

## Christmas is about your whole life

This article represents the Spirit of Christmas better than anything I have seen written in a long time. We at The Community Bible Church in Lexington, would like to wish you a Merry Christmas. Our prayer is that you will experience the true meaning of Christmas not just on December 25<sup>th</sup>, but throughout the year. If it were just for one day, it would not really be a celebration of God's love. Christmas is about your whole life. Love is not something we just give or receive, it is something we do because of what God did and still does for us.

Ruth went to her mail box and there was only one letter. She picked it up and looked at it before opening, but then she looked at the envelope again. There was no stamp, no postmark, only her name and address. She read the letter:

Dear Ruth:

I'm going to be in your neighborhood Saturday afternoon and I'd like to stop by for a visit.

Love Always, Jesus

Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table. "Why would the Lord want to visit me? I'm nobody special. I don't have anything to offer."

With that thought, Ruth remembered her empty kitchen cabinets. "Oh my goodness, I really don't have anything to offer. I'll have to run down to the store and buy something for dinner." She reached for her purse and counted out its contents, \$5.40. "Well, I can get some bread and cold

cuts, at least." She threw on her coat and hurried out the door. A loaf of French bread, a half-pound of sliced turkey, and a carton of milk...leaving Ruth with grand total \$1.20 to last her until Monday. Nonetheless, she felt good as she headed home, her meager offerings tucked under her arm.

"Hey lady, can you help us, lady?"

Ruth had been so absorbed in her dinner plans, she hadn't even noticed two figures huddled in the alleyway. A man and a woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags. "Look lady, I ain't got a job, ya know, and my wife and I have been living out here on the street, and, well, now it's getting cold and we're getting kind of hungry and, well, if you could help us. Lady, we'd really appreciate it."

Ruth looked at them both. They were dirty, they smelled bad and frankly, she was certain that they could get some kind of work if they really wanted to. "Sir, I'd like to help you,

but I'm a poor woman myself. All I have is a few cold cuts and some bread, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight and I was planning on serving that to Him."

"Yeah, well, okay lady, I understand. Thanks anyway." The man put his arm around the woman's shoulders, turned and headed back into the alley.

As she watched them leave, Ruth felt a familiar twinge in her heart. "Sir, wait!" The couple

stopped and turned as she ran down the alley after them. "Look, why don't you take this food. I'll figure out something else to serve my guest." She handed the man her grocery bag.

"Thank you lady. Thank you very much!"

"Yes, thank you!"

It was the man's wife, and Ruth could see now that she was shivering. "You know, I've got another coat at home. Here, why don't you take this one." Ruth unbuttoned her jacket and slipped it over the woman's shoulders. Then smiling, she turned and walked back to the street...without her coat and with nothing to serve her guest.

"Thank you lady, thank you very much!"

Ruth was chilled by the time she reached her front door, and worried too. The Lord was coming to visit and she didn't have anything to offer Him. She fumbled through her purse for the door key. But as she did, she noticed another envelope in her mailbox.

"That's odd. The mailman doesn't usually come twice in one day." She took the envelope out of the box and opened it.

Dear Ruth:

It was so good to see you again. Thank you for the lovely meal. And thank you, too, for the beautiful coat.

Love Always Jesus

The air was still cold, but even without her coat, Ruth no longer noticed.

**The Community Bible Church in Lexington**

## Christmas is a reminder to all

I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people; to you is born this day a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord! Luke 2:10-11

Christmas is a reminder to all - those who have opened their heart and soul to God and those who have yet to do so - that God so loves the world that He gave His only Son.

Christmas is a time to thank God for the love God extends to everyone, every day, especially those who daily call upon God to protect them and guide them.

Christmas is a time to live the love of God through our interactions with everyone with whom we come in to contact.

Christmas is a time to exchange gifts with those we love, as a way to give to others the love God has given to us - a loving which is unconditional, indiscriminate, unceasing.

Christmas is a time to come together as a community in table fellowship and good cheer; to share kindness and goodwill, especially to those who are less fortunate.

Christmas is a time

to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's Son in the singing of religious carols and to warm the soul and heart of each other through the singing of secular holiday songs.

On behalf of everyone who is involved in Heppner United Methodist Church, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.

