

# 'Tis the season to shop at home

## Chamber's 'Greenbacks' program supports local merchants

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Gifts, food, decorations and wrapping supplies — 'tis indeed the season to shop.

Making those seasonal purchases locally from Grant County businesses not only supports the local economy but also gets the job done just as well, if not easier, than having to travel out of town in winter weather.

The Grant County Chamber of Commerce encourages shoppers throughout the year and especially during the holiday season to show their appreciation to Chamber businesses by using Grant County Greenbacks when making their purchases.

Greenbacks, which can be purchased at the Chamber office, come in denominations of \$15 and \$25, with \$5 coming soon. They can be spent dollar for dollar at all Grant County businesses who are Chamber members.

The program encourages a stronger local economy and helps maintain jobs in the area.

Merchants throughout the county strive to encourage and please shoppers by offering competitive prices and sales promotions, and supplying locally made goods and the latest products. Customers also have peace of mind in knowing that local business owners strive just as hard after the sale, should a refund or replacement on an item be necessary.

How about an edible gift? Field's Grassfed Beef in John Day offers custom gift boxes and baskets in a variety of sizes and price ranges. Choices include beef strips and jerky in several flavors, T-shirts and even favorite frozen cuts of beef.

Who wouldn't like to find a home theater system under the Christmas tree this year? John Day Video Shoppe offers a wide selection of Sony products — complete entertainment systems, accessories and everything in between, with enticing specials being offered now during the holiday season.

Just like the name implies, A Flower Shop N More in John Day has more to offer than fresh flower bouquets. Specialty chocolates, can-



A six-pack of "Man Roses" from A Flower Shop N More might be the perfect gift for any guy on your shopping list.

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How about sweets for that certain someone? A Flower Shop N More carries a selection of specialty chocolates, which can be bought individually or included in a gift basket.



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dy bouquets and a variety of themed baskets and arrangements are just a sample of the gift ideas available.

Greenbacks are redeemable at these and other Chamber businesses, and also make great gifts on their own.

A full list of Chamber businesses can be found on the Chamber's website. Most participating merchants have Greenbacks signs posted.

The Grant County Chamber of Commerce is open from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. The office is at 301 W.

Main St. in John Day. For more information, call 541-575-0547, or visit [www.gcoregonlive.com](http://www.gcoregonlive.com).

## \$1,000 Reward

### for Rosie, the French Bulldog



If you have any information, please contact the Sheriff's Department at 541-575-1131

## ALLEN

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Allen was born Sept. 10, 1930, and grew up in Nebraska and Minnesota. She and her husband, Royel, were married on Aug. 1, 1953, at the United Methodist Church in John Day. They resided in Grant County where they raised three children, Susie, Rod and Pete.

Allen's list of activities, titles and accomplishments in Grant County is a long and extensive one.

In addition to serving as a county judge, Allen was the Grant County Civil Defense coordinator, owner of The Book Cover bookstore in John Day and authored several books, including poetry and biographies.

She was active in the John Day Historical Preservation Foundation and the Grant County Genealogical Society, and was a member of the United Methodist Church, Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary, Mt. Vernon Grange, the Juniper Arts Council, Kam Wah Chung and Company museum, the American Red Cross and other groups.

Allen was a multi-talented musician, a pilot, a ham radio operator, an author of several books and wrote school plays and Christmas programs.

The wooden plaque will be displayed in the courthouse alongside a framed copy of the proclamation.

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## Donate and have a chance to WIN \$100!

The more you donate, the more chances you have to win.

We're asking everyone to pitch in and help our local food banks by donating this month. This will help those in our community who are in need. Your donations can be in the form of unexpired, nonperishable food items or cash donations that will be used to purchase such items for the food bank. Your name will be entered in a \$100 prize drawing one time for every 10 items donated and/or \$10 donation increment.

Please bring donations to the Blue Mountain Eagle office by Wednesday, December 16th at 5pm.

The drawing will be held December 17th and the WINNER will be notified that day. All participants will be highlighted in the December 23rd issue of the Eagle.

**Thank you for supporting our community!**

If you have any questions, please call Lindsay at 541-575-0710.



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