

Cub Scout Pack 661 has record popcorn sales

Cub Scout Pack 661 sold over \$10,000 of popcorn during their yearly popcorn sale. Of that amount, the pack keeps \$4,562 and another \$2,500 goes to the district.

The money raised by Pack 661 will be used to pay for achievement badges, day camp, den crafts and activities and for books and uniforms for boys who cannot afford them.

"Pack 661 has always operated on a limited budget and due to the generosity of the people of Heppner and the surrounding area, they'll be able to do some things they might otherwise not have been able to do," said den leader Debbie Harper.

Matt Holland was the pack's top salesman, with sales over \$2,000. He will receive a college scholarship which is a percentage of his sales. He was also the high seller in the district and will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the Cub Scout store in Kennewick, WA.

Every boy who sold \$1000 or more of popcorn received a camping package from Trails End, the company supplying the popcorn. Four boys sold over \$1000: Matt Holland, \$2,191, Bryan Holland, \$1,189, Curtis Harper, \$1,097, and Drew Johnson, \$1,043. They also received first through fourth place prizes given by the pack. Matt received a two-man pup tent; Bryan, a first aid kit and an insulated sleeping bag; and Curtis and Drew both received camping cook kits.

The pack also gave the top three sellers in each a den a two-liter pop. They were: Tiger Cubs-Chance Raver, first, Zach Hintz, second, Cody Orr, third; Wolf Den-Donald Matthews, first, Justin Gutierrez, second, Brett Harrison, third; Bear Den-Bryan Holland, first, Curtis Harper, second, Drew Johnson, third; Webelos Den 1-Matt Holland, first, Chris Hickerson, second, Taylor Disque, third; Webelos Den 2-Cameron McCurry, first, Trent Miles, second, Zach Alford, third.

Harper Holsters donated a pocket knife to each boy who sold over \$250: Tyler Robinson, Drew Johnson, Trent Miles, Bryan Holland, Matt Holland, Curtis Harper, Chance Raver, Colter Raver and Donald Matthews.

Every boy who sold \$500 or over received a compass: Drew Johnson, Bryan Holland, Matt Holland, Curtis Harper, Cameron McCurry and Trent Miles.

Darrell Raver was the "Popcorn Kernel" who coordinated the sales effort.

Because of such an outstanding sales year, the Scouts were able to give something back to the community. They donated \$200 to the Neighborhood Center for their winter heating fund, to help pay for fuel for low-income families.



Left to right: Curtis Harper, Bryan Holland, Drew Johnson, Cameron McCurry, Matt Holland.



Left to right: bottom row-Bryan Holland, Curtis Harper, Drew Johnson, Cameron McCurry; top row-Donald Matthews, Colter Raver, Chance Raver, Tyler Robinson, Matt Holland.



Left to right: Curtis Harper, Bryan Holland, Drew Johnson, Matt Holland.

Happy New Year

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Before we step into the future, we'd like to step back and say thank you to all our customers and friends who have helped make our year a success.

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DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen reports handling the following business:

-Ross Van Etta admitted to a probation violation for Theft I and was sentenced to six months in the custody of the Morrow County Supervisory Authority and 12 months post-prison supervision. He is immediately eligible for work release and other programs. He also plead guilty to sexual abuse II and sodomy III and was sentenced to five years' probation and 180/90 sanction units. He was ordered to contact probation officer immediately upon release from jail; complete a sex-offender package, and pay \$579 in fines, fees and assessments.

Mustangs down Blue Devils, 56-41

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs boys' varsity beat the visiting Condon Blue Devils, 56-41, in a non-league basketball game on Tuesday, Dec. 19, to even their record at 3-3 on the year.

David Piper came off the bench to score seven first quarter points and spark the Mustangs to a 10-5 lead after one. Ryan Matteson scored 10 of the Mustangs' 12 points in the second quarter as they took a 22-13 lead at halftime.

The Blue Devils battled the Mustangs tough in the second half but couldn't cut into the lead.

Matteson finished with 15 points, including three three-pointers, to lead all scorers. Piper finished with 13 points, on 6-of-9 shooting, and pulled down five rebounds. Blake Knowles had eight points and five rebounds. Michael McCabe had seven points, six rebounds, seven steals and two assists. Brian Rust had six rebounds, and Joe Papineau, five.

