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Columbia Basin Electric announces billing credit

Lori Anderson, President of the Board of Directors of CBEC, announced at the Co-Op's annual meeting held in Ione on November 6 that the Cooperative would be crediting the January power bills in the amount of \$376,000. The Co-Op received a billing credit from the Bonneville Power Administration in this amount for prior-year's invoice adjustments. The Co-Op Board of Directors felt that in these difficult financial times, the best use of this credit was to return it to our members. "It is in the cooperative spirit

to refund this unexpected credit to the member/owners of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc.," Anderson said.

The credit will appear on consumer's January bills, and will equal about 7% of their actual billings for the first ten months of 2008. This \$376,000 credit is in addition to the Capital Credit refund checks consumer's received in May of this year, bringing the total dollars returned to the members of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative for 2008 to more than \$725,000.

George A. Steagall

George A. Steagall, 90, of Heppner died Saturday, January 17, 2009 at Columbia Basin Care Facility in The Dalles.



George A. Steagall

He was born February 5, 1918 in Spray, the son of Thomas D. and Cora Shoun Steagall. He was raised and attended school in Spray where he graduated from high school. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1945.

On April 17, 1946 he married Anna Mae Parson in Harlan, KY. The couple lived in South Morrow County all of their married lives. Mr. Steagall worked for several area farmers before starting employment at Kinzua Pine Mills in Heppner. He retired from Kinzua in 1980 after nearly forty years with the company.

Mr. Steagall enjoyed rodeos and racing horses, which were his favorite animals, he also enjoyed hunting with his brothers and raising domestic cats.

Survivors include: his wife, Anna Mae Steagall of Heppner; son, George Steagall II of Salem; daughters, Brenda Ratcliff and her husband John of Vale, and Vicki Duvall and her husband Rick of Rowlett, TX; brother, Robert Steagall of Lebanon; sisters, Virginia Sitton of Fossil, Eunice Strudgron of Erie, PA, and

Irene Clark of Sacramento, CA; three granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: a son Thomas "Tommy" Steagall; brothers, David Steagall, Earl Steagall, Willie Steagall, and Wilbur Steagall; and sisters, Mary Kauts, Vera Steagall, and Lola Belle Breeding.

Funeral service with military honors for Mr. Steagall will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 23, at the Heppner Elks Lodge. A private burial will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Sophie Nicole DeChand

Sophie Nicole DeChand, infant daughter of Stephanie N. Smith and Bryan Edward Alan DeChand died Wednesday, January 7, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Besides her parents, she is survived by: her grandparents, Melanie Smith of Heppner, Rick Smith of Lexington, and Mary and Bryan DeChand of Echo; great-grandparents, Larry and Joy Laird of Arizona, Rosa DeChand of Echo, and Ken Smith of Texas; great-great-grandmother, Nina Tucker Gibbons of Puyallup, WA; seven aunts and uncles; and six cousins.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 30, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

After the service a potluck luncheon will be held at the LDS Chapel in Lexington. Community members planning to attend are asked to bring a dish.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

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Health Career Fair to be held

Following the Smart Hearts Health Fair being held on Thursday, February 5, from 5:30-7:30, Parents for Parents will be hosting a Health Career Fair for high school students and their parents in the Heppner Elementary cafeteria. This

George Gutierrez

George Gutierrez, 77, of Heppner died Monday, January 26, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 31, 2009 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, January 30, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Beth Bryant

A memorial service for Beth V. Bryant will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, January 31, 2009 at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

A private graveside will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Bryant, 90, of Heppner died Monday, January 26, 2009 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

She was born January 7, 1919 at Lexington, Oregon to Arthur and Izora Wilkerson Vance. She spent her childhood in the Heppner area, graduating from Heppner High School in 1937. She married Howard Bryant on September 25, 1940 at

Heppner. Mrs. Bryant was a secretary for Caterpillar Tractor Company for many years and was also a homemaker.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and all a pendant bodies of that organization, she was also a member of the Heppner United Methodist Church serving on many boards and helping with the organization of many church activities. Mrs. Bryant was very involved in the community of Heppner, showing her support for Heppner Day care, the Neighborhood Center and many other worthy causes.

She enjoyed her neighbors, friends and the birds and deer that visited her back yard. She cared deeply for her family and was proud of her many nieces and nephews, great and great-great.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Howard Bryant of Heppner, sister: Berdine Tullis of Hermiston and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Lois Johnston and her brother Arthur Vance.

Contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to the donor's favorite charity.

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Beth Bryant

City of Heppner announces the availability of housing rehabilitation funds for qualified homeowners

The City of Heppner, with the assistance of Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) is announcing the availability of housing rehabilitation funds for qualified homeowners in Heppner. These funds are available to qualified low-income homeowners, at zero interest, for a deferred payment loan up to a maximum of \$25,000, to correct health, safety and structural deficiencies.

These funds are made available through a housing rehabilitation loan program

that the City of Heppner implemented in the mid-1990's. Funds originated through the Oregon Housing & Community Services Department through Community Development Block Grant funds.

Interested parties should call 1-877-351-9030 to request additional information and/or sign up for the program as funds are limited and applications will be processed on a first-come first-serve" basis. Applications will be received through February 28.

Anyone who is interested in pursuing a health care profession should plan on attending this informational meeting. There will be representatives from many different medical areas, including dental, vision, radiology, pathology, chiropractors, medical doctors, and E.M.Ts.

A free dinner will be provided by Parents for Parents from 5-7 p.m.

For information, contact Molly Rill 676-9128 ext. 2623 or Brandi Sweeney, 676-9128.

Heppner Garden Club to meet

The Heppner Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center on Monday, February 2.

The program will be for everyone to share tips on their favorite flower. Chuck and Betty Bailey, Daisy Collins and Eve Ironhawk will be the hosts.

One of the Garden Club's recent projects was decorating for Town and Country.

Community Bank: Bailout-Free Since 1955

It's difficult to review a year where banking headlines and financial shockers were manufactured on a daily basis. Despite this limited space, I'll still take a crack at it.

In 2008, The United States of America entered a recession. The financial industry finally fell apart, the global economic crisis began, deflation became a concern, commodities ruptured, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were placed into conservatorship, and government 'participation' in financial institutions escalated. I can easily go on, but I think everybody gets the point: 2008 was a disaster for several banks.

Several, but not all.

Please take comfort in knowing that your Community Bank weathered 2008 just fine. Throughout the year, the Bank improved loan quality and capital levels that were already strong. We did this while continuing to offer the high quality service our customers and local communities expect of us. **Most importantly, Community Bank did it all without a single taxpayer-funded, government bailout dollar. When we say we will remain independently owned and operated, we mean it.**

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Good luck in 2009.

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Community Bank



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