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Mustangs take second in state



The Heppner Mustangs took second in state this past weekend. The Mustangs lost their bid for state champions by a score of 10-6 to Culver. The Mustangs ended their season with an impressive 10-3 record. A full story on Saturday's championship game can be found on page four.
-Photos by Sandy Matthews

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High winds cause power outages throughout Heppner area

According to Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, high winds were the cause of the power outages in the Heppner area Sunday evening through Monday morning. Columbia Basin was not notified of any significant damages and said that the only cause they could cite for the outages was high winds.

Heppner Schools were closed for the day on Monday because of the power being out.

Winners announced for Light Parade and Tree Raffle



It was a snowy evening for the Light Parade on Thursday, November 29. -Photo by April Sykes

The Chamber of Commerce recently hosted the annual Light Parade and held a tree raffle. Winners of these events are as follows.

Light Parade: School - Senior Class; Individual - Karen Dubuque; and Commercial - Stable of Youth. Each of these winners received \$75 from the Chamber.

Tree Raffle winners were: Claudia Hughes winning the tree sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon; Barb Hayes winning the tree sponsored by Heppner Family Foods; and Mark Wunderlich winning the tree sponsored by Morrow County Grain Growers.

Ione Middle School TAG Kids to compete in tournament

The Ione Middle School Talented and Gifted group meets every seventh period to prepare to compete in a tournament to be held in Vancouver on December 9. The tournament is part of the LEGO's Mindstorm First Project. Students have built the community to help research and create a technological or engineering solution concerning alternative

forms of energy. Students are in the process of building a robot that will then be programmed to conduct 11 missions during the competition.

In order to make the most of the trip to the Portland area, the students are working on raising money. As a fundraiser a bake sale and raffle will be held at the Legion Hall November 30 -

December 1 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. during the Ione Open House. Ione Cardinal 17 oz. Stadium Cups will also be for sale. These would make a great stocking stuffer!

So come in and take a peek to see the progress. Ask about the project, the challenge and the presentation. Your curiosity will only make our presentation stronger.

Closed for Christmas

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25. Newspaper deadlines will be Friday, December 21, at 5 p.m. The newspaper will be printed on Wednesday, December 26.

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Smith selected as Cooperator of the Year

The Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association has selected Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) to receive the 2007 Cooperator of the Year Award. According to Executive Director, Sandy Flicker "Representative Smith showed incredible courage in the 2007 Legislative Session in protecting the interests of electricity ratepayers against incredible pressure."



Rep. Greg Smith

Representative Smith served on the House Energy Committee and consistently viewed potential legislation from a customer perspective. "He is very

knowledgeable about the energy issues affecting Oregonians and consistently tries to balance the needs of the environment with the needs of ratepayers," said Steve Eldridge, General Manager of Umatilla Electric Coopera-

tive in Hermiston.

The Cooperator of the Year award is presented each year to an elected official who has demonstrated their support of electric cooperatives. Representative Smith will be presented with this award by the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association at their Annual Meeting December 6.

The Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association is a trade association of 17 electric co-ops and represents the interests of co-op members in the federal and state legislative and regulatory arenas.

Boardman Christmas Lighting Contest to be held

The Boardman Tillicum Club will once again sponsor the Boardman Christmas Lighting Contest. Judges will be out the evening of December 13 to view all the displays in Boardman, both residential and commercial.

Cash prizes will be awarded in the following

categories: Chevy Chase (most decorated), Traditional Display, Best Theme, and Best Business. First place in each category will receive \$25 and second place will receive \$15. There will also be honorable mention in each category. All participants are asked to have their

displays ready by 7pm on the 13th.

The Boardman Tillicum, organized in 1945, is made up of Boardman area women interested in fellowships and service to the Boardman Community. They meet the second Tuesday of each month.

Area pastors invited to submit Christmas messages

The Heppner Gazette-Times invites area pastors to submit Christmas messages for the December 19 edition. The deadline for these messages will be Thursday, December 13, at 5 p.m.

Messages can be dropped off at the Heppner Gazette-Times, faxed to 676-9211, mailed to P.O. Box 337, Heppner, OR 97836, or emailed to david@heppner.net.

Les Schwab holds annual toy drive

Les Schwab Tire Center is holding their annual toy drive. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Les Schwab through December 17 at 6 p.m.

New small items are also being accepted through December 12 for the annual kids shopping day at the Neighborhood Centers. This day allows children to shop for Mom, Dad and siblings fro Christmas.

Colemine Hill to be closed

Colemine Hill will be closed by the County on Thursday, December 6.

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