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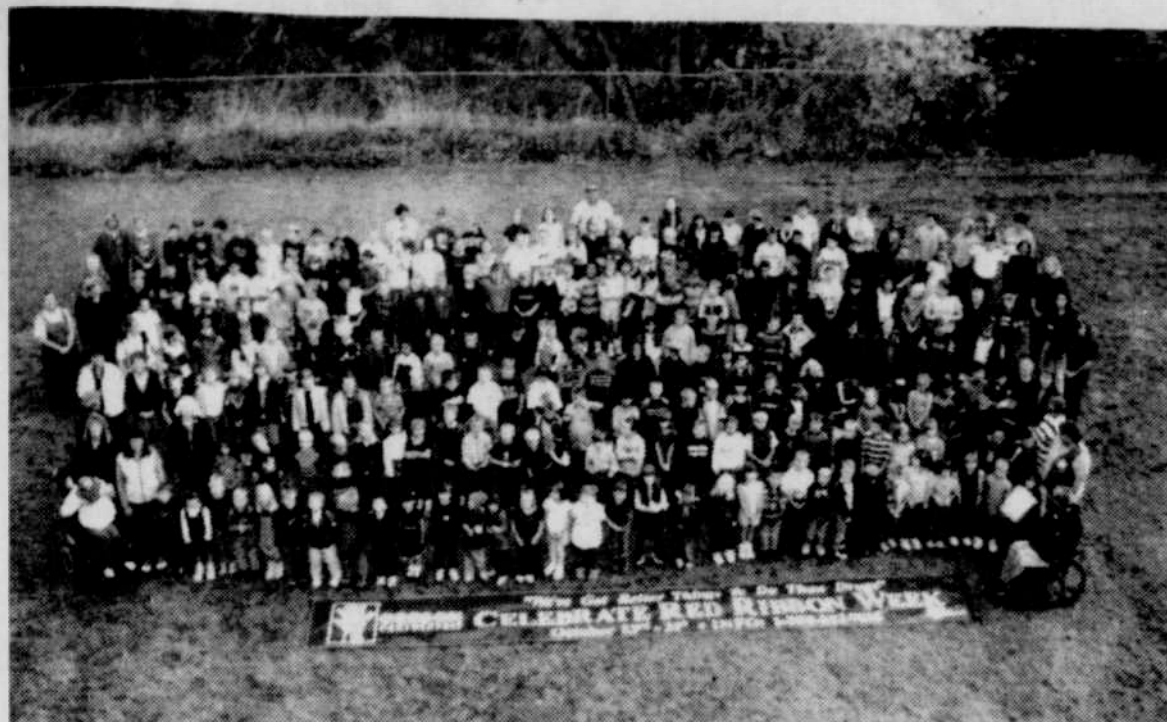
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## Red Ribbon Days at HES this week



Heppner Elementary students pose for photo during Red Ribbon Week.

photo by Sandy Matthews

October 25, 26, 30 and 31 will be official Red Ribbon Days at Heppner Elementary School.

The purpose of the Red Ribbon Celebration is to present a unified and visible commitment to celebrate healthy, drug-free lifestyles, and develop an attitude of zero tolerance to the use of illegal drugs and the illegal use of legal drugs, said HES Principal Phyllis Danielson. This year's national theme is "Leading by Example."

The Red Ribbon Celebration began when a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985.

Red Ribbons are worn during

Red Ribbon Week each year to demonstrate commitment to a healthy drug-free lifestyle. The Red Ribbon Celebration has expanded beyond one week in October to year-round prevention efforts that advance a vision of drug-free individuals and communities.

The Red Ribbon Celebration is designed to create public awareness about the problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs and to organize and support healthy, drug-free youth activities, programs and teacher resources.

This week many businesses decorated have been decorated by the classrooms of HES. A guest speaker is planned at the

end of the month assembly on Wednesday at 1 p.m. In addition, there will be a different theme each day-Wednesday: "Sock It To Drugs" - everyone wears crazy socks; Thursday: "Saying No To Drugs Is No Sweat" - everyone wears sweats; Monday: "Turn Your Back On Drugs" - everyone wears their clothes backwards; and Tuesday: "Wear Red Day" - each classroom will try to be the one wearing the most red.

