

## Morrow County announces new ways to make voting more accessible

Bobbi Childers, Morrow County Clerk, announced today that Secretary of State Bill Bradbury has implemented requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to make voting in this Nov. 7 election easier for those who have had problems in the past. Persons with disabilities and soldiers in the field are among those being assisted with new technologies or outreach tools.

"I'm thrilled that we've been able to harness new technologies to help people vote especially persons with disabilities who've never been able to vote privately and independently," said Secretary Bradbury. "We've worked hard to make 21<sup>st</sup>-century technology answer the needs of 21<sup>st</sup>-century voters."

The key new technologies in use this November include the following:

-The Accessible Ballot Marking System (ABMS) allows some voters with disabilities to mark their ballot independently and privately. The ABMS uses a telephone and fax as a ballot marking assistive device. Using the telephone keypad the voter completes their ballot, verifies the selections, submits the ballot and hangs up the phone. Within seconds, the system faxes back a ballot that is marked with the voter's selections. The system does not store any information and does not tally any votes. The voter places the ballot in the secrecy envelope, signs the signature verification envelope and casts their ballot.

-HTML ballots are ballots for voters with disabilities who access printed material or complete forms with the aid of technology. The HTML ballot can be emailed to the voter. An additional application of the HTML ballot is for our service personnel in other countries who have access to email.

The HTML ballot is opened by the voter using a computer with a web browser application, but does not engage or require connection to the internet in any way. The voter completes the ballot using a computer, prints it out, and then mails it to their county elections office, just like a typical vote by mail ballot. These ballots will also be duplicated by the county for tabulating purposes.

A phone line has been created to give voters with disabilities the opportunity to practice using the ABMS before coming to their local county clerk's office to vote with it. Voters can call (866) 483-8683 from any location, 24 hours a day. A brief generic ballot is available immediately, using the ballot access code "010."

Voters can practice using the ABMS on their own specific local ballot by using their individual ballot

access code, which can be obtained by calling (541) 676-5601 (the Morrow County clerk's office phone number). Use of the practice ballot does not register ballot choices in any way. It is for practice purposes only.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7. Registered voters who have moved or had a name change since their last vote can update their information and request a ballot as late as Election Day at their county clerk's office. Voters should be reminded that postmarks do not count when returning their ballot. Ballots must be turned in to official drop sites or county clerks' offices by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

More information about the ABMS and other tools available to those who need assistance or who need further information about voting, can be found at [www.oregonvotes.org](http://www.oregonvotes.org), or by calling the Election Line toll-free phone number at (866) ORE-VOTES, (866) 673-8683.

## Chamber plans numerous holiday activities

Believe it or not, it's time for Christmas planning. The Heppner Chamber of Commerce is challenging all Heppner businesses to a storefront decorating contest. Stores are encouraged to begin decorating by the day after Thanksgiving and judging will take place the week of Dec. 25 through Jan. 1, 2007. Winners will be announced on Friday, Jan. 4. The prize for the contest will be determined by Chamber board members and announced at a later time. "Let your imaginations go wild," encourages Terry Baker, Chamber director.

As an incentive to get Heppnerites to shop locally during the holiday season, the Chamber will be giving away "Santa Cash." Shoppers should save their receipts from each Heppner retail store from Nov. 11 through Dec. 20 and bring them to the Chamber for "Santa Cash." Shoppers will be given Santa Cash on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Then, everyone will assemble on Thursday, Dec. 21 for an auction using only the "Santa Cash."

Some old time favorites will be returning including the tree lighting, the Light Parade and the Tree Auction. New items will include a hayride, a live nativity and a gingerbread house contest. It is also hoped that carolers will be traveling throughout the area.

The tree lighting and the Light Parade will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30. Also on Nov. 30, will be the annual tree auction benefiting Pioneer Memorial Hospice and the gingerbread house contest. Watch future issues for more information. The chamber also suggests that local merchants hold their open houses on Nov. 30. The live nativity and hayride will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2.

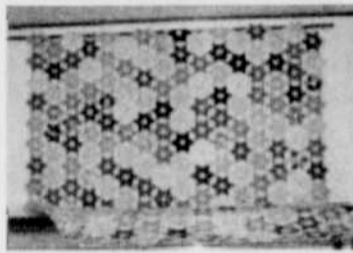
Anyone who has any other ideas for the holidays or if your store is going to be doing something special, please contact Terry Baker at the Chamber at 676-5536.

