

Chamber Chatter

Heppner

United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties: United Way's Kick-Off Campaign is now underway. Win your choice of a 2012 Honda Metro scooter; a red and blue tribal pattern Pendleton blanket; weekend getaway for up to six people for Dec. 21-22 at Seaside Worldmark; \$25 Visa Gift Card, with the proceeds to benefit United Way of Umatilla and Morrow counties. Drawing will be Dec. 1 but you need not be present to win. There will be a maximum 2,000 tickets to be sold, so call the United Way office at 541-276-2661 and purchase some tickets, or they can also be purchased at Columbia Bank or Banner Bank in Hermiston; Sterling Bank and White

Elephant on Main in Pendleton.

Saturday, Nov. 3: Artificatory Craft Fair, sponsored by the St. Patrick Senior Center, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact the senior center to reserve a table/space at 541-676-9030.

Monday, Nov. 26-Dec. 20: Collect the local rewards cards when you shop local for the opportunity to win some great prizes donated by merchants. Receive \$10, \$20 and \$50 denominations, depending on how much your local purchase is. Shop local and plan on coming to Heppner's Celebrate Christmas Community Event on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Thursday, Nov. 29:

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Merchant Holiday Open House and Parade of Lights Starting at 5:30 p.m., to include hanging of homemade ornaments on the tree outside of the post office by Heppner Day Care and HES students, and local carolers. Pick up your parade entry at the chamber office and participate in this great "wintery" event. Plan to stay and shop downtown and get a head start on the Christmas presents.

Sunday, Dec. 2: Christmas Is community program held at the Methodist Church with two performances, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold; more information at a later date.

Thursday, Dec. 20: Heppner's Celebrate Christmas Community Event will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, starting at 6 p.m. with dinner, and drawing of the rewards cards winners, raffle and penny board items starting at 7:30 p.m. Plan to come and spend a great evening with the rest of the community. Pictures with Santa will also be available.

SAGE STORE: Calling all local artists. The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will be opening up a retail space in the highly anticipated SAGE Center coming in March 2013. The Store at the SAGE Center will offer a variety of products ranging from souvenirs, artwork and gifts. The Chamber hopes the store will expand the SAGE Center experience, continue education and enhance the knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of Boardman and the Port of Morrow. To enhance the visitor's shopping experience, the Chamber would like to sell original and handcrafted, local art work, not limited to pottery, photography, jewelry etc. We will be contacting local artists to submit their artwork for consideration to be sold in The Store at SAGE Center and would like as many options as possible. If you or someone you know is a local and talented artist and would like to be considered to have work to be displayed and sold through the Store at SAGE Center, submit the artist's name and mailing address so we may contact them. You may submit information to the Boardman Chamber by phone at 541-481-3014 or email at amber@boardman-chamber.org.

Morrow County Fair: Morrow County Fair has two opening for Fair Board members; the 2013 theme contest will end on October 31. Court Tryouts are Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Application deadline is Oct. 26. Pick up an application at the Fair Office or call 541-676-9474.

Pies more than just dessert for basketball program

Fall pie sales help fund girls' summer basketball camp

By Andrea Di Salvo

Residents of Heppner and the surrounding areas are finding themselves tempted again by the promise of a variety of tasty pies, courtesy of the Heppner High School girls' basketball team.

The girls aren't selling the pies just to wreck people's diets, though. The fundraiser, which features Wild Plum Pies, is an integral part of funding the girls' basketball program, including a recently-established summer basketball camp.

In fact, last year's pie sales funded most of last summer's week-long basketball camp at Wallowa Lake. HHS girls' basketball coach Jeremy Wilson said the girls had to chip in a little bit for housing, but the rest of the camp, including a basketball clinician and a fun day at the lake, was paid for by—you guessed it—the pies.

The camp was a new idea for the girls' basketball program. Wilson, who is now in his second season coaching the girls, said that, as far as he knew, the program had never offered such a camp to the girls. He and junior varsity coach Melissa Lindsay wanted a new approach to teambuilding and training.

"We wanted to try something new, fresh," he said. "It turned out really well."

The purpose of the basketball camp was to spend time on the court as a team, developing skills and teambuilding, as well as having fun, Wilson said. Eleven high school girls, ranging from sophomores to seniors, attended the camp. The mornings were filled with drills and time with the basketball clinician, and most of the afternoons were taken up with games.

Wilson said the results of the camp were amazing; the girls beat three 4A schools in their afternoon games. The clinician was also impressed, and spent extra time with the Mustang team.

"He saw how well the girls were meshing and playing," said Wilson.

The girls did take an afternoon off to have some fun on the lake, renting go carts and paddle boats for some relaxation time. It was all part of the goal, Wilson said, "...to really build off team camaraderie."

"(The purpose was) to play basketball on the court but also have fun together," he said, adding that the goal was accomplished. "The



The Heppner girls' basketball team took a break during their rigorous training regime last summer for some fun around Wallowa Lake, including time on the miniature-golf course. Pictured (back to front) are: Coach Jeremy Wilson, Kelly Wilson, Maddie Lindsay, Micha Hintz, Macy Gibbs, Baily Bennett, Emma Osmen, Kayla Kindle, Alana Wilson, Paige Grieb, Makenzie Correa and Ryan Dougherty. —Contributed photo

girls really enjoyed it. It was a fun time for coaches and players. It's a credit to the community and the people who bought pies and helped us be able to afford that."

Of course, the goal of this year's pie sale is to fund another such experience for the girls next summer. All Mustang girl basketball players will be pre-selling pies throughout the month of November.

The girls will offer an extensive list of pies, including apple, peach, cherry, marionberry, peanut

butter chocolate, pumpkin,

razzle dazzle and strawberry rhubarb. Sugarless pies are also available. All pies are \$12; sugarless pies are \$13.

Orders are due by Friday, Nov. 16. Pies will be available for pickup on Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. at the HHS gym... just in time for Thanksgiving.

Contact any high school girls basketball player to order pies, or call Coach Wilson at 208-739-8509 or Coach Lindsay at 541-256-0366 with questions.

Girls get cheering lesson from HHS squad



The Heppner High School cheerleaders held a cheer clinic Oct. 22-23 and Oct. 25. Girls preschool through fourth grade learned a cheer and a dance from 2012 HHS cheer squad members Kelly Nelson, Jordan Jones, Samm Lemmon, Faith Jones and Erica Nelson. The junior cheerleaders will perform at a future high school basketball game. Top: The HHS cheer squad members show the girls some cheering moves. Bottom: The entire group shows off their cheer power after the clinic. —Contributed photo

Chamber lunch meeting

This week's lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, Nov. 1, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. The meeting will be an all entities report.

Cost of lunches is \$9. Willow Creek Diner will cater. Lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than noon the Wednesday before to accommodate enough meals.

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