Heppner Elementary School encourages all people to demonstrate their commitment for a Drug-Free America by wearing and displaying Red Ribbons during Red Ribbon Days, said Danielson.

## EOU, BMCC join for business degree

Eastern Oregon University and Blue Mountain Community College are currently delivering a joint baccalaureate degree program in business administration within the BMCC service area via distance education. The program is a part of the Eastern Oregon Collaborative College Center (EOCCC).

According to Deborah Lee of the Umatilla/Morrow Eastern Regional Center, "The business administration program is designed for persons who are place bound in the Umatilla/Morrow county BMCC district. These persons desire to complete a degree in business administration but cannot travel to EOU in La Grande to complete the final two years of the program after attending BMCC. This new program offers a solution to this challenge."

Students entering the program will complete the business degree transfer program through Blue Mountain Community College and complete the remainder of their degree via Eastern. Transfer students from other colleges and universities are also good candidates for the program.

The courses will be offered via a number of delivery formats: traditional classes offered at non-traditional times, distance learning and a combination of the two.

This term's feature course will be taught on Nov. 10-11. "Diversity in the Workplace", for two credits, will be taught by Dr. Ted Atkinson of Eastern Oregon University.

A few remaining spaces are still left for new enrollees in the course. Call the EOU Regional Center in Pendleton at 278-5776

to register and save a space.

Cost of the program would be a combination of the BMCC tuition rate of \$40 per credit and EOU at \$95. It takes a minimum of 186 credits to complete the degree with at least 60 of the credits at the EOU rate.

"We have found that many local employers are willing to assist these students with all or part of their college expenses. For those students whose employer does not, there is financial aid available for part time students who qualify," said Lee.

According to Dr. Atkinson, director of the program, "The program is innovative in that it combines solid theoretical

framework of the business discipline with a strong focus on practical, hands-on experience."

The degree was purposely developed to be responsive to the current and future business environments.

"The typical student attracted to this program will be an adult student who has performed well in their career within a local company. The management is very satisfied with their job performance and would like to promote them, yet the company policy is that they cannot promote employees without a college degree," explains Lee. "This program is perfect for a potential student who fits this profile."

## BMCC offers computer classes

Blue Mountain Community College is offering two computer courses in the upcoming weeks.

A free, three-hour Introduction to Computer workshop is being offered on Friday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at Heppner Elementary School.

Enrollment is limited with only a couple of spaces available so interested students are urged to call as soon as possible. The class will go over some of the basics of computer terminology and use, and will allow for some hands-on time.

Saturday, Nov. 4, a Windows

98 class will be taught by Jan Hood at Heppner Elementary School. This class is scheduled from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

This course offers students a chance to learn how to better utilize their computers using files and folders as well as change settings.

Students are not required to have a lot of experience but should be familiar with the keyboard and the use of the mouse. Cost of the class is \$40.

To pre-register or for further information, contact Anne Morter, BMCC South Morrow County coordinator, at 422-7040.

