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## Heppner streets see upgrade with new garbage cans



(L-R): Craig Canham, city maintenance supervisor and Randy Sample, city crew

The City of Heppner has acquired 10 cement refuse containers that will grace Main Street.

Craig Canham, Heppner city maintenance supervisor, obtained seven of these containers free from the City of Portland. It was cheaper for Portland to give the containers away rather than refurbish the damaged ones.

The City of Heppner cleaned up the containers, and in some cases cut off the rims if the receptacles were damaged.

According to Canham, the City of Heppner purchases three containers at a price cheaper than the City could have replaced plastic containers

## Join in on the Heppner Christmas tree lighting and light parade

The Heppner Annual 2002 Christmas tree lighting will be Dec. 5, between 4:30-5:30 p.m. The tree is located in Heppner next to the Post Office and The Shoe Box.

There will be free cocoa and hot cider, Christmas carolers, a wreath sale by the Heppner Garden Club, tree decorating and of course, Santa.

Sandra Matthews will be available to take your pictures with Santa in his antique sleigh.

currently in use. The cost for the 10 cement containers is \$1000 less than what replacing 10 brown plastics ones would have been. It would have been \$135 for the base and \$130 for the lid to replace the plastic containers.

The City also had custom lids made for the new cement containers. The lids have a shamrock cut out on them and are painted "John Deere Green," a bright kelly green. The cost for these new custom lids was \$90 each.

Canham's connections with the City of Portland made it possible to get the cement containers; his father works for the city.

Also, remember to bring an ornament to hang on the tree.

At 6 p.m. the lights will go out for the sixth annual Heppner Light Parade. All are welcome to enter the Light Parade. Entries will be judged and prizes of \$50, \$100, \$150, and \$200 will be awarded. The parade is sponsored by: Columbia Basin, Morrow Country Grain Growers, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Klamath First, Murray's, John's Other Place and Wheatland Insurance.

## Heppner sees two main street businesses close

The Shoe Box, as well as Fabrics Etc, two main street businesses in Heppner, are in the process of closing down.

The Shoe Box, once known as Gonty's, would have celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004. However, due to minimum purchase requirements imposed by most suppliers and the fact that customers are not coming in like they used to, the stores are going to be closed.

"People just aren't shopping here anymore," said JoyceKay Holloman, owner of the Shoe Box. "There's not enough local business."

Holloman explained that when she came to Heppner 40 years ago, the town was about the same size in population and had more business, yet the business was thriving.

Holloman and her husband bought the Shoe Box almost 27 years ago from the Gonty family. In the time since then, they have acquired the two separate building, known as the Shoe Box and Fabric's Etc, as well as adding many other ventures into the buildings. With the closing of the Shoe Box and Fabrics Etc., they are planning on moving Jerry's Barber Shop, Willow Creek Realty, Talk-N-Tops t-shirts, and antiques into the Fabric's Etc. building.

Once the move is complete, the door that now allows entry between the two buildings will be sealed and the Shoe Box building will be sold.

## Pool calcutta benefit for Strouse

Friends and family of Celita Strouse are organizing a pool calcutta benefit to be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Bucknum's Tavern in Heppner. An auction will begin at 11 a.m. If you don't play pool, come bid on your favorite team.

Sign-up sheets are available at Bucknum's, with 32 teams being accepted. Cost is \$10 per team.

For more information, call 676-9048.

## PMH Nursing Home gets a larger patio



(L-R): Rusty Estes, PMH maintenance supervisor, Ryan Miller, and Mike Doherty, PMH maintenance

Ryan Miller and crew, of Miller & Sons, in Heppner, poured cement to enlarge the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home patio, Nov. 21.

According to Rusty Estes, PMH maintenance

supervisor, Miller donated 100 percent of the concrete and his workers time to enlarge the patio.

"This is a major asset to the residents," said Estes, who added that the residents spend a lot of time on the patio in the

summer months. The residents picnic outside every Wednesday and until now were very limited because of the small space and difficulty navigating walker and wheelchairs on the grass.

