

## Rep. Smith discusses LEO plans at library open house



(L-R) Carpenter, Bob DeSpain talks with Rep. Greg Smith at the Heppner Library open house

Bob DeSpain, hired to do the carpentry work for the Oregon Trail Library District Heppner branch was in attendance at the open house, Tuesday, Dec. 3, along with Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner), a who worked with Sen. Ted Ferrioli in getting money from the state legislature.

The open house was an opportunity for community members to see the new improvements made to the library from money awarded by the Oregon State Legislature and the Libraries of Eastern Oregon. The money was used to create a new check-in counter, inside book drop and display case; purchase new lighting, desks, chairs and two additional computers; along with upgrading the wiring to support the new computers. Along with the money from the OSL and LEO, the Heppner branch also received two computers and a laser printer from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

All the new computers are specially designed for library use, and include a wide array of programs for patron use. One of

the four new computers operates in the Spanish language and includes a special keyboard with extra characters for the Spanish language. The computers also came with flat-screen LED monitors to provide optimal viewing.

During the evening, Rep. Smith expressed that he is "hoping to do more for libraries in the next session." He also talked about the last year's regular session, and how when he saw an opportunity to help Oregon libraries he "jumped all over it."

Rep. Smith, along with the LEO, believe that the rural library are the "hub of the community." The LEO promotes of a concept of "Lighting Up the Libraries," which they see as a project of connecting community members, through the library, with e-government and other aspects of the "21<sup>st</sup> century life."

About 15 other members of the community made it to the open house, to see the new changes and express their thoughts and ideas about current and future improvements.

## Chamber sponsors holiday light awards

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce invites you to decorate your house, business and street for a chance to win a prize.

First and second prizes will be given in two categories to decorated homes. First prize for outdoor lights will be \$50 and second prize is \$30. For indoor lights (can be seen through window), a \$30 first prize and \$20 second prize will be awarded. The business with the

most festive lighting display will receive a \$20 prize.

Heppner Holiday Lane, the street with the "most spectacular" light decorations, will also be announced.

Remember to have your lights turned on Friday, Dec. 20, for judging. Winners will be announced in the Christmas week edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times.

## Hair Expressions now at new location



(L-R): Kelly Boyer, LeAnn Wright and Kay Fowler at their new shop

Kay Fowler, owner of Hair Expressions, has re-opened her once home-ran business in a new shop dedicated to hair and body. The shop is located at 305 Linden Way, up from Greenfeed and across from Miller's Car Wash. An open house is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Door prizes will be awards, with a spa package as the grand prize.

Hair Expressions is opened Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Joining Fowler, is Kelly Boyer and LeAnn Wright, who formerly had Cut Loose. Hair Expressions offers men's, women's and children's cuts, colors and permanents, along with, tanning, facials, waxing, manicures and pedicures. Holiday gift certificates are also available and can be given as Christmas gifts to use any time.

Fowler and her husband, Dave, remolded a house they had been using as a rental so that she could move the shop out of her home and expand. The building offers three cutting stations, two shampoo areas, two nails stations and one tanning bed in a private room.

There is also a private room with a recline chair for facials and waxing. The facial room also has a steamer and a hot towel cabinet. In the future, Fowler would also like to expand the facial area to include a make-up line.

Fowler, who has lived in Heppner since 1989, graduated from beauty school in Albany in 1982. She has been in the business for 20 years, and for the past 11 years has run her business out of her home. Fowler came to Heppner with her husband Dave, when he received a teaching position at Heppner High School. He is currently teaching technology. Fowler also has two children, 7-year-old Bryce and 3-year-old Bryan.

Boyer, of Lexington went to beauty school in Pendleton and worked in Eugene and Spokane for about five years, before taking a break to raise a family. Boyer's husband, John works with Gar Aviation in Lexington. She and her husband have two children, a daughter, Brooke, 21, who is a senior at Boise State University, studying to be a nurse practitioner; and a son, Tyler, 15, a sophomore at Heppner High School. Currently, Boyer is not doing women's hair cuts, but is active with the facials, waxes, pedi- and mani-cures, and men's and boy's haircuts. "I am having fun coming back," commented Boyer.

Wright, who studied in Portland, has been cutting hair for also 19 years. She previously had Cut Loose but has decided to join Fowler and Boyer at Hair Expressions. Wright and her husband Tim have two children.

## Claire Grieb becomes new member of the angus association

Claire Grieb of Lexington is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef registry association in the world, with more than 36,000 active adult and junior members.

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## Cardinal Booster Club votes to purchase uniforms

Ione Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, Dec. 2 at the school cafeteria. Fourteen members were present. Progress is being made toward building the new trophy case. Dean Robinson will go to the Ione Advisory Board for approval to move the drinking fountain that is in the way of the project. Harold Rietmann is drawing up the plans.

