

Food drive winners receive certificates and prizes



First place winners, for the Neighborhood Center Canned Food Drive contest held in October, was the Heppner Hardware Gang. (L-R): Cliff Green, owner, Peggy Fishburn, Bev Harris and John Breidenbach, along with Duane Jones, contest organizer.

Heppner Little League to hold monthly meeting

Heppner Little League will be holding monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, the first of these meetings will be held Dec. 2. The new board members for 2003-2004 are:

president, Robin Skaggs; vice-president, Jerry Gentry; treasurer, Sherron Woodside; and secretary, Renee Yocom. Other league positions include: in charge of field maintenance, Mark Huddleston; equipment officer, Travis Harrison; umpire in chief, Terry Lupinacci; concessions, Mindy Christiansen; and player agent, Rob Waite.

"We look forward to seeing all your kids participate in a fun and successful year."



The second place winner was John's Place Restaurant. Representing John's Place is owners Nancy and John Gochnauer.

Irrigon Chamber to hold awards banquet

The Irrigon Chamber will host its annual Community Awards Banquet on the evening of Dec. 6 at the Senior Center in Irrigon.

Live music by "Ayana" will entertain you while you enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Donna Eppenbach. The evening will feature some surprises in addition to beautiful

decorations and an auction of decorated trees, wreaths and centerpieces. Jeff Slawson will be auctioneer for the evening. Proceeds from the auction will benefit many community projects.

Irrigon folks are encouraged to nominate deserving people for: "Man or Woman of the Year", "Volunteer of the Year", "Educator of the Year", and "Outstanding Young Adult".

Banquet tickets (\$8 each) and nomination forms can be picked up at Irrigon City Hall, Bank of Eastern Oregon in Irrigon, Kegler's Market, Huwe's and Irrigon Market.

Completed nomination forms can be submitted to the Bank of Eastern Oregon or to the Chamber at P.O. Box 678, Irrigon, OR 97844. Nominations must be turned in by Dec. 31. Tickets will also be available at the door.

For additional information, contact Patti Burres at 922-2888 or Bonnie Clow at 922-4323.

Ione to host annual Basketball Bonanza

The fifth annual Ione Basketball Bonanza Tournament will be held Dec. 6-7 at the Ione High School gymnasium. The teams competing this year for the title are Mac-Hi, Enterprise, Umatilla and Ione.

A girls' match up between the Mac-Hi Pioneers and the Ione Cardinals will kick off the tournament at 3 p.m., on Dec. 6. Later to finish out the girls' round, Umatilla will be taking on Enterprise at 6 p.m. The first boys' game will be at 4:30 p.m., on Dec. 6, with Mac-Hi battling the Umatilla Vikings. The final game of the night has the Ione boys matched up against Enterprise at 7:30 p.m.

The next day, Dec. 7, will begin with the girls' consolation game at 1 p.m. and the boys' consolation game at 2:45 p.m. The girls' championship match is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., followed by the boys' championship game at 6:15 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded for the top teams in each division. Ticket prices for the tournament will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for students with ASB cards. The tournament is sponsored by the Ione Booster Club.

DA's Report

Rigoberto Juarez-Zurita was convicted of Contributing to the Sexual Delinquency of a Minor, a Class-A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 365 suspended days in jail, two years bench probation, 40 hours of community service and payment of \$624 in fines and fees.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Turkeys, pumpkin, fall colors, leaves, pies, pilgrims, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes; families, friends and strangers gathered around a table sharing abundance; and football and family games. These are some symbols that immediately call to mind the Thanksgiving holiday.

However, being thankful isn't just about one day a year. It's taking a few minutes at the end of each day to count our blessings, it's remembering to say thank you to people for all the small things that make a difference each day in our lives; it's expressing gratitude for those fighting for our country's freedom; it's remembering those who brought us to freedom during other times; it's realizing that the things that make us the most thankful usually involve feelings, our environment, and people, sharing, caring and joining together to accomplish those things, which, when faced alone, looked impossible. As you experience the day, please take time to recall the positive things about the past year and be thankful for each other and this community. Relax and enjoy the day.