Statistics

Condon: 5 8 15 13 - 41
Heppner: 10 12 16 17 - 56
Condon: (41) Barnett 5-3-4 13, Durfey 4-4-8 12, Shaffer 1-4-4 6, Green 2-0-1 5, Carnine 1-1-3 3, Anderson 1-0-1 2, Lantis 0-0-2 0, Church 0-0-1 0, Allen. Three-pointers: Green.
Heppner: (56) Ryan Matteson 6-0-0 15, David Piper 5-2-2 13, Blake Knowles 3-2-5 8, Michael McCabe 3-0-2 7, Brian Rust 2-0-4 4, Stefan Matheny 1-0-2 2, Sam Van Liew 0-2-2 2, Brad Adams 0-2-2 2, Joe Papineau 1-0-0 2, Craig Scott 21 8-13 56. Three-pointers: Matteson (3), Piper, McCabe.

Wedding Tables

Tiffanie Munkers & Travis Greenup

Wedding: January 13, 2001, 3 p.m.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T 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 \$5.)

Read your Bible before boarding "Harry Potter Hysteria Wagon"

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letters concerning the "Harry Potter" series that have been printed the last two weeks in the G-T paper. When I read the first letter, written by Jannie Allen, I was tempted to respond, but I haven't read the books and knew nothing of the author, so I held back. I appreciated the courage of Teri Lynch, found in her reply to Jannie Allen's letter, and wondered why a young, pregnant mother of two has to sound the alarm, instead of God's preachers.

Today I read the letter by Jason Just and found it most interesting. If his information concerning the author of the Harry Potter series is accurate, then I believe, as parents and Christians, it is our responsibility to stay away from literature that promotes witchcraft or wizardry as being a solution for overcoming hardships or evil.

Jannie's letter plainly stated that the main character in the book, Harry, is a wizard. According to the dictionary, wizardry and witchcraft as one in the same. Deuteronomy 18:10-12 says: "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee."

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul confirmed God's will concerning witchcraft and it didn't change from His will in the Old Testament. Galatians 5:19-21 says: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

envious, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Acts 19:17-20 also says: "When the Jews and Gentiles in Ephesus heard about this, they were so frightened that they praised the name of the Lord Jesus. Many who were followers now started telling everyone about the evil things they had been doing. Some who had been practicing witchcraft even brought their books and burned them in public. These books were worth about fifty thousand silver coins. So the Lord's message spread and became even more powerful."

I believe the Bible clearly instructs Christians to denounce the practice of witchcraft. I also believe Christian parents have every right to be concerned if their children are reading books that promote witchcraft as being acceptable. I do not believe it is wrong to read books that have stories of witchcraft in them, otherwise I would not be able to read my own beloved Bible. What concerns me is when stories full of witchcraft and wizardry are read to children without any warning of God's opinion on it being sounded.

For the most part, children believe what their teachers tell them. It's wrong when books that promote witchcraft and wizardry can be read by teachers in the public schools based upon their literary value, yet the Bible, which is full of literary value, is forbidden. Maybe parents and teachers who consider themselves Christians, yet find themselves aboard the "Harry Potter Hysteria Wagon," should first re-read their Bibles before supporting books that contradict their confessed beliefs.

(s) Kelly Christian

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(s) Cindy Kennedy

Lexington

Harry Potter - satanist link questioned

To the Editor:

I was intrigued by Jason Just's reference to a "London Times" article in which J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter series, claims to be a satanist.

I conducted an on-line archive search of "The Times" for the last year and found nothing close

to the article he used in his argument. Would he please provide us all with the exact citation so we can look it up for ourselves?

And by the way, I seriously doubt if the leader of the satanist church is a reliable source.

(s) Lea Mathieu

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Traps cruel

To the Editor:

Cheers and congratulations to the kind people of Washington State for voting to abolish the use of the non-selective, cruel, flesh-cutting, bone-breaking steel jump traps and 1080.

A nation is judged by the way they treat their animals. Oregon will not rate very high on the totem pole for humane compassion. 1080 is the most abominable poison on earth with its potential to kill 10 times over.

Since many birds eat fresh meat, it is no wonder that the birds are not in abundance like they were a few years ago.

The statement, made by Sharon Harrison, that the traps currently used in Oregon are the most humane is gratuitous, groundless

and uncalled for.

Traps have always been cruel, are cruel and always will be cruel as long as they are set out to catch unsuspecting animals and birds.

(s) Carrie Vernon

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Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses:

December 8, 2000: Abel De La Cruz, 23, Umatilla, and Amelia Chavez, 20, Umatilla.