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## Heppner FFA holds party, sales presentation

The Heppner FFA held a bowling and pizza party at Corbin's Bowl and Diner at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Dan Jepsen, Tony Looney, Stacy Delveux, Tracy Baker, Dawn DeBoer, Travis Rhode and Cory Miller showed up for the fun. The group bowled four or five games each while enjoying pizza.

The next day, the FFA left early for Milton Freewater for the FFA Sales Presentation competition. At this event, all members were to do a sales presentation, then either an advertisement or customer service project.

In the sales presentation, members made a sales pitch to a pair of judges, trying to sell them a product of their choice. Products sold ranged from game birds to no-till drills. Contestants were graded on their approach, demonstration, response to objections and the closure.

The advertisement projects were simple. The contestants made a newspaper advertisement with the provided materials. This year's ad was to sell lawn and garden equipment. They used scissors, glue, and clip art of lawn equipment, and a marker to make other advertisements.

FFA members who did the customer service project, Tracy Baker, Dawn DeBoer, Stacy Delveux, Dan Jepsen, Travis Thode, Ben Turrell and Sam Van Liew, were given a company policy to study quickly and then answer questions and objections from a panel of judges, using the information from the policy.

Heppner was one of six teams competing in the beginning ag sales category. Heppner placed fifth overall. With this year's experiences the Heppner FFA hopes to take one of the top places in next year's competition.

## Students donate over 800 items in food drive



Students at Heppner Junior/Senior High School donated over 800 cans of food to the Heppner Neighborhood Center in the school's food drive which ended this week. HHS Principal Ron Anthony said that the high school was ahead in the food drive contest Monday, but the junior high students met the challenge and surpassed the older students in the number of items donated Tuesday. He said the high school students subsequently had to treat the younger kids to ice cream. Pictured above with the school's contributions are: (left to right) seventh grader Shanna Rietmann, junior high school secretary; senior Casey Ingraham, high school student body president; eighth grader Luke Murray, junior high student body president; and senior Michael Schonbachler, senior class secretary.

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## Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters.

### Heppner Daycare worthy donation

To the Editor:

The holidays are often described as the season of giving. In this light, I would like you to consider a worthy recipient of your generosity. The Heppner Daycare has been serving our community for years. The daycare provides not only the necessary service of caring for its charges, but it also educates our young children in preschool and helps our children to learn to adapt to social interaction. These benefits to our community cannot be over-appreciated.

The staff of Heppner Daycare is dedicated to providing our community's children with the healthiest environment possible. Please continue to help them

with your generous support. Your contributions will help to enhance the programs offered, including providing the daycare's services to the less advantaged and special needs children of our community.

Morrow County has shown that children truly hold a dear place in the hearts of its citizens. As a parent, volunteer and member of our community, I appreciate your help. I assure you that your tax-deductible gifts to Heppner Daycare will be used to enhance the daycare program's ability to provide our children with the compassionate care they so richly deserve.

(s) Kim Cutsforth  
Heppner

### Volunteers make communities better

To the Editor:

The following letter to the editor from Darlene Starr of Spray appeared in last week's edition of the Condon Times-Journal. Because it expresses the spirit of the Christmas season so very well, I feel it is appropriate to reprint it with Mrs. Starr's permission in the Heppner Gazette-Times.

To the Editor:

*In the spirit of the holiday season, I want to thank everyone who volunteers in this busy world. For all persons who volunteer with sometimes their life - deputies, firefighters, and EMTs - to those no less important board members, city councilors, sports event volunteers, teacher aides, ambulance drivers, decoration committees and the list can and does go on, so please forgive me if I left out any group. Everyone who volunteers, whether it is to sweep someone's porch or to fight fire, is as deserving of appreciation as the other.*

*When people volunteer, they devote countless hours away from home and family. They do not have to volunteer, but they do. These people make every one*

*of our communities a better place to be. It's our volunteers who create our community. We should all be very proud and grateful they serve. Surprise your special volunteer with a handshake, smile and a thank you. To my own special group, thank you Spray Volunteer Ambulance. Everyone is a delight to be around in the first place, much less under stress - you guys are the greatest.*

*May the joy of the season bring peace to everyone.*

Sincerely,  
Darlene Starr  
EMT-1

Spray Volunteer Ambulance

Spray  
I think you will agree that Mrs. Starr has described what gives small, eastern Oregon communities a very special character. The willingness of volunteers to pitch in and help is the thing which creates the quality of life which we treasure.

Let me commend all our community volunteers and encourage all to keep up the good work in the year 2000.

(s) John Edmundson  
Heppner

### Enjoyed children's letters to editor

To the Editor:

Really enjoyed all the letters to the Editor from the Heppner fifth and sixth grade classes. They were well written and full of meaning. Sounds like there are

some very nice youngsters in the Heppner town.

(s) Arnold Braat  
Boardman

P.S. I wish them a nice holiday season.

### Student letters to the editor

Editor's note: following are more letters to the editor from students in Jannie Allen's fifth/sixth grade class at Heppner Elementary School.

To the Editor:

I would like it if you could help people get rid of their cars. Cars pollute and a person can't breathe. If we have cars that pollute, we should get rid of cars or make solar-powered cars. Please help; only you can make a difference.

Sincerely,  
(s) Colton Hanson

ing a good example to other people. This way, they will hopefully do it too. And if you're reading this article, you should try it too.

Sincerely,  
(s) Dan Basile

To the Editor:  
I think the world would be a better place if our community was cleaner and brighter. We can start by picking up most of the trash around the streets of our community.

