

## WOMAN TO WATCH Lone Butte name change finalized



Kim George (R) with her mother, Shirley George, of Heppner. -Contributed photo

-Continued from PAGE ONE her compassion for injured workers and her steadfast commitment to quality care that make her such a special individual and highly effective professional."

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The long-standing issue of renaming Morrow County's Squaw Butte has finally been resolved, following a decision by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names last week. The area landmark will now be known as Lone Butte.

The name change process first began at the request of the Umatilla Indian Tribes, due to the offensive nature of the word, "squaw."

According to U.S. Board on Geographic Names member Malissa Minthorn Winks, the goal of the tribes is to move squaw names off the map. Other Morrow County locations will also be changed, including Squaw Creek and Squaw Spring, both in Umatilla National Forest. Other locations around the state are also in the process of being renamed, as the tribes confront the location names county-by-county.

The tribes originally wanted to rename the butte "Sisu," which is translated "smelly." Morrow County countered with the suggestion of Immi-

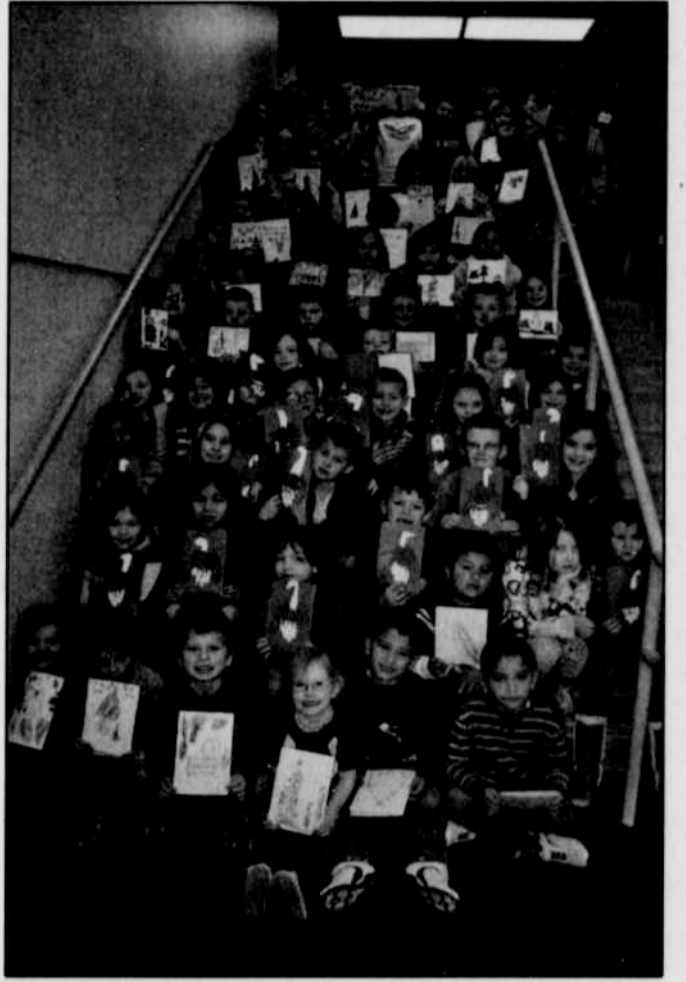
grant Butte. Then a local landowner suggested the compromise name of Lone Butte.

When Lone Butte was found acceptable by both the tribes and Morrow County, the new name was approved by Morrow County Court. It then proceeded to the Oregon Geographic Names Board, which approved the name in June of this year. The Domestic Names Committee of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names took up the case this month, and approved the name Lone Butte on December 8.

At the same meeting, the committee approved changing Squaw Creek to Aspen Creek and Squaw Spring to Aspen Spring, with Ninipa Creek and Ninipa Spring as variants. (Ninipa translates as aspen.) Variant names are included in the Geographic Names data base but do not appear on maps.

Lone Butte is located along Immigrant Lane about 11 miles north of Lone.

## Lone students thankful for Vets



Lone Elementary School spent the month of November learning about veterans. During Thanksgiving, the student body realized they are "thankful" for everything our troops and veterans have done for us. To show their appreciation, the students made Christmas cards to be sent to veterans and troops. -Contributed photo

### Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

**July 26 (cont.):** -MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that a vehicle was following her son home from a friend's home. She requested that a deputy speak to her son about it.

-MCSO received report of tall grass on an empty lot in Heppner.

-MCSO received several reports of a large fire along Kemp Lane north of the Lexington elevator.

-MCSO received report that Jason James Abbott, 20, was cited for a Driving While Suspended-violation, Driving Uninsured. He was also cited for Possession of Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana and warned for having a headlight out.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman who said she was receiving suspicious phone calls and texts from a male subject who claims that she sent someone to kill her ex-fiance. She said she believed that the ex-fiance was behind it just to harass her.

-MCSO received report that a female was supposed to be back at the ranch by her curfew and

hadn't shown up by 11:57 p.m. A Boardman office found her at the city park.

-Boardman Police Department received report that a school bus had been hit. There were no children on the bus and no injuries. BPD cited James David Pliego, 38, for Driving While Suspended-violation and Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device.

-BPD reported he spoke with four juveniles about wearing bike helmets and running when they see a patrol car.

-BPD received report that a chihuahua is chasing kids and knocking them down. The reporter gave the owners 30 days' notice to get rid of the dog, but they had not. The reporter wanted an officer to pick it up.

-BPD received report of a 30-year-old male having a bad reaction to migraine medication and sweating profusely. The subject refused transport.

**July 27:** -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a gunshot off Hwy. 74. Property owners were shooting at a coyote that was with some calves. There were no problems and MCSO did not need to respond.

