

Letters to the Editor

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People make Heppner a great place to live

To the Editor:

We would like to tell everyone what a great place this Heppner area is to live in and own a business. Heppner retailers may never be "rich" in dollars, but we get a great return from the many friends and acquaintances we make.

Our open house last week was a true example: many people dropped by to enjoy our homemade cookies and refreshments. Without these people we wouldn't have any retail business left in Heppner.

Imagine what that would be like. No Coast to Coast, Gardner's Men's Wear, Lott's Electric, Green Feed, Pettyjohn's Supply, Murray

Lexington Fire Dept.

auxiliary to meet

The Lexington Fire Dept. Auxiliary will meet Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Lexington Town Hall.

Agenda items include: wrap up report on the Heppner Light Parade; election of officers; by-

laws; and upcoming fund raisers and education programs.

All interested citizens from Lexington and surrounding areas are invited to attend the meeting and join the auxiliary.

For more information, contact Luella Taylor, 989-8508.

Have a happy holiday season.
(s) Jerry and JoyceKay Hollomon Heppner

Auto magazine features local photographer, car owners

CruZin' Magazine, a magazine for automobile buffs, featured a photo spread and brief article by Allison Sykes of Heppner in its last issue.

Sykes photographed vintage automobiles that participated in the Blues Cruise III during Ione's Fourth of July Parade and celebration.

Sykes is a senior at Heppner High School and editor of the

HEHISCH, the school newspaper.

The photo spread included photographs of a 1965 Mustang owned by Chuck and Justin Nelson, Lexington, a 1965 Chevy pickup owned by Hobbie Hansen, a 1936 Plymouth Tudor Sedan owned by Mike and Tracie Bunch, a 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air owned by Gary Watkins and a 1923 Ford T-bucket owned by Mickey Kindle, all Heppner.

KNOW meeting slated for Dec. 20

The next meeting of KNOW, Heppner's proposed radio station, will be held Monday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in the back building conference room.

The meeting will focus on the results of a survey. Everyone is asked to fill out the surveys received with electric bills. Those who didn't get a survey may find extras at the Red Apple Market, Lexington Cenex convenience store, Murray Drugs, Ione Post Office, and Beecher's Restau-

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op agreed to disseminate the surveys and Shoe Box provided survey collection boxes.

Those who have any questions, ideas or other constructive comments may call the project coordinator, Monika Hunter, 676-9224.

Hunter said that KNOW's fund raising dance on Dec. 9 was very successful with over \$500 raised. "The band sounded great and there was a wide range of parties present," she said.

Messiah presentation planned

The Inland Northwest Musicians Orchestra and Choral will perform three concerts of Handel's "Messiah" this holiday season. Concerts are scheduled on Friday, Dec. 17 at the Hermiston Community Center at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 18 at the Fossil High School at 3:15 p.m.; and a free concert on Sunday, Dec. 19 in the Heppner Middle School gymnasium at 3:15 p.m.

The Inland Northwest Musician's performance of the "Messiah" will feature a select 20-voice choral accompanied by a chamber orchestra of strings, harpsichord and tympani. In addition, the string section of the orchestra will be highlighted in Manfredini's Christmas Concerto, which is a three movement Baroque concerto grosso written in

A performance of Christmas and folk songs by the local Willow Creek Symphony will be included in the Heppner program.

Creative Arts

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Christmas party and meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 16 at Cal's Restaurant banquet room. A no-host lunch at 1 p.m. will be followed by a business meeting.

New officers for the year 2000 will be elected.

A Christmas gift exchange will be held with gifts under \$10 and those attending are asked to bring a tray of goodies for afternoon enjoyment.

New members are welcome to attend.

The concert will conclude with a sing-along of familiar Christmas carols for audience participation accompanied by both the Inland Northwest Orchestra and the Willow Creek Symphony.