## Day Care trick-or-treats through town



Heppner Day Care kids got an early start on Trick-or-Treating on Halloween, by visiting local businesses, including the Gazette-Times.

## Taylor family benefit dinner and poker tournament to be held in Ione



Kya's Quilt

Kya Taylor was born to Jacob and Amy Taylor on July 27, 2006 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland, one month before her due date. Complications during Amy's pregnancy revealed that Kya would have to undergo surgery to repair an intestinal problem. Within two days of her birth, Kya underwent two surgeries. The first surgery was to repair her esophagus that was attached to her lung and also to repair the intestinal problem that was detected before her birth. The second surgery was to repair a lung problem that was discovered during the first surgery. After six weeks in ICU, Jacob and Amy were able to take their little baby girl home, with oxygen and a monitor. Scar tissue in the esophagus has put Kya back in the hospital twice to perform a procedure to stretch her esophagus. She will require this procedure once every two weeks for the next six weeks. It was also recently learned that Kya had to return to the hospital on Saturday, Oct. 28, due to a lung problem. Two surgeries, six weeks in ICU, two procedures and more to go has really racked up a hefty hospital bill for Kya's parents.

Jacob, son of Roy and Carol Taylor of Ione, was born in Hermiston, grew up in Ione and attended Ione Schools. He joined the



Jacob, Amy and Kya Taylor

National Guard and was deployed to Iraq for a year. While in Iraq, Jacob made the decision to continue his National Guard duty for another term. After arriving home in March 2005, he met Amy Hughes in Salem. They were married on June 3, 2006.

A prime rib dinner and Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament is planned to benefit Kya and her parents. The dinner will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Legion Hall in Ione starting at 6 p.m. Dinner will cost \$15. If you might be coming for the dinner, leave a RSVP message at 422-7025.

Buy-in for the Texas Hold 'Em tournament is \$40. Prizes, instead of cash, will be awarded to the winners. The tournament will begin at 8 p.m.

Raffle tickets for a hand-stitched, queen-sized quilt are selling for \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. Tickets may be purchased at Taylor's Restaurant in Ione. The quilt, made by Carol Taylor's sister, is on display at Taylor's Restaurant in Ione.

For more information, to help with the expenses of the dinner, to donate a tournament prize, to donate a raffle item or to volunteer your services to help with the event, please contact Taylor's Restaurant at 422-9800.

To add to the fundraising events, a Cookie Lee Jewelry campaign and a Pampered Chef campaign are also being planned. There will be tables at the event so that shoppers can see the merchandise and place orders for holiday shopping. Proceeds will go to Jacob and Amy. For catalogs and information, please contact Arlynda Gates at 422-7534 or 422-7180.

An account has also been set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon for donations directly to Jacob, Amy and Kya Taylor.

## Ione man graduates from basic training

Army National Guard Pvt. Cody J. Keisling has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, KY.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history, traditions and core values.

He is the son of Leslie Keisling and grandson of Verna Mudie, both of Ione.

## Rebekahs to host card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be holding their monthly card party on Nov. 4 at the lodge hall in Lexington. Play will start at 7 p.m. and the evening will be filled with fun, food and friendship, all for only \$5 per person.

### WHAT AN AMAZING COMMUNITY

*Words can not express the gratitude we feel toward you. We have been blessed by the kindness, love and generosity of so many thoughtful people.*

Here are but a few of the things the people of Heppner have done for us:

- A dessert auction was organized and carried out at the Oct 20 football game;
- Hay was donated, delivered and stacked;
- Meals have been brought in;
- A ramp was built to our front entrance;
- Grab bars were installed;
- The front pasture was worked and re-seeded;
- The house and screens were washed;
- Yard work has been done;
- Housecleaning and laundry has also been done;
- Numerous cards have been received;
- Many have stopped by to visit;
- Hospice volunteers and friends have made it possible for John and I to get a break from time to time.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU  
*God has enriched our lives through you  
Arnold and Wendy Appleton, and family*

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