We can put more trash cans out and paint them in your town's colors. Rake the leaves around your yard or even shovel the snow on the sidewalks. We can even volunteer for some of the town's activities. That would make the activities go faster. I hope this will encourage everyone to clean up our community.

(s) Terrence Parret

**We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year  
from the staff at Beecher's**

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at Beecher's Restaurant!**

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## Hands on science classes planned for kids

The winter session of Hands on Science is scheduled to begin January 14 at Heppner and Ione elementary schools on non-school Fridays.

The Hands on Science Program is a recreational science program open to children in grades K-6. This winter session will feature classes in architecture and engineering at Ione Elementary and Mechanical Energy at Heppner Elementary.

The Ione Elementary classes include "Shape Makers" (pre-kindergarten-grade one) and "Behind the Magic" (two-six).

The "Shape Makers" class will have the students building the strongest bridges and the tallest towers. The students will change circles to cylinders, squares to cubes and triangles to tetrahedrons. Finger traps, "rapper snappers", ramps and balancing acts will have center stage in this class.

The "Behind the Magic" class will have the students exploring topology, geodesics, balance and three-dimensional designs. The activities are designed to tickle the brain with teasers, puzzles, tricks, and games. Some may think this is magic, but the students will be unlocking the science secrets behind these activities.

Both of these classes will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Ione Elementary School.

The Heppner Elementary classes include "Toymaker" (kindergarten-grade two) and "Bright Ideas" (three-six). The "Toymaker" class will make use of simple machines such as wheels, levers, wedges, pulleys, and screws to create toys.

The "Bright Ideas" class will turn its participants into inventors. Students will make

their own version of a flashlight, a circuit game, a simple motor and more. They will even try their hands at copper plating. "Toymaker" will meet from 3-4 p.m. and "Bright Ideas" will meet from 2-3 p.m. at Heppner Elementary School's small cafeteria.

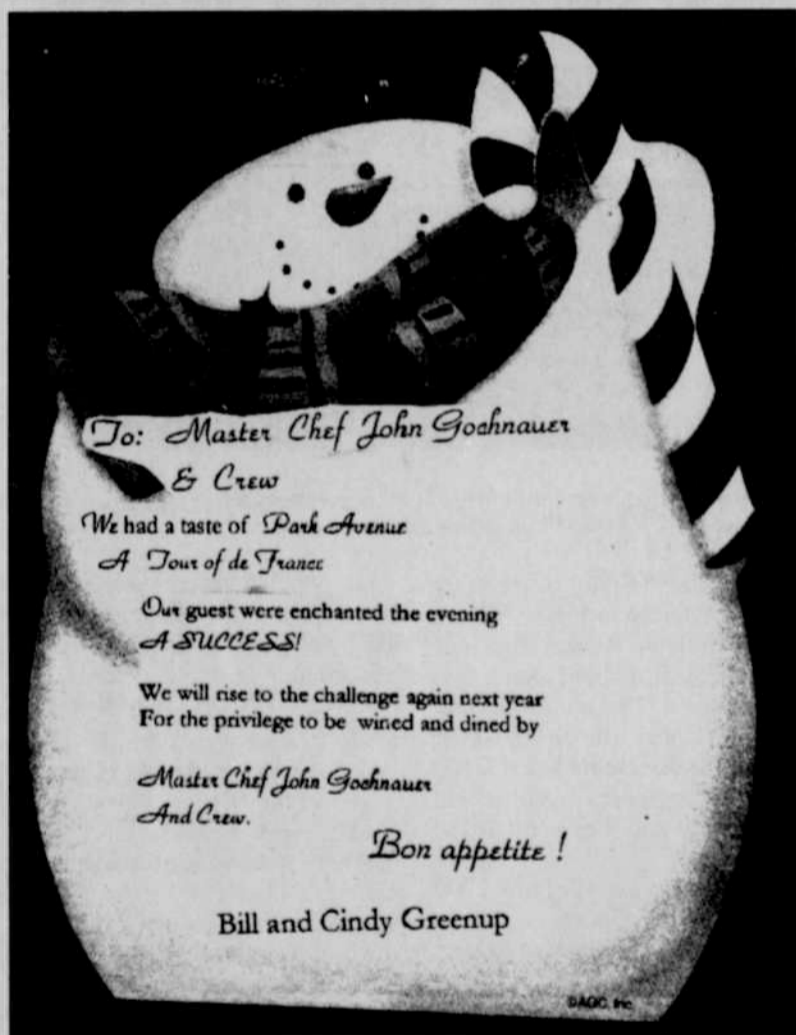
The Hands on Science program is being made available through the Umatilla/Morrow ESD. There is a \$45 registration fee. "This fee enables the students to come to class with nothing and leave with lots of stuff so they can repeat the experiments at home," says Hands on Science area coordinator, Sarah Carlson. Scholarships are available. "We don't want cost to be a prohibitive factor to participation in these classes," says Carlson.

There are eight classes in the session so the session will end on March 17. Look for registration forms to be coming home from school with your child, or forms will be available at the public libraries and post offices in Heppner and Ione. Register early.

The classes are limited to 10 participants. For more information about the program or scholarship information contact Sarah Carlson 422-7245.

### Correction

A story in the December 15 issue of the Gazette-Times erroneously reported that just the third grade classes at Heppner Elementary School participated in a food drive. All the classes participated. The school gathered over 505 pounds of food which they donated to the Heppner Neighborhood Center for distribution.



**Wishing you everything you need to make your Christmas a memorable one.**

Thanks to you, loyal friends.

**MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Coast to Coast**

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