Cameron and Cayle Krebs sanded and painted the gym door. Monica Swanson will be contacted to help place the academic signs in the gym. Dennis Stefani is making progress getting a storage container for the sports equipment.

Wheatland Insurance, Morrow County Grain Growers, and the Bank of Eastern Oregon will sponsor a hospitality room with club support during the Ione Basketball Bonanza. Debbie Morgan is in charge of concessions for the weekend. The club will be selling raffle tickets at home games for a quilt made and donated by Kate (McElligott) Garman.

Duane Neiffer's shop class will repair the community board on Main Street. Neiffer thanked the club for the donation to the science program at Ione Middle and High School. A thank you note was also received from the girls' volleyball team for the money given to them for state expenses.

The club voted to pay for the extra large and extra small uniforms purchased for the boys' varsity, and to pay a player's insurance coverage.

Businesses donating to the Ione track were sent thank you notes. All businesses that have contributed to Ione Schools will be honored at home ball games this winter. It was suggested the students present the businesses with certificates of appreciation.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, Jan. 6 at the high school library.

## ODOT cautions motorist to be aware of black ice

During the winter months, Oregon motorists deal with snow, wind, blowing snow, fog, and reduced visibility. Another hazardous situation that travelers need to be aware of is black ice. Black ice on the roadways can be difficult to see. Motorists are advised to pay attention to a change in color or a change in the reflectivity of the pavement surface. If the road surface is wet and all of sudden it looks dry; it could be black ice. Also if motorists come across a sparkling road surface, it could be either frost or black ice.

"The best way to deal with black ice is to anticipate where you have a likelihood of encountering it, such as on shady curves and bridges then slow down and to drive accordingly," said Dan Knoll, Public Information Representative for ODOT Region 4.

Knoll also recommends that motorists should slow down on dry pavement before entering what could be a slippery area. If it's too late to properly slow down, do not make any sudden changes or maneuvers and gradually use the brakes. If motorists find themselves on black ice and losing control, steer into the direction of the skid. Do not use cruise control if there is even a remote possibility of encountering black ice, frost, or snow.

ODOT's advice to motorists during the winter months is to be aware of the conditions, take extra time to reach destinations and drive accordingly.

## Museum discovery uncovers Northwest legend

When a June cloudburst unleashed a wall of water and debris that almost destroyed Heppner in 1903, a tale of heroism seemed to rise from the rubble the flood left behind. That story involved two men, Bruce Kelley and Leslie Matlock, who saddled their horses and raced the floodwaters down the Willow Creek Valley to warn the ranchers and townspeople who stood in its path. It was an event that made nationwide news and almost immediately took the shape of a legend. Now three different versions of that story, recently discovered in the files of the Morrow County Museum in Heppner, have been published as the book "A Wild Night Ride" by Bear Creek Press of Wallowa as part of its Northwest Classics Series.

"The collection shows different perspectives of the story as it evolved through time," says publisher Mark Highberger, "and all three versions involve Mr. Matlock as the author in one way or another."

Ranging from a 1903 newspaper article carry carrying Matlock's byline to a 1953 handwritten manuscript, these versions move from a fanciful account of the men's ride to a more subdued and factual-telling of their deed. "The original story featured an entertaining blend of fact and fiction," Highberger says, "a legend that's often repeated as history."

In spite of this, he says, nothing can detract from the courage displayed on that summer evening in 1903, when two men galloped their horses downstream, racing a flood down the valley and finding themselves on a wild night ride into Northwest history.

"A Wild Night Ride" is available for \$5.95 at bookstores throughout the region.

## 4-H News

### Picture This 4-H Club

By Mahaley Huddleston, reporter

Picture This is a new Photography Club lead by Sandy Matthews and Kim Armato. The club held their first meeting at the 4-H Annex on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Members started off by talking about fair and what's expected at fair. They also got a black card with a cut out square in the middle of it. It's called a Field of View. Sandy Matthews had one when she was young in her first photography class and it helped her a lot on how to take pictures, she said.

Members learned about different kinds of film and how important lighting is when taking a picture.

One important thing Sandy Matthews and Kim Armato wanted members to know is to think before taking a picture. The club motto is, "Bring your camera." There are great picture opportunities everyday; people just need to have a camera with them almost always to take them. Since most of the members are just starting out with photography, they are going to use a box camera for the first month.

Officers were nominated for the club. Picture This President is Whitney Matthews. The secretary is Megan Orr. The treasurer is Ashley Wolff. The club will also have rotating reporters.

Community service is one goal members want to do this year as a club, such as take Santa pictures at Murray Drugs.

Members finished off the evening with cookies and punch. "It was a great first meeting and we're off to a picture perfect start," said a club member.

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