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**Christmas trees for sale at Ione Community School**

Ione Community School's ASB will be holding a Christmas Tree Sale December 5-6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ione High School greenhouse. Trees are \$30 each.

**MC Creative Arts and Crafts news**

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will gather at the fair annex on December 11 for a day of finishing paintings and designing Christmas cards. Any project that needs to be done can be worked on from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. Guests are welcome to join the group for a day of creative arts and crafts.

A Christmas party will be held at Sharon Harrison's home on December 18. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. A meeting will be held following the gift exchange and goodies. Each member is asked to bring a \$10 gift and a treat of candy, cookies, or choice of a Christmas goodie. Members may bring a guest as some of next year's projects will be on the agenda. Dues are \$10 per year payable in January.

A workshop with Robert Walton is scheduled for April 21, 22 and 23. Anyone interested in taking the workshop may contact Trish Sweeney at 676-9226 or Betty Miller at 676-5546. Classes will be a mountain and lake with fall colors and the reflection of a cabin in the lake. The workshop must be paid for by February 22. The workshop is for members and anyone interested in painting under Robert Walton.

Walton has done murals in Heppner and is a member of the Oil Painters of America.

Those wishing to attend are asked to sign up early.

**Obituaries**

**Harlan D. Dunaway**

Harlan D. Dunaway, 62, of Lexington died Monday, December 1, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 6, at the Lexington Baptist Church.

A complete obituary will follow in next week's paper. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Chamber Luncheon scheduled**

The Chamber Lunch meeting will be held Thursday, December 4, at noon at John's Place for \$9. On the agenda will be the "All Entities Report" and update on nominations for open and renewing board positions.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to the Chamber office at 676-5536 by the end of business on Wednesday so a head count can be taken for seating and meals.

**Red Hat Society to meet**

The Red Hat Society will hold a no-host luncheon at noon, on Thursday, December 11, at Sweet Productions Ice Cream Parlour.

**ICC to host missionaries from Mission Aviation Fellowship**

On Sunday, December 7, the Ione Community Church will be welcoming Chris and Joy Konop to present a discussion of their upcoming mission assignment with Mission Aviation Fellowship to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Konops will be speaking at Ione Community Church during a special coffee hour at noon, immediately following the regular worship service. The public is invited to attend.

Chris and Joy Konop were accepted by MAF to serve as a pilot/mechanic family in August and are now in the process of completing their training and establishing the required support network before they can be deployed to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) was founded in 1945 by a group of World War II pilots who recognized the need for aviation services in remote areas of the world and who felt called to missionary service. The new organization, founded as "Christian Airmen's Mission Fellowship" flew its first flight in 1946 with a 13 year old biplane. They delivered two mission workers to a remote location

in Mexico. Today they have a fleet of 52 aircraft, serving in 51 countries that, in 2007 alone, executed 37,821 flights, logged 2.9 million miles, transported 120,350 passengers and delivered 11.2 million tons of cargo on 1,700 rough, unimproved dirt and grass airstrips or waterways. They estimate that this service saved 65,991 travel days over what would be required to transport the same goods and people by any other means available in these remote areas.

However, this is just the beginning of the services that they provide. They also work with disaster relief agencies, provide communications services to missionaries in remote areas, and are establishing a Learning Technologies ministry to provide distance education and technology services to both missionary and indigenous families.

Their 2008 budget is \$38.3 million, all supported by contributions from churches and individuals around the world. They are headquartered in Nampa, ID. For more information regarding this organization visit the MAF website at [www.maf.org](http://www.maf.org).

**~ Letters to the Editor ~**

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

**Standing with the Mormons for marriage**

Letter to the editor:

Karen England, spokesperson for Capitol Resource Institute recently advised that thousands of traditional marriage supporters have been victimized by the self-described "tolerant" opponents of California's Proposition 8, which constitutionally defined marriage as one man and one woman. During the campaign, reports poured in from across the state of voters' Yes on Proposition 8 signs being vandalized or stolen. Yes on Proposition 8 staff members' homes as well as many churches continue to be targets of vandalism, theft, and demonstrations across the country.

"Destroying and stealing personal property-this is tolerance?" questioned Karen England, with Yes on Proposition 8. "What are opponents so scared of that they are attempting to intimidate and silence us? Opponents of Proposition 8 claim that we have nothing to fear about government-mandated same-sex marriage; it won't impact our freedom of speech or religion. How can we believe them when they're stealing our freedom of speech from our own front lawns? This is the type of intimidation and true intolerance we can expect without Proposition 8. This should be a wake-up call for every voter concerned about our precious First Amendment freedoms..."

