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**People's Choice Award**



(L-R) Claudia Hughes presents the People's Choice award to Bert and Kim Houweling for their "Visions of Sugarplums" tree entry.

**MCCAC plan Christmas party**

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will have a Christmas Party on Dec. 15, 1 p.m. at GD's Banquet Room. Members are asked to bring an exchange gift under \$10 and a tray of goodies to enjoy during the afternoon.

Officers for 2006 will be elected at the December meeting. Membership dues for 2006 are due Jan. 1. You may pay

your dues at the December meeting. The number, type and dates of workshops for the coming year will be discussed. Members need to come prepared with their ideas. Workshop committee chairpersons will give their final reports at the January meeting.

Anyone interested in Arts or Crafts is welcome to attend and see what will be coming up for 2006.

**Service Club disbands**

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Luncheon, Red Cross Blood Drive, lighting a town tree for the holidays, raffles, running the food kitchen during the Morrow County Fair and serving the Chamber of Commerce in various ways. Club members also served as Heppner Greeters.

Charity contributions have been made to Chess Mates (HES), annual scholarships for two graduating Seniors, care of Welcome Sign planter, 4-H Council, Neighborhood Center for food baskets, Agricultural Museum Mural, Lone American Legion Building Fund, Domestic Violence Services, Heppner and Lexington Volunteer Fire Departments, Heppner Day Care, Ione's Creative Daycare and Pre-school, Lexington Odd Fellows for lighting in the community hall, South Morrow County Scholarship Trust, and Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living.

Current president Barb Bloodsworth announced the Club's decision to donate the ending balance-on-hand to the following: Chess Mates (HES), Friends of the Library for Missoula Children's Theater, Ione Creative Daycare Pre-school for siding, Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living for a recorder and CD player, Heppner Day Care, Neighborhood Center for Christmas food baskets, and the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department.

**Lexington Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled**

A second Neighborhood Watch meeting has been scheduled in Lexington, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Morrow County School District office. There were 12 community members in attendance for the first meeting. The attendees learned how to report suspicious persons or activities and how to better protect the neighborhood.

The program is under the direction of the Brian Bowles, Morrow County Sheriff's Deputy.

Everyone is invited to join in stopping crime in Lexington.

**~ Letters to the Editor ~**

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

**Support for Iraq**

To the Editor:

Everyone in the U.S. would benefit by seeing "The Untold Story of Iraq." The film's importance was its emphasis on the people rather than "winning the war." After all these people have suffered it is unthinkable that, we could consider leaving them with no logistics in place so they could defend themselves.

If we could be so self-serving that we could leave them in such circumstances, we would deserve the worldwide

distrust that action would bring.

When we cut from Vietnam no one followed us here. That is not the case with this enemy. They will believe we invited them in. They only respect strength, not weakness.

Politicians will be politicians regardless of the threats facing us. Tell them what you think.

Both Senator Lieberman and President Bush say we should stay the course. I for one agree.

(s) Margaret Murray Ione

**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes

Snow didn't hinder people from bundling up and coming out for last Thursday's annual Heppner Chamber/Hospice tree auction immediately following the Light Parade. Appropriately named "Let It Snow," the raffle tree sponsored by Morrow County Grain Growers was won by Virginia Grieb. Polaris snowmobiles lit the tree from top to bottom and the scooter under it was seen navigating the city hall later that evening.

Voted the 2005 People's Choice was "Visions of Sugarplums," Central Red Apple's edible tree, which was purchased by Nancy Snider. "A Handcrafted Christmas," sponsored by Wheatland Insurance featured stamps and gift tags went home with Carrie Grieb.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon sponsored "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" with santas, snowmen, and gifts galore. It was purchased by Bert and Kim Houweling for the enjoyment of all at Central Red Apple and will be transformed into the Community Giving Tree during the season.

"Warm Holiday Season" sponsored by Victor and Nancy Vander Does and Jaiden Mahoney was exquisite, very original, and provided numerous hand knit scarves, a wreath, stockings, snowmen and a variety of gifts to share. Sue Gibbs and Carrie Grieb were sharing this warm holiday package.

Both Farmer's Insurance and Heppner High School were thinking along the same lines with Mustang spirit trees in blue and gold. "Go Mustangs" went home with Chris Rauch and "Heppner Mustang Football" with Cara Osmin. Blue ornaments featured the players' numbers and the tree skirt had all their names written on it.

