

Greenhands initiated into Heppner FFA



The Heppner FFA initiated Greenhands into their Chapter on Monday, December 17, at the high school. Congratulations to (back row L-R) Kellee Jones, Spencer Palmer, Donald Matthews, Lane Wright, Frank Meyer, Willy Gentry, Mo, Alex Pickles, Patty Little, (front row L-R) Justin Yocom, Jared Hedman, Devin Robinson, Brett Harrison, Chelsey Hedman, Taighler Dougherty, and Haley Petit. Not pictured: Jake Van Doorn, Jarreid Miller, Torri Lovgren, and Eddie Ramirez.

FFA and Garden Club create holiday decorations



Recently, the Heppner High School Horticulture class worked with the Heppner Garden Club to create wreaths, swags and holiday decorations. The class learned a lot from the wisdom of the ladies and gentlemen of the Garden Club and look forward to working with them in the future. In the top photo Stephanie Rill, Dillon Lutzer and Spencer Palmer display one of their creations. In the bottom photo Kelsie Fox learns how to make the beautiful bows from Dorothy Jackson.

Boardman Tillicum Club gives donation

The ladies of the Boardman Tillicum Club "felt like Santa Claus" Tuesday night when they gave \$10,000 to Sam Boardman Elementary School teachers. During a special presentation at the school's Winter Concert, Principal Johnson accepted a giant check on behalf of the teachers. Many of these teachers sustained personal loss of supplies and equipment during a fire at the school early last summer, which were not covered by insurance.

The Tillicum Club received the \$10,000 from a grant through the Morrow County Needs and Issues program, a program which disperses tippage fees from Finley Butte Landfill. The grant was divided between the twenty six teachers who were impacted.

The Boardman Tillicum Club, 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. The Tillicum Club would like to thank the Morrow County Needs and Issues Committee for making the grant possible.

Applications being accepted for OSU Master Gardener Training

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2008 OSU Master Gardener Training which will be offered in Hermiston at the Hermiston Agriculture Research and Extension Center (HAREC). The classes, which begin January 16, will be on Wednesdays for a

total of eight weeks. Classes go from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a break for lunch. The class fee is \$95 which includes the course textbook, "Sustainable Gardening: The Oregon-Washington Master Gardener Handbook" (a \$30 value).

Classes will be

taught by OSU extension agents, specialists, and local experts. The program offers a basic, practical course in plant science and horticulture.

For an application packet and additional information contact OSU Extension Service at 541-278-5403. The application deadline is January 4, 2008. Application materials are also available on-line at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/umatilla/master_gardener/mghomepage.php

Santa arrives early



Santa, with his helpers from the Heppner Volunteer Fire Dept., delivered gift boxes from the South Morrow County Neighborhood Center to families on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Local students graduate from U of I

The University of Idaho's December commencement held Saturday, December 8, celebrated the accomplishments of 736 undergraduate and graduate students. Since its first commencement in 1896, the University of Idaho has produced 93,893 graduates and has granted 101,105 degrees.

Local graduates included: Jamie Elizabeth Vanden Brink of Ione, bachelor's degrees in special education and elementary education; Jeremy Til Tullis of Ione, bachelor's degree in general studies; and Daniel Robert Jepsen, bachelor's degrees in animal science and foreign languages.

Gingerbread houses galore



Students in Jannie Allen's class work hard at building their gingerbread houses on Wednesday afternoon. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

Students display Christmas newspapers



Students from Jannie Allen's fifth and sixth grade Language Arts class recently put together individual Christmas newspapers. The newspapers included articles, weather reports, pictures, captions, and various columns. Pictured are Tate Gentry, Blake Greenup, and Ryan Dougherty displaying their papers. -Photo by Autumn Morgan



Jared Lemmon shows off his gingerbread house masterpiece. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

City of Ione announces Christmas Lighting Contest winners

The City of Ione recently held their Christmas Lighting Contest. The winners will receive \$25 in gift certificates that were donated by Columbia Basin Electric. The winners are as follows:

Best Use of Lighting - Bob and Claire Oliver; Most Original Set - Dennis Thompson; Mini and Brite - Brian and Sharon Rietmann; Spirit of Christmas - Andre and

Susan Kendrick; Best Decorated - Joe and Darla Vandever; Judges Favorite - Woolery House; and Extra Effort Award - Dave Wilson for the City of Ione. Honorable Mentions were Del and Linda LaRue, Kermon and Sharon Kennedy, Mike and Tobey Garrett, Scott and Cindy Burrig, Bill Rietmann and Pfiniston.




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