Local sponsors for this concert include the Bank of Eastern Oregon; Central Red Apple Market; Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative; Klamath First Federal; Les Schwab Tire Center; Morrow County Abstract and Title; Morrow County Grain Growers; Murray Drugs and Country Rose, John and Ann Murray; Peterson's Jewelers; TREO Ranches, Inc.; Loren and Kathryn Unruh; VanMarter and Kahl Insurance; and Wheatland Insurance.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

Seventy-two people were present for the senior dinner on Dec. 1 and 17 meals were home-delivered. Members of the Christian Missionary Fellowship served. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for Wednesday, Dec. 15 will be beef stroganoff, carrots, spinach salad, hot rolls and brownie with cherry topping. Members of the First Christian Church will serve.

Ralph Walker brought a beautiful Christmas tree in for the senior center last week. He set it up, put the lights on and decorated the top limbs for us. The seniors did the rest of the decorating. We really appreciate him bringing a tree to the center. He has been doing this for many years.

Jane Rawlins brought in trees for the lobby and foyer. Decorating of the center is still ongoing. "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

Exercises are still scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.; cards on Tuesday and Friday at 1 p.m.; and Bingo Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in these activities.

The Dollaride van is scheduled for appointments through the senior center office. Those needing a ride may call the office, 676-9030, and a driver will be called for you.

Court hears public works report MacKenzie to succeed Kinsey

By Doris Brosnan

Public Works Director Guy Van Arsdale reported on several issues at the Morrow County Court meeting held Dec. 1: the completed moving of the previous owners' gravel at the Clarks Canyon pit; the status of the Anson Wright Park survey; the status of the crusher, which will be moved to the Irrigon pit; signs that need repair; the barricades requested by the emergency management director for two road closures.

Van Arsdale requested, and the court approved, the changing of the job title "assistant road master" to "assistant public works director" with no change in classification, job description or salary. He and the court briefly discussed the surveying of the proposed Ione-Boardman road and the weed manager position. Van Arsdale also addressed the airport plan, for which the court approved his application for a grant to be used toward funding an automatic weather observation system. The court agreed that Van Arsdale should check on the price of a truck/sander/snow plow that the state plans to sell.

Computer manager Ed Struthers discussed several issues with the court: the line and long distance rates of four companies; the need to change carriers and his investigating of options, web server lines and a problem with the department's vehicle. The court approved a pair gain modem for a backup unit for the lines between the courthouse and annex, and the annex and emergency operations center. They also approved installation of an uninterrupted power supply at the courthouse.

The court reconvened the public hearing on the annexation of territory to the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District (BRFPD). There being no opposition, the court approved the annexation. Mark Rogelstad of the BRFPD informed the court that a meeting is scheduled for January for further discussion of a countywide district.

JV girls down Umatilla 49-42

Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' JV team rallied in the fourth quarter to get a 49-42 win in Umatilla on Friday, Dec. 3.

The Mustangs built a 24-16 lead at halftime only to see Umatilla rally in the third to take a 34-32 lead after three. but the Mustangs used a three-pointer by Jesse Gutierrez and seven points, including three of four free throws by Brett Barber to rally for the win.

Gutierrez ended up with 13

points, including three three-pointers to lead the Mustangs. Barber hit a three-pointer and ended up with 12 points. Sarah Eckman scored eight and Meghan Bailey seven.

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The hot chocolate, cinnamon rolls and coffee were well received by parade watchers. The truck was driven by Bob Taylor.

Final business was approval of a letter to be sent to Governor Kitzhaber, urging his approval of a Baker-Morrow regional partnership.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

Marlene Grey and Susan Lankford motored to Portland, taking Tony Lankford for medical attention.

Many of the people in the community have expressed their appreciation of the work by the Fire Dept. Auxiliary and helpers in preparing the Lexington fire truck for the parade Thursday in Heppner.

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MacKenzie to succeed Kinsey

The Rev. A. James MacKenzie, rector of the Church of the Redeemer in Pendleton, was elected recently to be the sixth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

MacKenzie, 52, who will be ordained/consecrated in The Dalles in June, will succeed the

Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey, who will retire. Kimsey has been bishop of the 69,000 square mile diocese since 1980.

MacKenzie has served in Pendleton since 1991. He is a graduate of Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary, WI., and has a bachelor's degree in business.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has released the following circuit court report for business conducted November 18:

-Graciela Garcia pled guilty to Official Misconduct II, a violation, and was sentenced to pay fines and assessments of \$369.

