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It's time to shop in Heppner

Have you started collecting your "rewards cards" yet for shopping locally in Heppner? It's not too late, and the more you purchase locally, the greater chances you have of winning some great prizes that will be donated by our local merchants.

Make sure you get the "rewards card" each time you make a purchase – sorry not eligible if you make a payment on your "in store account". However, you can charge the purchases to your account and receive the rewards cards at time of purchase.

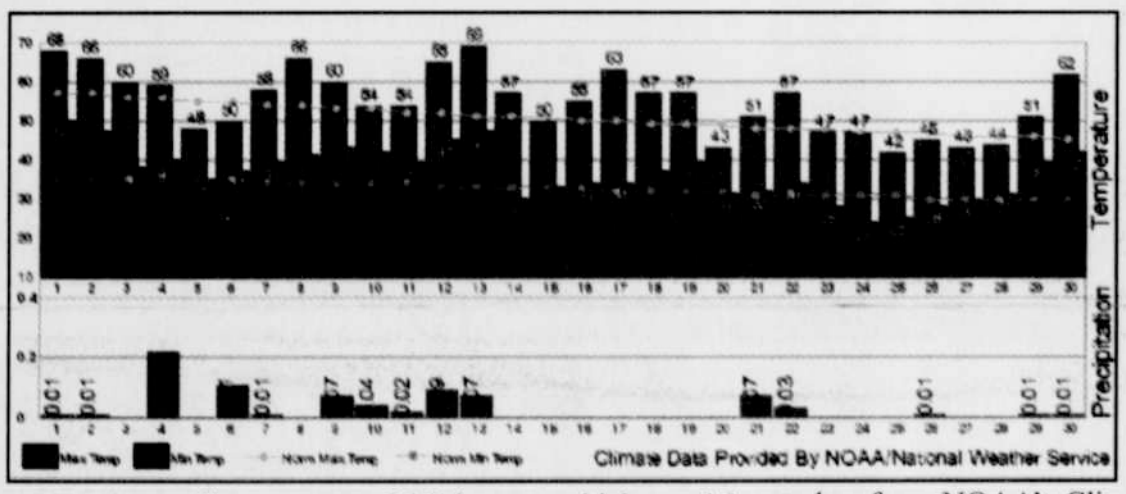
Be sure to collect your rewards cards when you shop at participating Heppner vendors. *-Photo by Autumn Morgan*

Make sure you hold the evening of Thursday, December 18, so you and your family and friends can take in the whole community event. The Parade of Lights will kick off the evening event at 6 p.m. with all other activities to be held at the Elks Lodge immediately following the parade.

The Elks Lodge will serve a beef stroganoff dinner - $10 adult; $6 child up to 12 years of age. Plan on coming and eating as a family and enjoying the whole evening. Drawing names for winners will start at 7:30 p.m., so make sure you get there in time to drop your rewards cards in the prize boxes prior to that time.

As a point of clarification, you must be present to win the rewards cards prizes, but you do not have to be present to win the Chamber Raffle Baskets. If you are a winner of one of the four baskets, the chamber will contact you if you are not present and make arrangements to get the basket to you.

NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner



According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged warmer than normal during the month of November.

The average temperature was 45.7 degrees which was 4.4 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 54.9 degrees, which was 4.8 degrees above normal. The highest was 69 degrees on November 13. Low temperatures averaged 36.5 degrees, which was 4.0 degrees above normal. The lowest was 24 degrees, on the November 24.

There were eight days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.78 inches during November, which was 1.02 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation -at least .01 inch- was received on 15 days with the heaviest, 0.22 inches reported on November 4.

The outlook for December from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during December are 42.2 degrees and normal lows are 26.7 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 1.35 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Christmas lights are beginning to light up the night around Heppner. *–Photos by Autumn Morgan*

Gingerbread houses on display

This Gingerbread House is on display at D&L Auto Parts. It was built by Ella and Jamie McCormack. To build and display your Gingerbread House call Jodi Chapa at Sweet Productions, 676-8022. *-Photo by Autumn Morgan*

Free Smoking Cessation workshops planned

Morrow County Health District will be sponsoring two Smoking/Tobacco Cessation workshops during the month of December. The first will be held Thursday, December 4, the second on Thursday, December 11. Both will be held at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Betsy Anderson of Pioneer Memorial Clinic will discuss medications that are helpful and will be available to sign up those interested in the treatment that evening. Father Gerald Condon will present information on hypnosis and provide an introductory session for those who wish to try it. Shelley Wight of the Morrow County Health Department will provide tips on avoiding smoking triggers and reducing stress. Murray's Drug will offer starter packs of medication at a discount for those who don't have prescription insurance coverage.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact an RSVP message line at 676-2930 and leave their name and phone number; however, registration is not required. Those attending are asked to meet in the hospital lobby. A light snack will be provided through Morrow County Health District.

Nominations open for Town and Country awards

Nominations are open for the Town and Country community awards. Completed forms are due to Chamber Office or Kuhn & Spicer by December 15.

Contact the Heppner Chamber office or Barb Hayes at Kuhn & Spicer if you need a nomination form.

Town & Country will be held on Thursday, January 15, starting at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the fairgrounds this year to accommodate more seating. The caterer will be "Puddin on the Ritz." Cost for the dinner will be $20 per person.

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:
MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

Area pastors invited to submit Christmas messages

All area pastors are invited to submit Christmas messages to be run in the December 24 edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times. Messages can be dropped off at the GT office, faxed to 676-9211, or emailed to editor@rapidserve.net no later that Friday, December 19.

ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A NAPA CUSTOM BMX BIKE!

Entries due by Dec. 15 20008

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