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Shop local program successful

The "Santa Cash Auction", a shop-local program sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, was a "huge success", said Terry Baker, Chamber executive director.

In the program, shoppers saved receipts from local stores from November 11 through December 20 and brought those receipts to the Chamber to exchange dollar for dollar for Santa Cash. An

auction using the Santa Cash was held December 21. \$20,540 worth of Santa Cash was used by the end of the night and around 30-40 people attended. "This is only a small fraction of what people spend in Heppner," said Baker. "It was fun to see how high people would bid when they are not using real cash. Even the children had fun and were able to bid on a few "kid only" items I had set aside," she said.

Gazette closed New Year's day

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed on Monday, January 1, for New Year's. Submission deadlines will be 5 p.m. on Friday, December 29. The newspaper will be published as usual on Wednesday, January 3.

The staff wishes everyone a happy holiday and a wonderful new year.

Foster care volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed now for foster care reviews in Morrow County. Local community members serve one day every other month to provide oversight and case review of children in foster care. As court appointed volunteers, they meet as a board and work to ensure every child lives in a safe, secure, healthy, permanent home, preserving families whenever possible.

No special skills are required - only a sincere interest in helping the abused and neglected children and youth of this community. Interested applicants with

related or unique life experiences are encouraged to apply.

The Citizen Review Board meets the fourth Monday every other month. Training for this volunteer position is provided. Limited funds are available to help meet costs associated with volunteering such as day care, mileage, etc. Interested volunteers may contact Toni Sloan at (541) 276-5520 or Kelly Merrick, volunteer coordinator at (503) 731-4578 or by e-mail at Kelly.M.Merrick@ojd.state.or.us for an information packet.

PGE employees exemplify season of giving

This year, Portland General Electric employees and retirees set a new record for their generosity and pledged \$10,412 (including PGE's 50 percent match) to nonprofit groups located in Morrow County during the company's annual Employee Giving Campaign.

"The dedication and compassion of PGE employees and retirees never ceases to amaze me," said Peggy Fowler, CEO and president of PGE.

"The record-setting \$1.4 million raised in this year's Employee Giving Campaign will go a long way in assisting nonprofit organizations that are greatly deserving of financial support."

The 2006 PGE Employee Giving Campaign totals \$1,411,128, up almost 15 percent from the previous record of \$1,228,992 set in 2005. PGE's 2,700 employees and more than 1,000 retirees can designate any charitable nonprofit or accredited school to receive their pledges, and PGE matches their contributions by 50 percent. The four-week campaign concluded Oct. 31. Since the company match program started in 1998, PGE employees and retirees have contributed more than \$7.4 million to their communities through the Employee Giving Campaign.

For 2006, donations are being distributed to 797 diverse groups, two thirds of

which are located in Oregon. Top recipients include:

Providence Cancer Center; Oregon Food Bank, Inc.; Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation; Emanuel Medical Center Foundation Oregon Burn Center; Oregon Public Broadcasting; SOLV; United Way of the Columbia-Willamette; PGE Foundation Community 101sm; Oregon HEAT; and United Way of Columbia County.

A sampling of schools and nonprofit organizations in Morrow County that are receiving donations from this year's Employee Giving Campaign include:

-Grants awarded in Boardman: \$375 donated to Boardman Senior Citizens, Inc.; \$390 donated to Columbia River Emergency Medical Technician Association; \$1,521 donated to North Morrow Community Foundation, Inc.

-Grants awarded in Heppner: \$156 donated to 4-H Wild Riders Horse Club; \$624 donated to Heppner Day Care, Inc.; \$156 donated to Morrow County Health District; \$156 donated to Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County, Inc.

-Grants awarded in Ione: \$180 donated to Ione Community Agri-Business Organization; \$450 donated to Ione Creative Care Pre-School; \$5,144 donated to Ione Education Foundation.

-Grants awarded in Irrigon: \$1,260 donated to Irrigon-Boardman Emergency Assistance Center.

