

Post office installs antique backdrop



Heppner Postmaster Mike McGuire and postal worker Jeri Wight show off a new backdrop at the Heppner Post Office.

The Heppner office received the oak backdrop, which was built around 1940, from a post office in the Valley which was being remodeled. Wight said she just washed and polished the wood to bring out its natural beauty. Another section will be added later.

Doctors, schools fight against tobacco use

By April Hilton-Sykes
A local physician has joined with the schools to help fight tobacco use among area youth.

Dr. Jeanne Berretta, Heppner, has teamed up with Heppner Elementary teacher Bill Ewing and Condon Grade School teacher Molly Fatland in implementing the 1995-96 Tar Wars Program.

The Tar Wars program was designed to increase students' knowledge of the short term effects of tobacco use; help students identify the reasons why people begin to use tobacco; and increase the students' knowledge of how tobacco advertising influences people to buy and use tobacco products. Students also designed their own posters for a poster contest. The posters emphasized the positive effects of not using tobacco. Sally Calvert was first place winner in the contest, Daniel Jepsen, second, and Marcy Miller, third.



Marcy Miller (l), Sally Calvert and Daniel Jepsen

John Murray wins Lions raffle



Shirley George pulls the winning name out of the hat for the Lions Club Annual rifle raffle,

while Lions Club member Jim Wishart holds the rifle. John Murray was this year's winner of the rifle.

Rolling Hills Run entry forms available

Entry forms for the annual Rolling Hills Run planned for

Saturday, April 27, are available at the front office of Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Tips for putting tax refund to good use

Advertisers are quick to give ideas about how to spend income tax refunds. But instead of purchasing more goods and services, here are some other ideas that may improve your financial situation, says Carol Michael-Bennett, Oregon State University Extension home economist in Morrow County.

Use tax refunds to reduce credit card balances, suggests Michael-Bennett. Credit cards are a high cost method of borrowing. After lowering the balance, make the largest payment possible each month. If borrowers make what the credit card company says is the minimum payment, it will take a long time to pay off the balance.

Also try to limit the use of credit cards, advises Michael-Bennett. Cut them up if necessary.

Use tax refunds to start an emergency fund or add to an existing one. Generally, an emergency fund should equal two to six months of normal spending. The Internal Revenue Service can deposit re-

funds directly into savings accounts simply by attaching IRS form 8888 to tax returns.

Contribute to an individual retirement account, or IRA. Employees who do not have a qualified retirement plan may contribute to a tax-deductible IRA and employees who have a qualified retirement plan may, depending on income, qualify for a tax deduction. Information on an IRA is available in IRS publication 590.

OLCC distributes Nov. revenue

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission distributed \$3.2 million from November revenue, according to the agency's monthly fiscal report.

Morrow County received \$752; the City of Heppner, \$403; Lexington, \$78; Ione, \$68; Boardman, \$591 and Irrigon, \$244.

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Senior girls luncheon Thursday

The senior girls' luncheon, sponsored by the Soroptimist International of Heppner, will be held this Thursday, April 4,

at All Saints' Episcopal Church. The annual luncheon honors senior girls from Ione and Heppner and their mothers.

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