

## Energy assistance funds still available

If you have not yet applied with CAPECO for help with your heating bill, there is still time. The Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) provides a one-time payment that is generally issued to the eligible household's fuel supplier to help offset the high cost of heating their home. These funds are available for residents in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

To determine eligibility, applicants must provide documentation of all household income for 30 days prior to their appointment. The income guidelines have been established at 60 percent of median income. Therefore, one person, living alone, can have an annual gross income of \$18,802. A household of four can earn up to \$36,157 annually.

## Weight loss support group to begin

A supportive challenge group is beginning on Jan. 2, 2005 to help you keep your New Year's resolution- to lose weight. All ages are welcome to participate. For more information please call 676-8161.

If you feel you might qualify and you have not applied for energy assistance since Oct. 1, 2004, please call one of the following numbers: Hermiston area residents call 564-5665; Pendleton and Milton-Freewater area residents call 276-1926, ext. 126 (ext. 151 for Spanish); all others in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties call (800) 752-1139, ext. 150 (ext. 151 for Spanish) to request an application.

## Ten Star All Star basketball camp taking applications

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star summer basketball camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison.

Players from 50 states and 17 foreign countries attended the 2004 camp.

College basketball scholarships are possible for played selected to the All-American team.

Camp locations include: Thousand Oaks, CA; Prescott, AZ; Belmont, CA; Sterling, CO; Bridgeport, CT; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta, GA; Carlinville, IL; Macomb, IL; Greencastle, IN; Atchison, KS; Baltimore, MD; Ypsilanti, MI; Hickory, NC; Schenectady, NY; Bluffton, OH; Doylestown, PA; Lebanon, TN; Commerce, TX; Blacksburg, VA; Lyndonville, VT; and Beloit, WI.

For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 anytime.

## Carolers ride through lone



Joe and Dwyla Yocom with a buggy carrying 11 people during the caroling festivities in lone.



(L-R): Singing on horseback, Jenny Griffith, Amber Patton, John Walton and Ginger Patton.

On Thursday, Dec. 23, approximately 40 people on horseback or in buggies traveled through the streets of lone singing Christmas carols. There was one wagon, five buggies and 14 horses in the parade. Those who participated hope to make it an annual event.

## Brian Cole selected as Executive Director for OEDA

The Oregon Economic Development Association (OEDA), a statewide organization coordinating the Oregon Business Development Marketing Campaign, has selected Brian Cole of Orbis Group of Baker City as Executive Director of the organization.

OEDA was established as the Oregon Jobs Coalition in the early 1990's to work in partnership with the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department to raise the profile of Oregon as a competitive location for expanding and relocating businesses. The name was later changed to the Oregon Economic Development Association.

The membership of OEDA is comprised of local economic development organizations, cities and counties, as well as Oregon businesses and utilities that desire to improve Oregon's quality of life through the development of family wage jobs.

Cole will staff the organization, coordinate the private association's responsibilities for the statewide business recruitment campaign and

coordinate professional development and training opportunities for economic developers throughout the state.

"I am very excited about this opportunity to reconnect to Oregon's economic development community," said Cole. "The efforts of OEDA are critical given the need for business expansion throughout the state."

Cole holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oregon State University and a master of business administration from Willamette University.

Cole was hired as Baker City and Baker County's first economic development director in 1987 and served in that capacity for over six years.

Cole then served as a Regional Development

Officer for the Oregon Economic Development Department from 1994-1998 when he was elected Chairman of the Baker County Board of Commissioners.

In his capacity as County Commission Chairman, Cole remained engaged in the county's economic development efforts and maintained strong relations with economic developers throughout the state.

Cole established Orbis Group in January of 2003 to "help businesses, organizations, and communities to succeed."

Cole will conduct the business activities of OEDA from his Baker City office where he continues to serve Eastern Oregon businesses and non-profit organizations with grant

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**Real Estate**  
By DAVID SYKES  
REALTOR

### CHECK LOAN CHANCES FIRST

Buying a home has never been an easy task and it's not getting any easier. We see would-be buyers who have searched for months to find a "dream home" only to find out they could not qualify for a loan at that price house.