Since the election, the blogosphere and American cities have echoed with threats of violence against Prop 8 supporters. ABC News reported that these protests are not isolated, but rather, a wider trend of demonstrations from New York to Los Angeles targeting Mormons in particular. Opponents say that church leaders went too far in organizing their members and asking them to donate time and money to pass the initiative.

Pro-homosexual critics of the church even started an online hate campaign to identify, embarrass, and intimidate Mormons who supported the amendment to preserve traditional marriage. The Web site lists the name and hometown of each Mormon donor, in an attempt to expose the influence of the LDS church in the campaign. Richard Raddon, the director of the Los Angeles Film Festival has already lost his job and possibly his livelihood because of his privately held religious beliefs. Homosexual activist, Fred Karger has filed a nuisance lawsuit claiming that the Mormons violated election laws and calling for the revocation of their tax-exempt status.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, the person who initiated the Web campaign is Dante Atkins, an elected delegate to the state Democratic convention who said he's the vice president of the Los Angeles County Young Democrats. Atkins said his goal was to "embarrass the opposition by pointing out and publicizing any contributors they may have." He said focusing on Mormons made sense. "If one religious group is putting close to the majority of the money and the effort into passing this proposition, it is fair to single them out."

While California's small population of Mormons (2%) played a vital role in Prop 8, other churches were also involved in the battle to protect marriage - including Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox Jews. Several nationally known leaders have expressed their support, including Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family, Charles Colson of Prison Fellowship, Tony Perkins of Family Research Council, Paul Weyrich of Free Congress Foundation, Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Gary Bauer of American Values, the American Family Association and others. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has offered "prayerful support and steadfast solidarity" to the LDS church for its efforts on behalf of Proposition 8.

According to the Associated Press exit polls, 70% of black voters and more than half of Latino voters backed Prop 8, while whites and Asians were split. 90% of voters who said they had no religious affiliation opposed the measure. Of the 70% of voters who described themselves as Christian, two thirds backed the initiative, which passed by 52%.

The Mormons have shown great courage, conviction, and self-sacrifice on behalf of all pro-marriage and pro-family Americans. Rather than allow the Fred Karger's, Dante Atkins' and the Young Democrats to "single out" the Mormons for exercising their constitutionally protected rights, I urge all freedom loving Americans to stand united against these kinds of tyrants. Intimidation and threats of retaliation have no place in an American election, and are contrary to our cherished principles and values. Posing as victims does not excuse victimizing others or demanding special rights at the expense of others.

The Preamble of the U.S. Constitution emphasizes unity, justice, domestic tranquility and the "general welfare." Those who resort to anarchy for simply not getting their way on Election Day are traitors to everything America stands for, and the liberty and justice they are destroying is their own.

Craig Myers, Executive Director  
Concerned Oregonians

**Free Medicare Part D - Prescription Drug Plan Assistance Coming to Your Town**

Morrow County Health District will be offering Free Medicare Part D consultation appointments during the month of December to help you determine the best prescription plan for your specific needs.

Plans change each year so it's important to review your coverage each year!

Morrow County Health District Staff will be scheduling appointments to meet with local residents in the following towns:

- HEPPNER - DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>  
PIONEER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- BOARDMAN - DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>  
BOARDMAN AMBULANCE HALL
- IONE - DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>  
IONE COMMUNITY CHURCH
- IRRIGON - DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>  
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**Arbonne Open House**



Sunday, December 7th, 1:00-4:00 pm  
Bev Sherman's House @ 205 Willow View Drive  
"Holiday Gifts, Door Prizes, Stocking Stuffers"

**AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IN IONE, JIM SWANSON HAS DECIDED TO RETIRE FROM WHEATLAND INSURANCE CENTER, INC. ON DECEMBER 31ST, 2008.**

**PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING JIM FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO WHEATLAND. AN OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HOLDING JIM'S HONOR ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 18TH FROM 10AM TO 3PM AT WHEATLAND INSURANCE IN IONE.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

On behalf of the American Legion, post 87, I would like to thank Heppner High School, Mr. Stone, Ginger Bowman, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Collins and all the other staff and students for the great program put on for the Veterans on Veterans Remembrance day. Thank you for the delicious meal served to the Veterans and spouses.

Thank you,  
Commander Ed Baker

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