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## Give gift of history with Chronicles

By Doris Brosnan

"Available without waiting, the perfect Christmas gift for a loved one. This is the perfect gift for newcomers and long-timers, history buffs and nostalgists, for anyone who enjoys first-hand stories," reports Betty Carlson as she discusses complete sets of the Morrow County Chronicles.

Carlson is a spokesperson for the Morrow County Historical Society, the organization that publishes the yearly collection of stories about the county, almost exclusively written by county residents.

First published in 1982, the Chronicles continues to entertain and educate readers with new accounts each year, which is why Carlson believes that a set of the yearly publication would make a great Christmas gift.

The 1982 and 1983 issues are no longer in print, but the society plans to release reprints of the two soon, and they will be offered free of charge to individuals who purchase the set now for \$100.

The Chronicles are available by calling 541-676-5382.

## Auxiliary holds Christmas party

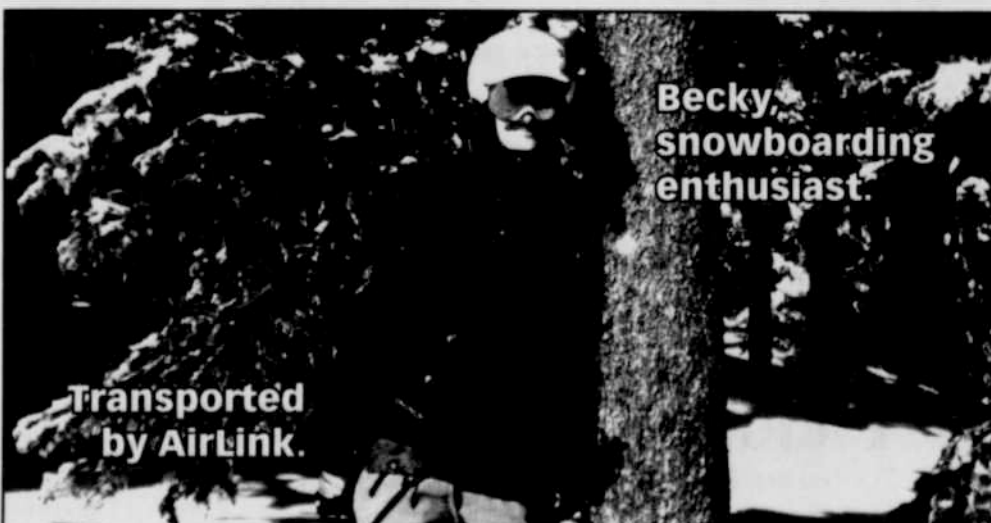
The Heppner American Legion Auxiliary is having a Christmas party December 17 at 4 p.m. at the home of Alan and Marsha Burden on 3 Mile Road. Ed Baker will have a bus at the Heppner City Park at 3:30 p.m. the day of the party for those who would like a ride. Attendees are asked to bring finger foods.



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## Birth announcement

Desmond Malcolm Britner-Leonard Britner and October Moore announce the birth of a son, Desmond Malcolm Britner. Desmond was born October 12, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at OHSU in Portland. He weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long.

## Wheatland makes Christmas gift to Neighborhood Center



The employees of Wheatland Insurance decided to do a different kind of Christmas gifting this year. Instead of giving gifts to one another, they decided to pool their gift money and give it to the Neighborhood Center, which uses the money to help those in need have a better Christmas. Wheatland owner Nancy Snider was impressed with this generosity and said the business would match anything the employees came up with, so last week a check for \$6000 was presented to the Neighborhood Center. The money came from both the Heppner and Ione branches of Wheatland Insurance. Pictured above (L-R): Terri Schaber of Wheatland, Janice Skaggs of the Neighborhood Center and Karen Padberg of Wheatland Insurance.

-Photo by David Sykes

## Cabin Fever Concerts return in January

John Wambeke and friends have a cure for cabin fever this January, with a trio of concerts January 13 through 15 at the Hermiston Conference Center.

The Cabin Fever Concerts drew a combined crowd of more than 750 people last January, and the performers hope to outdo that record this year. Song-writer John Wambeke of Hermiston is on guitar and vocals, joined by his sidekick, Pat Ward of Hermiston. His son, Frazer, and his jazz trio from the Tri-Cities also will join the fun with piano, vocals, drums, bass and the ability to break out other instruments such as

the dobro, mandolin and banjo. The group will also be joined by local musician Eric Jepsen on fiddle. Wambeke has also put together a set of humorous sketches and short dramas to be intertwined with the music.

The night performances on Friday and Saturday include a no-host bar opening at 5 p.m., with a Dutch-oven dinner catered by Sharon's Country Gourmet at 6 p.m. The show will start near the end of the meal. The cost of the dinner show is \$30 per person. The Sunday matinee begins at 3 p.m. and costs \$10 per person, or \$25 per family.