Christmas and teddy bears go together. Peterson's Jewelers sponsored "The Beary Tree" which went home with Tom McAllister, a visiting hunter who "loves to come to Heppner." Kathleen Turner, from Texas, was taken with the "Western Tree" sponsored by Murray Drug and Country Rose. Kevin, Angie, Jessica, and Makenzi Hughes purchased "The Country Snowmen" tree with rustic garlands, gingham, bells, and snowmen galore donated by the Hughes Ranch. Barb Bloodsworth donated the biggest tree, "Golden Dreams of Christmas" with decorations by Bucknum's Catering, John and Nancy Gochner. Larry Mills purchased this tree and donated it to the Heppner City Hall for the lobby.

New at the auction this year were the baskets. Donna Schonbachler took home the "Merry Kitchen Basket" sponsored by Carolyn Wiley. Ann Spicer was high bidder on Heppner Hardware's "Tool man's Dream" box. The beautiful Christmas wreath donated by Heppner Garden Club will be decorating the new City Manager David DeMayo's home. It appeared that Nancy Vander Does, high bidder on the beautiful "Out West" handmade basket of western fabric, patterns, and contents for a western wall hanging, will be doing more sewing as well as knitting scarves. Sponsor of this basket was Artisan Village.

Willow Creek Terrace and Wilderness Inspirations sponsored "A Sleigh Full of Goodies" with snowmen, cookies, books, decorations and more. Cyde Estes was the lucky purchaser. The Hospice staff sponsored the "Cranberry Christmas Table" basket containing treats to be enjoyed by someone at the Snider household.

Eleven trees and six baskets were donated to the 2005 auction, bringing in \$1800 for the Heppner Chamber and Hospice. Both entities are appreciative of the auctioneer Ken Grieb, Barb Hayes, Rene Devin, Alice Ployhar, sponsors, buyers, and raffle ticket individuals who made it another success. Nancy Gochner provided the decorations. Cyde Estes provided the programs. Heppner City Hall shared their open house and refreshments with the public. "We appreciate you, Heppner."

**Obituaries**

**Norman Beryl Griffin**

Norman Beryl Griffin, 86, of Salem, formerly of Heppner, died Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2005.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 28 at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service in Salem. Military Honors followed at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Norman Griffin was born December 14, 1918 to Philip Smith Griffin and Bernice Lucille Huston in Eightmile, Oregon.

He married Frances Arminta Cox on December 9, 1945 in Heppner. They went on to have nearly 60 years together, raising a large family.

Norman served in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed in the Philippine Islands. His draft number for the entire United States was #20. He was taken prisoner of the Japanese Imperial Army on May 6, 1943 from the island of Corregidor where he had manned Battery Geary. He was one of only three known survivors of this Battery.

Following capture he was forced to walk the same route known as the Bataan Death March. He was held in prison camps in the Philippines and in July of 1943 was shipped to Japan to mine coal underneath Nagasaki Bay. It was from this location, following a mining accident that caused him to be topside, that he witnessed the dropping of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki by American forces in 1945. He was between 8-10 miles across the bay from the detonation site.

Following his release from prison camp he returned to Ione and soon after married his wife Frances in Heppner. They went on to live in Heppner, Ione, Portland, Beaverton, Silverton and Salem.

He belonged to the Big Timber Chapter of the Ex Prisoners of War, and was a lifetime member of both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

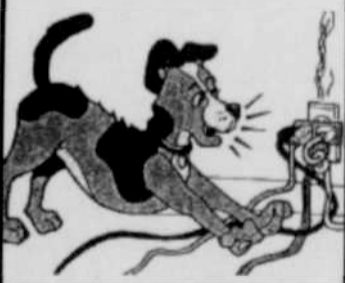
Norman is survived by his wife, Frances of Salem; son, Norman Griffin of Silverton; daughters, Virginia Martinez of Silverton, Nina Sikel of Bend, Sheryl and husband, Louie Derting of Salem, Talia Griffin of Salem; and sister, Marlene and husband, Mike Gray of Ione. He leaves behind 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. His parents and an infant brother preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to D.A.V. Transportation, c/o Veterans Administration, P.O. Box 1035, Portland, OR 97207 in his memory.



Norman Beryl Griffin

**Don't Overdo It!**



Overloading plugs is dangerous. According to the National Electrical Safety Foundation, most home outlets can support up to 1,500 watts, while some kitchen circuits can handle about 2,000 watts. Most appliances list wattage on the bottom of the appliance, near the serial number. If your portable heater draws about 1,200 watts, you should not plug your iron - which draws about 1,100 watts - into the same outlet. If necessary, have an electrician install additional outlets.

Remember: extension cords should be used only temporarily. Determine the wattage your extension cord can carry before using it. Mismatching cords and appliances carries a risk of fire or shock.

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