In addition to making monetary donations to their favorite organizations, PGE employees and retirees also give of their personal time. During 2006 alone, PGE volunteers will have logged approximately 90,000 hours with their favorite nonprofit organizations.

Obituaries

Cordelia E. LaRue

Cordelia E. LaRue, Hermiston, died December 19, 2006. She was 88. At her request, there will be no service. A private inurnment will be held at Hermiston Cemetery.

Mrs. LaRue was born May 14, 1918, in Tempe, Ariz., to Henry and Amanda Neeley Thompson where she was raised and attended schools. She married Eldon P. LaRue on June 1, 1936, in Tucson, Ariz. They moved to Hermiston in 1965 and operated the La Rue Dairy for 38 years.

Mrs. LaRue enjoyed oil painting and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by daughter, Deanne Hiatt of Irrigon; sons, Robert LaRue of Post Falls, Idaho, and Wesley LaRue of Corvallis; sister, Ora West; brother, James Thompson; six grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Mrs. LaRue was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother, Raymond, and sisters, Edna and Opal.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tri City Chaplaincy Hospice, 2108 W. Entiat Ave., Kennewick, Wash., 99336.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Ann Grohs

Barbara Ann Grohs died Dec. 14, 2006. She was 80. A celebration of life service will be held at noon Saturday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Umatilla.

Mrs. Grohs was born April 18, 1926, in Bakersfield, Calif., to William L. Hubner and Jamima Mahler Hubner. She grew up in Arcadia, Calif.

In May of 1947, she married Glenn Pitts in St. Louis, Mo. They later divorced. She married Bob Johnson in 1951. They divorced in 1962. In 1963, she married Cletus Grohs. He died in 1990 and she reunited with Glenn Pitts.

She was a Lamb-Weston employee for 22 years.

She is survived by her children, Robyn Faust of Boardman, Jeffery Johnson, Curtis Grohs, Dennis Grohs, all of Springfield, David Grohs of Yucaipa Calif., Michael Grohs of Coburg and Kim Dyer of Umatilla; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Carol Lee Ford

Carol Lee Ford, Irrigon, died Dec. 18, 2006, at Oregon Health and Science University Hospital in Portland, after a long battle with myelodysplastic syndrome (bone marrow transplant). She was 56.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Columbia View Community Church in Irrigon. Burial will follow at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Ford was born June 1, 1950, in Coulee City, Wash., to Leonard Elija and Dolly Faye Benefield Hamilton.

She graduated from Umatilla High School, attended Blue Mountain Community College and worked for the city of Irrigon and Watts Brothers Fertilizer.

On Nov. 12, 1976, she married Larry Leonard Ford in Reno, Nev., and returned to Irrigon.

Mrs. Ford was a member of the Umatilla Baptist Church and the Hermiston Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed sewing, reading and music.

She is survived by her husband; father; daughters Andrea Roberts of Irrigon and Jaime Allen of Vancouver, Wash.; sister Linda Kinniburgh of Vancouver, Wash.; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dolly Faye Benefield Hamilton.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

SWCD, Livestock Growers plan meeting

The Morrow SWCD and Morrow County Livestock Growers will hold a joint annual meeting program on Thursday, January 11, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

The draft agenda includes information on Ethanol and bio-fuels and an ethanol plant being built at the Port of Morrow; Heppner High School Vo-ag students will give a presentation on recent activities; Frank O'Leary, Oregon Rangeland Trust, will provide information on the trust; Columbia Plateau Pheasants Forever will update attendees on past and planned activities; and Jordan Maley will discuss quality control and food security in the ag industry, along with information on infrared protein testing technology and a review of the Gilliam County Specialty Wheat program. After a short break the two groups will hold their individual business meetings.

The program will provide information for all agricultural producers. The program and meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Sykes appointed to county planning commission

The Morrow County Court last Wednesday appointed David Sykes of Heppner to the Morrow County Planning Commission.


Sykes is the owner of the Heppner Gazette-Times newspaper and Sykes Real Estate. He will serve on the commission from January, 2007 until December of 2010.

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