## CAPECO keeps the heat on

The chills of winter have descended, but the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) may be able to help relieve the burden of extra heating costs.

Through the Energy Assistance Program, Morrow County residents may be eligible to receive a payment toward their heating bills. CAPECO may be able to assist as the agency has funding for income-eligible households. If eligible, a payment is made directly to the fuel vendor to help offset the high cost of heating the home.

Gross per-month income guidelines are as

follows: one-person household, \$1,874.43; two-person household, \$2,451.17; three-person household, \$3,027.92; four-person household, \$3,604.67; five-person household, \$4,181.41.

CAPECO personnel will be in Heppner on Tuesday, December 20 and Thursday, January 12 if funding is still available. Individuals who believe they are eligible for assistance are urged to call and arrange an appointment.

For an appointment or with questions, call 541-276-1926 or 1-800-752-1139 for south Morrow County or 541-289-7755 or 1-800-214-4776 for north Morrow County.

## ~ 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.

## County government should use E-Verify

Morrow County Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea, should require that Morrow County government use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Citizen and Immigration Services (CIS) E-Verify system.

The importance of Morrow County using the U.S. DHS CIS E-Verify system really becomes apparent with Oregon's unemployment rate in October being 9.5 percent; 177,350 were unemployed. The county's October unemployment numbers were at 8.4 percent; 398 residents were unemployed.

Unemployed Oregonians who are U.S. citizens or foreign citizens legally present with authorization to work in the country should not have to compete for jobs with a purported 97,000 undocumented foreign national workers illegally in the state.

If all Oregon employers not currently using the E-Verify system were required to use it, Oregon's unemployment rate would drop dramatically, because all new jobs created in the state would go to those authorized to work in the country.

Currently, 2,227 Oregon employers use the 98.6 percent accurate E-Verify system. Twelve of 36 Oregon county governments are now using the E-Verify system (Clatsop, Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook and Washington counties). Six Morrow County businesses presently use the E-Verify system.

Morrow County residents should contact Judge Tallman, Commissioners Grieb and Rea, and ask them to require Morrow County government use the U.S. DHS CIS E-Verify system so, if a job opening becomes available to work for the county, a qualified U.S. citizen or foreign citizen legally present with authorization to work in the country can be first in line for that job.

Signed:  
David Olen Cross  
Salem, OR

## Ione 4-H Foods holds 2nd meeting



Ann Rietmann and Babali Peterson display their finished Swedish Tea Rings at the club's December 9 meeting. -Contributed photo

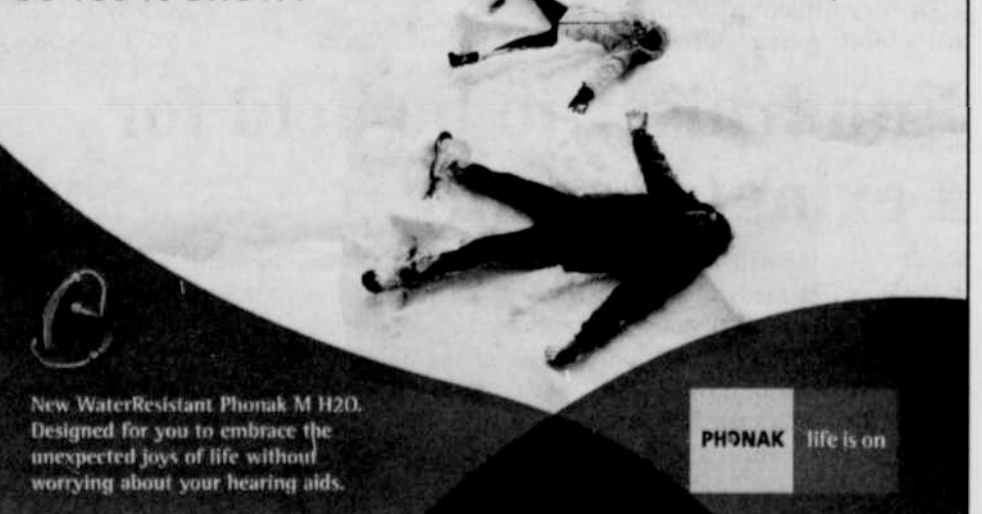
By Morgan Orem

The Ione 4-H Foods Club held its second meeting of the club year on Friday morning, December 9, at the Ione Community Church. Members present included Aaron Smythe, Lexi Garrett, Emily and Amanda Rea, Ann Rietmann, Babali Peterson, Morgan Orem and Sydney Stefani, along with leaders Nancy and Rebecca Jepsen. Hannah Padberg and Lauren and Kaitlyn Garrett were absent.

Members attending the meeting each made a Swedish Tea Ring or a Swedish Tea Christmas Tree. Each member chose to add nuts or raisins to their filling. After cooking, everyone decorated their bread with icing and cherries.

The 4-H Foods Club plans to make an entire meal at their next meeting in January.

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