

November 17, 2004. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation 525 East Main Street P.O. Box 22004 El Cajon CA 92022-9004 Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation Signature/By: Yvonne J. Wheeler, A.V.P. R-113985 12/22/29/04, 01/05;12/05 Affidavit

## St. Patrick's Senior Center news

United Methodist volunteers are hosts for the Dec. 29 noon meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu that day is potato soup with ham, carrots and celery, Jell-O salad, applesauce, muffins and rice pudding.

Carol Mitchell and Ruby Steers are hosting a community dinner on Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 25 at the Center. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the main dinner will start at 12 noon. An annual donation from the Bill and Winifred Cox family makes the dinner possible. Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls and coffee will be furnished. People who attend are invited to bring salad or dessert to round out the menu. The meal is offered to the public, especially anyone not able to be with family or friends. The Cox donation, made annually, is accepted with much appreciation. The hosts have emphasized that people are welcome to stay afterward for cards and dominoes or other games.

Sheila Piper, Ed Baker, Tom Wilson and Grace Drake attended the quarterly AAA meeting held at Stokes Landing in Irrigon on Dec. 13. Jan. 17 has been announced as Senior Day at the Legislature. State funds for OPI (Oregon Project Independence), which provides home care for those who might otherwise be in a nursing home. Home care under OPI provides \$150 per client. Nursing home care, under Medicaid, costs taxpayers a minimum of \$3000 per month per client.

A bus traveling to Salem will be provided on Jan. 17 to provide an opportunity to lobby for continuing the home care program. For more information, leave you name at the Center office, 676-9030.

## Retirement dinner to be held for Mayor Jepsen

A retirement dinner for Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen, will be held Saturday, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m., at All Saints Parish Hall in Heppner. The meal will include Prime Rib or Baked Cornish Game Hens.

RSVPs, along with payment of \$15 per person, needs to be made to City Hall, 111 N. Main, P.O. Box 756, Heppner, no later than Friday, Dec. 31. For more information, contact City Hall at 676-9618.

## Taco Feed for Darcy Coil to be held

A Taco Feed benefit for Darcy Coil will be held Thursday, Dec. 23 at 2:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria. Monies raised will help with travel expenses.

A bank account, "Coil Family Fund," has also been set up at Bank of Eastern Oregon.

## During holiday season community well served by Neighborhood Center



Neighborhood Center Coordinator Janice Skaggs with 66 food baskets being prepared for delivery throughout South Morrow County. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Lexington donated 11 hams for the baskets. Potatoes and onions were also donated.

## HHS students participate in CyberFair 2005

Heppner High School has again joined students all over the globe in highlighting a unique aspect of the community as a part of International Schools CyberFair, sponsored by the Global SchoolNet Foundation. CyberFair encourages youth to connect the knowledge they learn in school to real world applications.

The theme for CyberFair 2005 is "Prepare and Unite." Students are encouraged to prepare for the future-by thinking about their own future plans, the conditions that will affect the future of their community and issues of global importance. Projects that best illustrate "future thinking" will be invited to the World Future Society International Conference in Chicago in July of 2005.

Endorsed by the White House, the contest encourages students to become ambassadors for their communities, conducting research, working with community members and using technology tools to publish a website that displays their learning. Touted as the largest international cyber event for schools, the annual contest involves more than one million students from 4,500 schools across 100 countries.

## New Year's Eve barrel racing scheduled in Heppner

The Greater Columbia Barrel Racing Association is hosting a BRN4D Barrel Racing event on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 at the Wilkinson Arena in Heppner. It will start at 7 p.m. and is open to anyone.

For more information about the event contact Mary Ann Munkers at 989-8488 or log on to www.brn4d.com for a schedule and complete entry information.

## Justice Court report

Kenneth Marion Stookey, 41, Heppner, Open Alcohol Container and Driving while Suspended-violation, fine \$603.

Kevin A.C. Cornett, 26, Heppner, DUI-Intoxicants, fine \$1300, plus 360 suspended days in jail, with five days electronic surveillance, 24 months probation and completion of alcohol education program.

The HHS business education department is participating in the category of Environmental Awareness and Issues. The web design class taught by Darlene Marquardt is spearheading the project. This is the fourth year Marquardt's classes have participated in CyberFair, the second year that HHS has participated. The web design class is organizing and putting together a website highlighting the information gathered concerning environmental issues in the Heppner area. The class is asking for help from some of the other business classes, as well as some other classes being taught at the school. They would also like to involve the whole community by getting information about any environmental issues that

anyone is aware of. The goal is to find out what has happened in the past, what issues are on the plate now and what can we do in the future to keep our community safe and beautiful. They are including information about flood control, dating clear back to the big flood in 1903. They will cover recreational parks and wildlife control and are taking a middle of the road position on environmental issues. If anyone in the community has any information, funny stories, pertinent information or pictures that will help the class put together the web pages, contact the class through the school; by email; or by visiting the class website at [www.geocities.com/heppnercyberfair](http://www.geocities.com/heppnercyberfair).

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Last night as I sat by our Christmas tree with its twinkling lights transforming the room, my eyes came to rest on the angel at the top. This angel has been with us nearly 40 years. She's not very big, has a green velvet dress with missing sequins, a bent gold wing, is a bit tattered, yet still sparkles in that place of honor, looking down at all below.