Ironically, it's a heartache most buyers can avoid simply by doing a bit of arithmetic and talking with their Realtor or Lender BEFORE they start hunting for a new home. If you know how much the bank will lend you PRIOR to your house hunting, you won't waste time looking for a house you may not be able to afford.

At our office, we are familiar with the banks in our area and can recommend a loan officer to visit with. If you bring your financial numbers along (assets, debts, gross income, expenses, etc.), the loan officer can give you an estimate of how much the bank will lend you. Then you'll have something solid to work with and can look for a home that fits your budget.

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### ABOUT THE HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES NEWSPAPER

**News articles**  
The Heppner Gazette welcomes news articles that are of interest to the communities of lone, Lexington, Heppner and the surrounding area.

You can submit your article through mail, fax, email or bring it to our office (see below under how to contact us).

There is no charge for news articles, but if the article is a moneymaking activity for a person or business other than a non-profit or community service organization, it must run as a paid advertisement.

**Advertisements**  
There are several different types of advertisements in the Heppner Gazette.

Display ads are the boxed ads that run throughout the newspaper and are charged for by the amount of space. The larger the ad the more it cost. Photos and graphics may be used in display ads.

Classified, or want ads, run in the section near the back of the newspaper and are charged by the number of words in the ad.

Business directory ads are boxed ads at a discounted rate. You must agree to run the ad unchanged (except for minor corrections) for a minimum of three months.

Legal notices. The Gazette is the legal newspaper for various public entities and is able to satisfy publishing requirements for Morrow County.

**Letters to the Editor**  
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. 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 \$7) Letters in poor taste or libelous will not be published.

**Photos**  
The Gazette welcomes photos to run with news articles. We accept either black and white or color photos and they can be returned. We also accept digital photos. Email or bring the digitals to the office on a disk. We also accept digital camera "chips" to download the photos from your camera. Please contact us if you are unsure how to submit your photo.

**Hours & Deadlines**  
Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Advertisement and news article deadline is 5 p.m. Monday for that week's paper. The newspaper publishes on Wednesday of each week.

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## Power wheelchairs available through Three Wishes

The Three Wishes Inc. Program makes available to senior citizens and the permanently disabled, power electric wheelchairs at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

For more information contact Three Wishes Inc., at (800) 839-5715.

## DA's report

Socimo Vera was convicted of Carry/Use of a Dangerous Weapon, a Class C felony. Vera was sentenced to three years supervised probation, 90 days in jail, 80 hours community service and payment of \$916 in fines and fees.

Ricardo Reyes was convicted of Attempt B/Felony Theft by Extortion, a Class C felony reduced to a Class A misdemeanor. Reyes was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, two years bench probation, 40 hours of community service and payment of \$624 in fines and fees.

## Marriage Licenses

Dec. 27: Robert Mark Piper, 44, Redmond and Julia Elizabeth Roe, 40, Redmond.

## WCLL to meet

Willow Creek Little League will be holding a meeting on Jan. 11, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., at the Big Timber Cafe in Fossil.

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**What On Earth Am I Here For?**

Join us in studying and discussing Rick Warren's "The Purpose Driven Life".

Everyone is welcome!

Starting January 11th

For more information, contact Keith Price, 676-5552 or Dick Sargent, 676-9621

**Chinese Fortune Cookie say**

"Special Numbers in your Future!"

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Rate	APY*	Rate	APY*
3.50%	3.55%	\$0-\$99,999.99	1.50% 1.51%
		\$100,000-\$249,999.99	2.00% 2.02%
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\*APY (Annual Percentage Yield). Min. opening balance to receive disclosed APY is \$10,000. Offer good 11/01/04-12/31/04. Some restrictions apply. Penalty for early withdrawal equal to one year's interest. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

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