**Pastor Jonathan Enz  
Heppner United Methodist Church**

## HHS Class of '68 to hold 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party



Pictured are: Front Row - Susan (Starks) Johnston, Debbie (Young) Dubuque, Norita Marquardt, Bonnie (Kessel) Christensen, Rita (Pettyjohn) Britt, Kathy (Mathews) McLeod, Willa (Johnson) Coe (lone); Second Row - Jim Sherman, Ruby (Fulleton) Veatch, Doug Drake, John VanWinkle, John Rawlins, Chris (Munkers) Laws, Linda (Heath) Schultz, Roger Britt, and Chuck Nelson (lone); Third Row - Bill McLeod, Kerry Peterson (lone), Bob Dobbs, Bill Stockard, Alvin Vinson, Matt Hughes, Dave Hall, Steve Pettyjohn, Randy Stillman, Russell Kilkenny, and Jenny (Blake) Weaver. -Contributed Photo

The Heppner High School Class of 1968 held "60<sup>th</sup>" birthday party in Lincoln City at the Chinook Winds Resort and Casino the weekend of September 24-26.

Twenty-four members and former members of the Heppner Class and three members from the Ione Class of '68 were present.

## Mustang wrestlers finish busy week

The Heppner wrestling team competed in two wrestling meets during the past week. The first was Thursday night at home in a four-way dual with Heppner, Riverside, Irrigon, and Pomeroy, WA. Heppner won two of the three matchups, losing first to Pomeroy then winning the next two by defeating Irrigon and a short-handed Riverside. Pomeroy won all three of its team contests. The Riverside versus Irrigon dual ended in a tied score.

On Saturday the Mustangs competed in the Mac Hi Christmas tournament. The tournament included the teams of Mac Hi, Walla Walla, Baker, Heppner, Irrigon, and Pine Eagle. Mac Hi easily won its own tournament with an overwhelming number of competitors and at least one in every weight class final except 285 lbs. Heppner finished fourth overall and at the top of the three small schools.

Of the eleven Mustangs that competed that day, seven advanced to

Friday night was a casual get-together at the Sea Food Bar and Grill at the Resort. A Saturday night banquet and Sunday morning brunch was held at the Chinook Winds Golf Course.

Classmates made donations which they decided to split between Heppner High School and The Oregon Trail

Library in memory of Dorothy Wilson who was a sister to class member Alvin Vinson.

Jim Sherman, Bonnie Christensen, and John Van Winkle helped put the "Birthday" together.

The class is spanning a 45<sup>th</sup> reunion in Heppner in 2013.

the championship semi-finals without suffering a loss. Two of those seven, freshman Jared Lemmon and senior Jarred Miller, pinned their opponent and qualified for the tournament championships.

Lemmon went on to claim a gold medal by defeating the top seeded 112 lb. Mac Hi contender 5-3. Miller finished with a silver medal at 135 lbs.

Freshman Treston Maben and sophomore Jacob Moore both had strong days finishing in fourth

place of their weight classes.

Alex Smith, Clayton Cook, Wade Matthew, Andrew Bara, Garrett Gibbs, and Tim Nelson also won matches and scored team points for the Mustangs. Cook's win was one of the most exciting of the day going three overtime periods before he came out on top 6-5 with an escape.

The team next competes in back to back tournaments on December 29 and 30, first in Pomeroy, WA, then in Imbler.

## IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mulyhill told the board that the district needs to adapt to the 21<sup>st</sup> century and communicate with its patrons the way that they communicate now. Cost for the district would be around \$795 per year.

-discussed the school district's and charter school's average yearly progress reports;

-discussed the impending increase in math CUT scores required of students and new national standards coming in 2014;

-approved policies concerning student transportation services, proof of vehicle liability insurance, student conduct on school buses, discipline procedures for district-approved student transportation and use of district activity vehicles for student transportation and learned of the subsequent change required in the student handbooks;

-discussed update of the charter;

-heard the following financial update as of November 30: the district collected \$112,369 in basic school support and \$441,915 in property taxes; learned that the statement

of 2010-2011 anticipated revenue had been updated to reflect the reduction in state school support. The increased State Fiscal Stabilization Fund money and the Federal Education Job money will be used to help backfill the state shortfall, said Beth O'Hanlon of the ESD. Two general fund cost centers, the intermediate cost center with higher than anticipated substitute costs, and the technology cost center, continue to be over budget, said O'Hanlon. She said that the correct amount for the Umatilla-Morrow ESD technology contract was not input in the budget document. She said all of the funds running a deficit balance are supported by grants or transfers. She also said that UMESD (now changed to InterMountain ESD) was gathering data for the Ione School District Site Council to analyze and develop an action plan in January. Once the district has submitted a completed E-CIP to the state, the Title reimbursement can be ordered. Federal REAP money has been ordered and money has been received from the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

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