Plans also include installing a sitting bench around the tree in the patio area.

## Directors' positions filled at CBEC's annual meeting

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op held its 58<sup>th</sup> annual dinner and meeting, Nov. 14, in Fossil at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds. The Fossil United Methodist Church women provided dinner, and Fossil school children added red and blue streamers and paper eagles decorations to add a patriotic tint to the evening.

At the dinner, 197 people were served, an excellent turnout according to company officials.

At the meeting, Bill Jaeger, president of the co-op, from Condon, spoke on the new wind generation in the Columbia Basin Electric Service Territory. The co-op is now offering patrons the option of buying into "green power" produced by alternative forms of generation.

Jaeger also said that some controversy still continues between the pros and cons of wind power.

General manager Jerry Healy spoke on the future of electrical rates, and how wholesale rate increases being imposed and proposed by the Bonneville Power Administration (B.P.A.) will affect those rates. The co-op has not had a rate increase since 1993. Healy also reported that the reliability of the co-op's system has improved, dropping from an average 4.5 outage hours a year from 1997-2001, to only 1.6 hours in 2002. The board of director's will be faced with decisions on how to implement the rate increase once the current rate contract with the BPA expired in 2006.

Jerry Gentry was elected over Ray Grace in the only contested director's race, while Dexter Miles was re-elected as a director, and Todd Lindsay was elected to replace retiring Harold Rietmann.

Also announced at the meeting were the winners of the annual Electrical Safety Poster Contest. The winning posters were on display at the dinner.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by nine-year-old Willy Gentry. He played the National Anthem on his violin and performed the skit, "You Know You're a Cowboy If..." which included cowboy tricks, jokes and fiddle music. Door prizes were also awarded throughout the evening; and everyone in attendance went home with a grab bag full of goodies, which included light bulbs, rules, hot pads, pencils and pens.

## Leadership Training to be offered

Morrow County will once again offer a leadership training program based on the successful Morrow County 2001 program. Through this program, Morrow County's current and future leaders will receive free, hands-on training in the areas of Effective Communication, Facilitation Skills, Thinking and Acting Strategically, Sustainably Based Planning and Implementation, Volunteer Recruitment and Retention, and Fundraising and Grant Writing.

Each session is three hours long and offered on six Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 9 through April 3 in select communities within Morrow County. Enrollment is free, but is limited to 30 participants from Morrow County with a mix of residents from the five communities. If more than 30 enroll, organizers will select participants that will allow for maximum community networking. Those accepted to the program will be notified no later than Friday, Jan. 3.

The Morrow Leadership program "builds the capacity of community residents who already make a difference in their communities and have the desire

to strengthen and build on their current work to achieve greater impact. It also provides a foundation of skills for emerging leaders, providing them with tools and increased self-confidence in their ability to make a difference," stated a press release.

Grants were obtained from the Baker/Morrow Partnership and the Ford Family Foundation to fund the program and Rural Development Initiatives of Pendleton will conduct the training.

To sign up for the program or for more information, contact Jackie McCauley, coordinator, at Boardman City Hall, 481-8252.

## Willow Creek Symphony and Singers to perform

The Willow Creek Symphony and Singers will be performing a holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner. The concert is free to the public. Following the concert, the audience and performers will be encouraged to attend "Christmas at the Courthouse."

## Courthouse commemorative pins available

The Courthouse Commemorative Committee and the Morrow County Historical Society have joined together to create a commemorative pin for the Heppner Courthouse.

Each pin is about one inch in diameter and featured in color. Proceeds from the sale of the pin will go to the Morrow County Historical Society.

To help with the manufacturing cost of the pin, Morrow County Tippage, Bank of Eastern Oregon, and the Historical Society made donations, with pending donations from the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and Morrow County Museum.

Each pin will be \$3 and can currently be bought from Gayle Gutierrez, at the county treasurer's office at the Courthouse.

"These pins would make great stocking stuffers," said John Edmundson, a member of the historical society.

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