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Community Giving Tree goes up in Central Market

(L-R) Marlene Currin and Bert Houweling place tags on the Giving Tree at Red Apple Market.

Hope and Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal Church join together to bring Christmas to children in the South Morrow County area. Each year the Giving Tree is part of the holiday tradition in Heppner.

The tree is decorated with tags printed with each child's needs and wishes for Christmas along with the child's sex and age. Members of the community are encouraged to take a tag, purchase the items on the list and take the wrapped gift and tag to the Neighborhood Center no later than Dec. 19 to insure that the gifts can be delivered before Christmas.

The tree was put up in Central Market on Tuesday.

Lexington Fire Fund schedules meeting

The Lexington Fire Fund will be meeting at the Lexington Fire Hall on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

Ken Grieb announces his candidacy for Morrow County Commissioner

Ken Grieb, 45, filed Monday, Dec. 5 for the position of Morrow County Commissioner, Position 2 in the County Clerk's office. Grieb has lived in north and south Morrow County and is interested in being of service to its citizens.

Grieb is currently a member of the Morrow County Planning Commission, Soil and Water Conservation Board and has served as the state president for the Wheat Growers' League. He exhibits a continued interest in the issues facing citizens of Morrow County especially those facing area farmers.

Grieb lives on Bombing Range Road with his wife Carri and children Paige, Logan and Claire.

Ken Grieb

Willow Valley Service Club disbands after 57 years

The Willow Valley Service Club retired its services to the various communities following a meeting Dec. 1 at GD's Banquet Room.

Originally chartered as Soroptimist International on April 10, 1948 with Elaine George as president. Ginger Keithley was president when the club became the Willow Valley Service Club on August 1, 1999.

As Soroptomist International the club won ribbons for floats entered in the Morrow County Fair Parade, wrote a newsletter entitled Soroptimistings, and corresponded with a sister club in Tamworth, England.

The club sponsored many activities to raise funds for financial support for community projects. These included: Town & Country Holiday Style Show and Wreath-Making, Artifactory, Talent Show, annual tours, Coloring Contest HES K-3, annual Youth Citizenship Award for two graduating Seniors (later named Scholarship Award), Senior Girls' Luncheon, rummage sale, joined the Lions Club in fruit sales, held candy and bake sales, raffles, and sold souvenirs at the Cycle Oregon event. Soroptimist International donated to area projects such as the Oregon Trail Library in Heppner, Pioneer Memorial Hospital for equipment, Heppner tennis court lighting and plants/care of the Welcome Sign planter.

Members participated in hostessing a Wine Tasting Party for the Chamber of Commerce, collected bears for Children's Services and United Way, provided refreshments for the Neighborhood Center, Mothers' March, volunteering at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home with the Blue Birds, and arranged for the Motorcycle Club to pass through Heppner.

Some members attended meetings throughout the United States and abroad. Local meetings included guest speakers from various businesses providing education, information and fun activities.

As the Willow Valley Service Club it continued similar activities for fund raising and community support. These included sponsoring Artifactory, Music in the Park, Senior Girls'

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First snowfall comes to town

photo by Mahaley Huddleston

Gene Orwick gets out in the season's first snowfall last Thursday December 1 in Heppner.

Piano students plan Christmas recital

Approximately twenty-five local piano students will perform at a recital on Sunday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m. at Christian Life Center in Heppner. The students will play their favorite Christmas pieces. Teachers of the performing students include Wendy Appleton, Chandra Arbogast, Amy Jepsen, Kristen Van Cleave, and Myrna Van Cleave of Heppner, and Shirley Bredlinger of Portland. The public is invited to attend.

Local 'gang' runs the chains at Semifinals

The Heppner Mustangs football team played in Hillsboro Saturday, but the local chain gang, left to right, Rick Johnston, Jerry Healy, Ron Bowman and Jim Kindle, were also called into duty at the State Semifinals. More sports and pictures on page 3.

Pheasants Forever coming to Heppner Thursday, Dec. 15

There will be an organizational meeting for a local Pheasants Forever Chapter, Thursday evening, Dec. 15 at 7p.m. in the Pettyjohn office conference room. Gabe McMasters, Pheasant Forever Regional Biologist will be on hand to give a presentation, answer questions and help with getting a Pheasants Forever Chapter going in Heppner.

Pheasants Forever (PF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasant and other wildlife populations in North America through habitat improvement, land management, public awareness, and education. Pheasants Forever's unique system of county chapters allows 100% of net funds raised by chapters to remain at the chapter level for local habitat projects. This is a unique distinction. Pheasants Forever is the only national wildlife conservation organization that leaves all of the funds raised locally to stay at the local level.

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