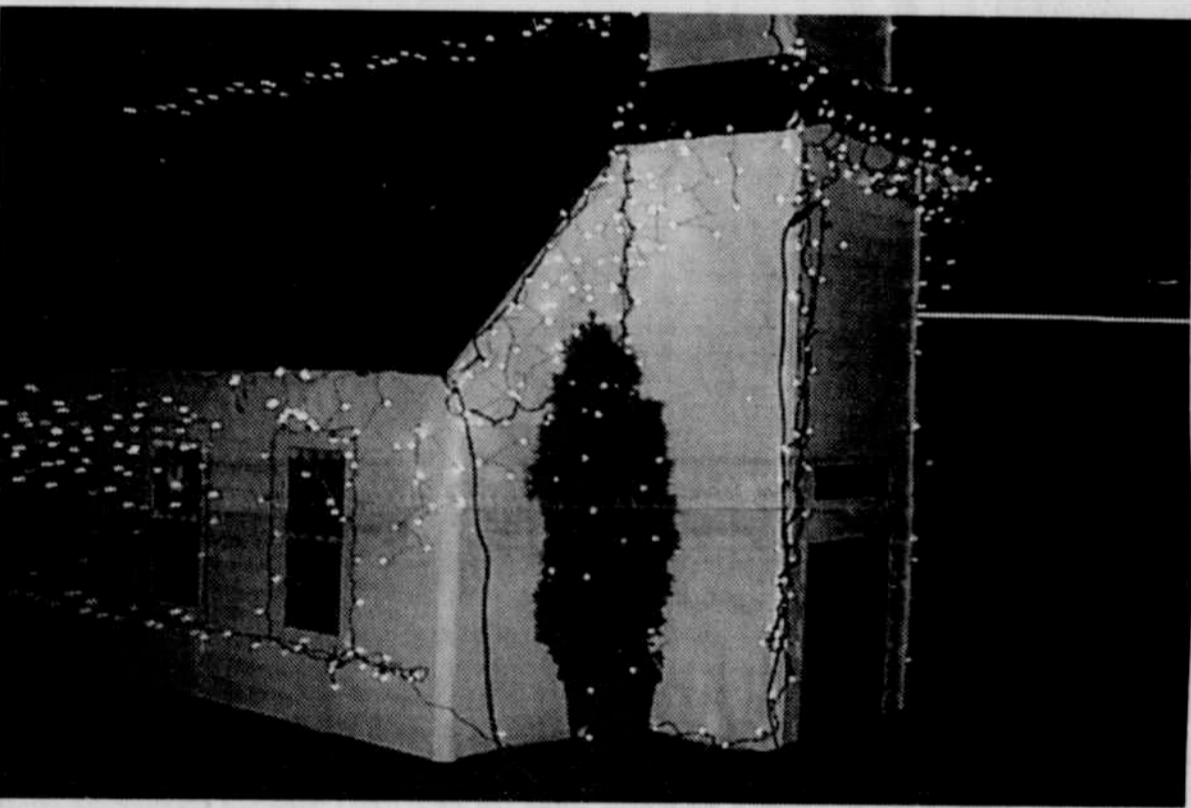
## New Punch Card Contest winners announced



Staci Osmin of Murray Drugs draws the winning names for this week's Christmas Punch contest. Winners this week were Shirley McNary, a \$25 gift certificate to Peterson's Jewelers; Sherry Sieler, a \$25 gift certificate to Murray Drugs; Thelma Epping, a \$25 winner at Coast to Coast; and Janet Greenup, a \$25 gift certificate winner at Gardner's Men's Wear.

There are still lots of prizes to be given away, so be sure to pick up your punch card at participating business, and for every \$5 spent at any participating business, get your card punched. More \$25 gift certificates will be given away next Tuesday, and all cards entered are eligible for the big drawing for \$550 in gift certificates at the end of the contest. Participating businesses are: Gardner's Men's Wear, Coast to Coast, Les Schwab Tires, Peterson's Jewelers, Lott's Electric, Shoe Box, Central Red Apple Market, Pettyjohn's, MCGG, Court Street Market and Murray Drugs/Country Rose.

## Activities planned for Light Parade



Entry from last year's parade of lights

The Christmas season will be in full swing in Heppner on Thursday, December 2, with a host of activities for the Stroll Heppner and Light Parade.

Everyone is invited to Stroll Heppner with downtown business open houses planned from 2-6 p.m.

Santa and his reindeer will make his annual visit from 2-7 p.m. at the Red Apple Market and photos with Santa and the reindeer will be available from 3-5:30 p.m.

The Heppner Junior/Senior High School choir will perform from 4:50-5:10 p.m. and the Heppner High School band will take over entertainment from 5:10-5:35 p.m.

A living nativity scene will be

## Lexington to enter parade

By Delpha Jones

The city of Lexington will enter the Parade of Lights on Thursday evening with the fire engine. The newly organized fire dept. auxiliary will prepare the fire engine for the parade.

Before and during the parade, the auxiliary will serve coffee, hot chocolate and cinnamon rolls for a benefit from a table in front of Cal's Restaurant. Donations are appreciated, said a spokesperson. Everyone is welcome to attend.

presented downtown by Hope and Valby Lutheran churches and All Saints' Episcopal from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The light parade will gear up at 6 p.m. Entry forms are available at local businesses. Cash prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 will be awarded. Line-up for contestants is at 5 p.m. Light Up Heppner will be at 6:30 p.m.

## Lexington plans lighting contest

The town of Lexington is planning a Christmas lighting contest. "Christmas is coming and it is time to light up your life and your household for the holidays," said a town spokesperson.

Columbia Basin has donated \$75 for the contest and Morrow County Grain Growers has donated gift certificates. First place will receive \$30; second place,

A benefit dance for the proposed radio station "KNOW" will be held at Heppner High School from 7:30-11 p.m. The dance, for all ages, will feature the local group, "Final Warning", and door prizes will be awarded. Admission is \$3 each.

Everyone is reminded to fill out Christmas Punch cards at local participating businesses.

\$25; third place, \$20; fourth place, a \$15 gift certificate; and honorable mention, a \$10 gift certificate.

Judges selected from out of town will tour Lexington on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 22, to make the final decisions.

"Let's take pride in our town and make it a joy for others to drive through," said the spokesperson.

## Future of Ione preschool meeting topic

What is the future of Creative Care Preschool in Ione? That question will be discussed at a community meeting to be held Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Ione Fire Hall.

Currently, alternatives for the preschool include: purchasing the Christian Education building from the United Church of Christ, which had rented space to the preschool;

finding another site; creating a different type of program at another site; or closing the program.

The preschool board will make a decision following community input. Questions and comments may be directed to board president Shelly Rietmann, 422-7243, or treasurer Lea Mathieu, 422-7215.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.



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