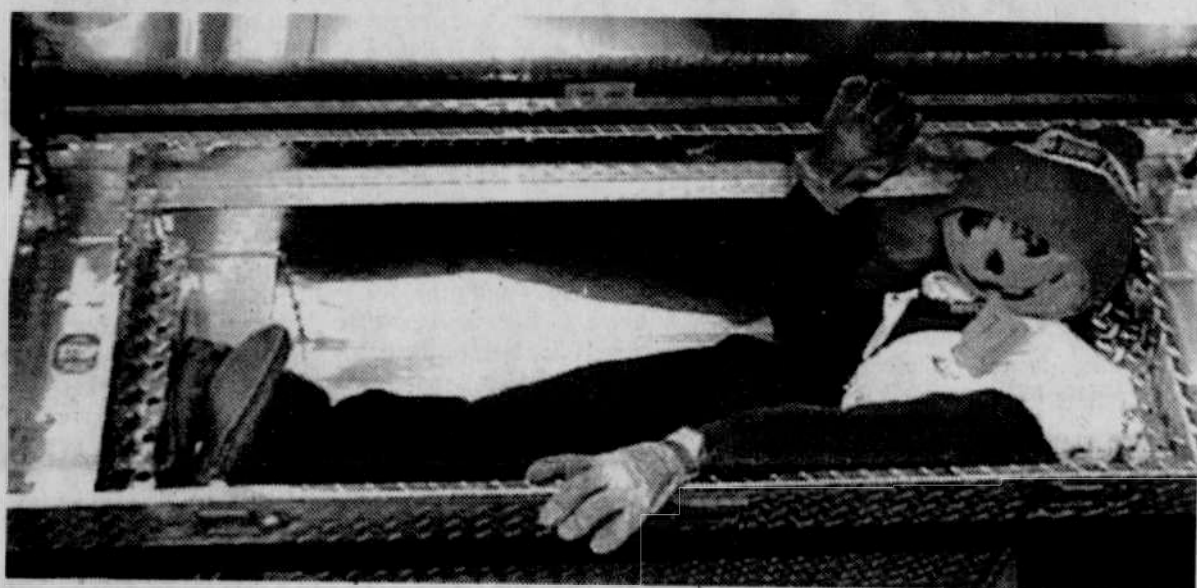
## City to read water meters year-round

The city of Heppner will now read water meters year-round. This is being done in response to customer requests and to more carefully observe the operation of the water system.

Because of the winter time readings, it is important to use proper insulation in the meter box. Meter readers advise that the only acceptable insulation is insulation batting cut to fit, placed in a plastic bag and laid on top of the meter. With this insulation, meter readers can readily move the insulation to read the meter and then replace

it. "Remember that you are trying to prevent the cold air from above the meter getting to the meter," said a city news release. There is enough heat in the ground below the meter to keep it from freezing. Placing insulation below the meter would be "counterproductive."

Insulation which is not installed properly may be removed from the box by meter readers. Meter readers are instructed to not replace insulation installed improperly.



Do you know where this guy lives? Check page five of this week's paper and see if you can identify the homes of 16 scarecrows. You could win a prize. Also you can vote on your favorite scarecrows around town.

## Food handler's class set in Heppner

A Food Handler's Class will be offered by Blue Mountain Community College and the State Health Division on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria.

A Food Handler's card is required by the State of Oregon for all employees who handle or prepared food in food service facilities in Oregon. This includes dishwasher, waiters, staff and business persons. Additionally, the card is also now required of all day care

workers.

The cost of the class is a \$10 licensing fee, payable to the State Health Department after successful completion of the written test. Registration will be done at class.

For further information, contact Anne Morter, South Morrow County BMCC coordinator, at 422-7040.

## Seventh day Adventist plan 50th anniversary

The Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church, 560 North Minor Street, is celebrating their 50th anniversary on Oct. 27-28.

Services are at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, and 9:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 28 with lunch and an afternoon meeting following.

Former pastors, members and the community are welcome to join in worship.

## Lexington water project begins

Those entering the town of Lexington are advised that a major water project is underway and precautions are being made to make residences accessible. People are asked to drive with caution in those areas.

The 'B' Street bridge project is in its final stages along with the town's waterline in that area. Drivers are asked to avoid that area if possible because of congestion.

On Saturday, October 28, the fire department will practice fighting fire on a building on 'B' Street and Main, beginning about 7:30 a.m. if there is no wind.

The fire department requests that onlookers keep their distance unless asked to participate.

## HHS October 27 football game cancelled

The Heppner High School football game vs. Stanfield this Friday, October 27, has been cancelled because Stanfield does not have enough players.

The next HHS game will be at home Friday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m. vs. Umatilla.

A baked potato/chili feed will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds prior to the Heppner-Umatilla game, from 5-7:30 p.m.

The feed will include a baked potato and chili or broccoli with cheese sauce, brownie and punch or coffee for \$4 each/\$15 for a family; or a baked potato or a bowl of chili, brownie and beverage for \$3 each/\$10 a family.

## Fall back

Everyone is reminded that Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, October 29.

Clocks should be set back one hour Saturday night.

## Corps to reduce Willow Creek Lake

Water regulators from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Water Resources, cut back water releases from Willow Creek Dam starting Friday, Oct. 20, to facilitate construction work on a bridge and water line in Lexington.

Flow in Willow Creek at Heppner dropped from 16 cubic feet per second (cfs) to three cfs. Flows were slightly more along other portions of the creek as additional water entered the creek from downstream tributaries.

Releases from the dam returned to about 16 cfs on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

The decision came after the contractor, who is working on the



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