And the next week, take a big breath and prepare to join the Heppner holiday festivities on Thursday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec. 5. Kick off Heppner Happenings by stringing some lights on your favorite vehicle and entering the Light Parade, decorating the Main Street tree, taking your children for pictures with Santa at the Shoe Box, viewing the trees during "Stroll Heppner" and attending the second Christmas tree auction where tree themes range from "Full of Hot Air" to a "Tropical Christmas."

Get a jump on discovering the scavenger hunt clues hidden in our local businesses. All sixteen words will be needed to win the contest, but only eight reindeer will be scampering around town at any one time. Make sure to visit each business regularly, so as to not miss word. See the accompanying Gazette article for additional information. The end result could be \$150 to spend at a local participating merchant. You make a difference. Invite friends and neighbors in the Willow Creek Valley to join in the fun.

In the meantime, forget your diets and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thought for the Week: "We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now." -Dr. Martin Luther King.

SWCD to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1 p.m., at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner.

Agenda items and discussion items include: manager and agency reports. Prospect of an executive session according to ORS 192.640(2).

The meeting is open to the public.

Thanksgiving dinner changes venues

The annual community-wide Thanksgiving dinner, held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, will now be held at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. The dinner will begin at 1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

Heppner Chamber of Commerce Members wish you a "Happy Holiday Season"

Abstract and Title Services:
Columbia River Title Co. LLC

Accommodations:
Morrow County Parks
Northwestern Motel & RV Park

Attorney-at-Law:
Kuhn and Spicer

Barbers and Beauty Shops:
Hair Expressions
Jerry's Barber Shop

Beauty Consultants:
Mary Kay - Melissa Anderson
Mary Kay - Amy Kollman

Churches:
Christian Life Center
Heppner United Methodist

CPAs:
Snyder, Seydel, Lewis, Poe and Moeller
Thomas F. Wolff

Construction:
Allstott Construction, LLC
Richard Bondurant, Contractor
Gentry Home Improvements

Education/Government:
BMCC
City of Heppner
Heppner Ranger District
Morrow County
- OSU Extension Service
Morrow County School District
Morrow County SWCD
Oregon Trail Library District
Umatilla/Morrow ESD

Charitable Organizations:
United Way
- Umatilla and Morrow Counties

Economic Development:
Port of Morrow

Financial:
Bank of Eastern Oregon
Klamath First Federal

Funeral Directors:
Sweeney Mortuary

Health:
Hayden Family Dentistry
Morrow County Health District
Willow Creek Clinic

Individuals:
Dan and Doris Brosnan
Forrie and Gail Burkenbine
Louis and Betty Carlson
John Edmundson
Cyde Estes
R.J. French
Jim and Barbara Hayes
Robert Jepsen
Bob and Joy Krein
Larry Mills
Archie Padberg
Rep. Greg Smith
Nancy Snider
John Wenzholz, Commissioner

Insurance:
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Financial Network
Sherrill Insurance
Simmons Financial Group
Wheatland Insurance
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Media:
East Oregonian
Heppner Gazette-Times

Ranches:
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4-C Ranches
Grieb Land Company
Horseshoe Hereford Ranch
Hughes Ranch
Lindsay Ranch
Morrow Co. Livestock Growers
Gorden O'Brien
Irv Rauch
RX Ranch
Triangle Ranches
Turner Ranch
Wilkinson Ranch

Realtors:
Willow Creek Realty

Recreation:
Morrow County Parks
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Shamrock Lanes
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Restaurants, Catering, and Groceries
Bucknum's
Central Red Apple & Deli
Commuter Cafe
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Pudding on the Ritz
Shamrock Lanes
and Pot O' Gold Cafe

Retail:
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and Fine Baskets
Colleen Williams Creations
Devin Oil Company
Dobyns Pest Control
Gardner's Men's Wear
Heppner Hardware
Les Schwab Tire Center
Morrow County Grain Growers
Murray's Drug
and Country Rose
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Thank You For Investing in Heppner

Join us for "Stroll Heppner"
and the Light Parade, Thursday, Dec. 4th
and our Second Annual Tree Auction, Friday, Dec. 5th

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