-William L. Sturgeon was found in violation of his probation and sentenced to a five-year extension of his probation from the original sentence date; ordered to report to the Veterans Hospital for anger management and stay in the sex offender program until expiration of probation; ordered to inform the VA hospital to send a letter to the DA advising of his entrance into the above programs; and ordered to obtain a release of information to the DA from the VA hospital to monitor compliance with treatment.

-Linda E. Wilhelm pled no contest to Possession of a Controlled substance, a Class C felony, and sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; fines, fees and assessments of \$929 with \$500 suspended; 12 months' probation with a conditional discharge on successful completion of probation; and be subject to the drug package.

-Miranda L. Torres was found guilty of Careless Driving, a Class A traffic infraction, and Menacing, a Class A misdemeanor, and sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended; 24 months' bench probation; fines and assessments of \$2794 with \$2,500 suspended; and ordered to have no further contact with the victim.

-Bernard Ivan Welch pled guilty to Attempted Manufacture of a Controlled Substance, a Class B felony and was sentenced to 18 months' probation with the following conditions-pay fines, fees and assessments of \$2,969 with \$2,500 suspended; 90 sanction units and 30 custody units; 80 hours community service work; and ordered to comply with all drug conditions and report to his probation officer.

-Oscar Dean Smith pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, a Class B felony, and sentenced to pay a \$5,000 fine, \$2,500 suspended; 18 months' probation with 90 custody units, 30 of which will be used for jail, suspended on the condition that the defendant comply with all terms and conditions; 80 hours community service; and comply with all drug conditions.

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Holly Rebekah PNG club has luncheon

By Delpha Jones

The Past Noble Grand Club of the Holly Rebekah Lodge met at the hall Saturday afternoon for the Christmas luncheon. The table was decorated with a red lace tablecloth, centered by a red and silver candelabra.

Everyone received miniature Christmas decorations.

An election of officers was held, with president Joyce Buchanan, vice president Marlene Grey and secretary Luella Taylor.

The grange meets every three months with members being hostesses. Hostesses for the Saturday luncheon were Luella Taylor and Delpha Jones.

Osteoporosis screening planned in Heppner

An osteoporosis screening has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heppner St. Patrick's Senior Center.

There is a charge for the service Blue Mountain Diagnostic Imaging, which is providing the screenings, requires a physician's order for the test and asks that those wishing to take the test bring insurance cards with them.

A Blue Mountain Diagnostic Imaging news release says that a simple one-minute ultrasound test can assess bone density. According to a BMDI news release, "Osteoporosis affects 23 million American women, however most women don't even know they have it. Half of all women past menopause have or are at high risk of developing osteoporosis."

For more information, contact BMDI in Pendleton, 1-800-327-2431.

Creative Arts club to raffle Robert Walton painting

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts are sponsoring a raffle of a Robert Walton painting with proceeds to go towards a mural on the antique farm machinery building. The building, a former grain elevator located in Heppner, now houses the Shorty Peck farm machinery collection and many other pieces. The mural on the outside of the building will draw attention to some of the collection items inside.

The raffle painting was done by well-known artist Robert Walton of Leavenworth, WA. It can be seen in the Heppner TV

window. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. All checks should be made payable to Farm Foundation, a tax-deductible 501-C-3 foundation.

4-H News

Barnyarders 4-H Club

By Amy Jepsen, reporter

The Barnyarders 4-H swine club held their third meeting of the club year on Thursday, Dec. 3.

Twenty members were present. Two new members, Amy and Molly Majors, were welcomed into the club.

The club held elections for the 1999-2000 club year. Daniel Jepsen was chosen as president and Katie Sherritt, vice president. The secretary/treasurer is Meagan Unruh and the reporter is Amy Jepsen.

The Barnyarders also discussed what they wanted to do and learn in the club this year.

The next meeting will be held sometime in January. Anyone interested in having a 4-H pig this year should contact Bill Jepsen at 676-5244.

Heppner Horse 4-H'ers

By Stacy Just, reporter

Heppner Horse 4-H'ers... attention please. The horse 4-H club needs members and a name. If you are interested, please come to the club's second meeting this Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in the 4-H annex building at the fairgrounds.

For more information, contact Ruby Shear, 422-7290.

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