If tree-top angels could talk, this one would tell of a first Christmas where deep in the woods a young bride chose a tree that looked small until it was coaxed into a 10 foot by 8 foot room. The tree was still reaching wall-to-wall after removing three feet. A patient husband took a tape measure on the following year's excursion and forever after. It was easy to place the angel on top when the tree was short, but in later years that bride fell into it trying to reach the treetop. A strong hand was needed to steady the lean into the tree. Time passed and children were lifted up to place the angel on top, then grandchildren.

Many Christmases have come and gone and that angel could tell many stories: of large family gatherings and small family gatherings; of new babies and toddlers beneath the tree; of teenagers; of young loves and old loves; and of a small milk carton nativity that appears every year. She could relate Hallmark specials, moms and gramsies in the wee hours of Christmas Eve; a visiting bird in the window while the sewing machine is putting finishing touches on gifts; writing Christmas cards; "campouts" beneath the tree; and Dad putting toys together; brief appearances of "Bah Humbug;" laughter and tears; and stories and Christmas music. Some years the room has been dark for Christmas, but during the twelve days following, hectic moments are replaced with serene quiet reflective times, savoring the season. Christmas is about beginnings and endings.

There are memories of loved ones no longer there, stories of parties where odd items appeared on the tree branches, the tree toppling over just prior to Christmas dinner with Gramsie underneath it, laughter, loneliness, happiness, impatience, life lessons learned and thanksgiving for the reason for the season. And with any luck, there are a few snowflakes.

Every year Christmas is different and Christmas is the same. Each year is a gift. That angel would say the years are about new and old traditions, change, thinking of others, memories, but most of all about love and faith. Savor the moments of the season, pause often to look into your heart and most of all remember that Babe in the manger.

For one all, no matter what your faith may be, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce wishes you an "angel" to look down upon you; good health, strength, family, friends and peace in your hearts.



Santa Claus delivered presents Sunday with the help of the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department and their fire truck.



Skaggs works at preparing the 78 gift boxes to be delivered by Santa. Gifts were donated by churches, individuals and Susie Ward with the Cowboy Christmas Ball of Pendleton filled 27 names.

## Munkers is top money earner in Heppner barrel racing series

Mary Ann Munkers and her two horses "Samantha" and "Dash" have dominated the Heppner Winter Barrel Racing Series thus far with earnings of \$591.02. The series is being produced by Travis and Kimberly Swayze of Hermiston and Travis and Tiffanie Greenup of Lexington. The major sponsor of the event is Munkers Farms of Lexington. The series will continue Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 2005. It is sanctioned by the Barrel Racers National 4D Association, the National Barrel Horse Association and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association.

The results of the series are as follows:

### Dec. 5:

#### Women's Professional Rodeo Association D.T.:

1<sup>st</sup>- Mary Ann Munkers, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Libby Lewis, 3<sup>rd</sup>- Holly Goe and 4<sup>th</sup>- Candace Slagel.

#### BRN4D Open: (1D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Mary Ann Munkers, 2<sup>nd</sup>-

Amanda Moore and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Mary Ann Munkers; (2D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Pam Cravens, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Stephanie Snazuk and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Sammi Lane; (3D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Blake Greenup, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Kimberly Kniveton and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Angie Knowles.

#### BRN4D Seniors: (1D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Mary Ann Munkers;

(2D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Sue Ruzicka.

#### BRN4D Novice: (1D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Kelli Kamm; (2D)- 1<sup>st</sup>-

Sue Ruzicka.

#### Pole Bending: (1D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Kelsey Gordon; (2D)-

Blake Greenup.

### Dec. 12:

#### Women's Professional Rodeo Association D.T.:

1<sup>st</sup>- Janice Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Mary Ann Munkers, 3<sup>rd</sup>- Nancy Lynn Joines and 4<sup>th</sup>- Kelli Kamm.

#### BRN4D Open: (1D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Janice Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup>-

Mary Ann Munkers; (2D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Cindy Lane and 2<sup>nd</sup>- Debbie Rutherford; (3D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Libby Lewis and 2<sup>nd</sup>- Tiffanie Greenup; (4D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Blake Greenup and 2<sup>nd</sup>- Katie Hammon.

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(2D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Cindy Lane.

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Tiffanie Greenup; (3D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Tori Phillipi.

#### PeeWees: 1<sup>st</sup>- Reubin Finn and 2<sup>nd</sup>- Lainey

Anderson.

#### Pole Bending: (1D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Blake Greenup; (2D)- 1<sup>st</sup>-

Shawn Massey; (3D)- 1<sup>st</sup>- Kimberly Kniveton and 2<sup>nd</sup>- Angie Knowles.

## BMCC offices to close for holidays

All Blue Mountain Community College locations will be closed from Dec. 23, 2004, through Jan. 2, 2005. Offices will reopen Jan. 3. Evening classes begin for winter term on Jan. 3; day classes begin Jan. 4.

Students can still register for winter term classes online or at any BMCC location on Jan. 3 or 4.

BMCC locations include: BMCC Pendleton; BMCC Hermiston; BMCC Morrow County, Boardman; BMCC Milton-Freewater; and BMCC Baker County, Baker City.