-MCSO received report of people living in a travel trailer at an Irrigon location. MCSO responded and gave the subjects until Sept. 1 to move off the property.

-MCSO received report of a grain truck in the ditch on Bombing Range Rd. The driver was out of the vehicle, walking around.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her brother-in-law was getting harassing phone calls. An unknown person was threatening to come and take all of his stuff. It was possibly a prank phone call or a scam.

-MCSO received report of a subject in a red pickup who came to a trailer park in Irrigon looking for a 16-year-old girl. The male said he was from child protective services, but could not produce ID. The subjects left. He was from the juvenile department, but had forgotten his ID.

-MCSO received report from a subject that he had lost his wallet last seen at the Heppner gas station.

-MCSO received report from a subject in Irrigon that there was an incident at her house.

-MCSO received report of gang slogans spray painted at the wildlife refuge in Irrigon. The caller later saw the same group at the Irrigon Shell station driving a Volkswagen Jetta with Montana plates and a large eagle on the back window.

-MCSO received report from a Boardman woman that a female subject was missing again after they took her back to the ranch the previous night.

-MCSO received report of two males trying to sneak onto the caller's property. He reported he chased them off and requested that a deputy respond. A deputy responded and arrested a juvenile.

-Boardman Police Department received report of a vehicle that went off the road on Hwy. 730 and then got back on the road, but was not maintaining lane.

It was determined that the man was not DUII and was given a ride home.

-BPD received report of a drive-off from a Boardman station.

-BPD received report that two juvenile boys started a fire in the front yard. They put it out and then threw something in a vacant lot. An officer spoke to the juveniles and their grandparents who said they would handle the problem.

-BPD received report of a male and a female in a dispute on Oregon Trail between Anderson and Main St. BPD responded and contacted both parties. The female was warned for disorderly conduct.

-BPD received report of smoke coming from a backyard. It was just a barbecue.

-BPD Officer reported he was out on a parking complaint.

-BPD received report of three shots heard in the area of Dunes St. An officer responded and was unable to locate anything.

-BPD received report from a woman who said her son was assaulted by two males in the field across the street from the market. The suspects were both males, one about 16 and one around 20, one wearing all black and the other in gold and grey. They were last seen walking in the field toward Anderson Rd.

-MCSO received report from a subject in Boardman that a vehicle was following him and when he switched lanes, they followed and mimicked him.

-MCSO cited Ramon Reyes Valenzuela, 46, for Disobeying a Traffic Control Device-stop sign.

-MCSO received report of a vehicle rollover with an injury on I-84 Boardman.

-MCSO received report of a motor vehicle accident with a semi tanker rollover on Hwy 14, three miles west of Patterson Ferry Rd., Irrigon. The driver

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From the 1956 archives of the Heppner Gazette-Times

## Heppner boy prizes unexpected Christmas gift

Let be thou an example...in word, in conversation..."

That quotation from a letter of St. Paul's to Timothy came to have a real meaning early this week to a Heppner High School junior, when he received a very unusual and unexpected Christmas gift from a man whom he apparently met only once.

The gift itself, though considerable and one that would please any young man, is not what has made him so proud of it. It is the spirit in which it was given and the wish that came with it that makes it to him "A mighty big compliment."

His gift, a Pendleton shirt and a money order for \$35 came from a man he served once last spring while shining shoes in a local barber shop. The man was a salesman whom he had never met before, and isn't certain now that he would know, but is seriously ill at his home in Boise Idaho, and according to the letter, probably will not recover. He took a liking to him and three other boys somewhere in the territory he covered, probably because (reading between the lines of the letter) they were like he wished his boyhood could have been. He had taken time to find out the boys' names and knew their approximate ages and sizes, and apparently from his sick bed, he had given his sister-in-law some money

and asked her to get them Christmas gifts.

The letter said: "My brother-in-law recently gave me a handful of cash and a list of names, yours included, and said 'go buy these boys some gifts'. He is an elderly man whose one ambition in life was to have a son whose life could be happier than his. He made his way from the age of 12 by shining shoes, errand boy, farm hand and such.

He did not realize his ambition, as his wife and baby died so he has eased his hurt by befriending other boys who happened to please him. From his list I see he has you listed as about 17, grey eyed and slender. If the garment I chose is not satisfactory in size or color, return it to Stranyx in Pendleton and get what you want. Being a poor shopper I'm sending the balance of this cash for you to do with as you please. The same I'll do for the other three boys on the list.

He said he met you last spring in a barber shop when on a selling trip. He was a salesman until he became seriously ill and may not recover. "May you have a nice holiday and a bountiful and happy future- That's his wish for you."

It is no wonder that the Heppner boy prizes his gift and most of all the letter that came with it.

## Juvenile Sports Pac refunds

Anyone who purchased a Juvenile Sports Pac between December 1,

2009 and May 26, 2011 was accidentally overcharged by \$3 and may seek a refund from ODFW.

For the refund, email Deanna Erickson at Deanna.M.Erickson@state.or.us, or fax 503-947-6117 with your Hunter/Angler ID# (ODFW ID #), which is printed on all licenses and tags. Be sure to include the address where the \$3 check should be mailed.

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 Thursday, December 15th thru Saturday, December 24th  
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM 8 pm the 15th & 24th  
 Come browse our unique gifts with WESTERN fine art & photography  
 We'll be in the old Video Store across from the library in Heppner  
 Celia Moyer Photography Creations 541-980-8107  
 Denise Smith Studio 541-676-5013

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**SAT. AND SUN. DECEMBER 24 AND 25, 2011**  
**SUNDAY JANUARY 1, 2012**  
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IT ALLOWS OUR ATTENDANTS TO BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.  
 MORROW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS 541-989-9500.

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 If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.  
 If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:  
 Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175  
 Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161  
 OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)