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**OCC shoeboxes due soon**



Stephanie Schuyler of Heppner with one of the shoebox gift boxes she's helping to collect for Operation Christmas Child. —Contributed photo

Many local residents are busy packing a shoebox to send to a needy child worldwide through Operation Christmas Child (OCC) this month. The local collection deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 14. Boxes can be delivered to the following churches: Willow Creek Baptist, Hope Lutheran, All Saints Episcopal and United Methodist, or left in a drop box at Keith and Deana Price's home at 565 NW Gale Street. Boxes can also be taken to the area collection center in Hermiston before noon on Monday, Nov. 19 at New Hope Community Church, Hwy 395 South.

South Morrow residents donated 114 shoeboxes last year and even more are hoped for this year. Nationally, OCC hopes to surpass the 100 million mark for shoe box gifts packed and distributed since the project was started in 1993. Participants are asked to fill and wrap a shoebox or similar container for a boy or girl, ages two to 14, with school supplies, toys, necessity items, hard candy and a note of encouragement if desired. Step-by step shoebox instructions are available at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. Contact Mike Ehrsam at 580-279-8720 for more information.

**CAPECO helps keep the heat on**

Winter can be the most expensive time of the year. During the winter, more accidents, more illness, a higher rate of unemployment and increased utility costs occur. For people who normally live on the brink, these types of added expenses can easily push them into financial crisis. The Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) strives to deflect some of these costs for the lower income residents of Morrow County by delivering the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Eligible households may receive a one-time payment which is paid to their heating ven-

dor. Eligibility is based on the household total gross income for the last 30 days. For one person the income level would be \$1,844.87; two people, \$2,412.53; three people, \$2,980.18; four people, \$3,547.83; five people, \$4,115.49; six people, \$4,683.14; etc.. CAPECO personnel will be in Heppner on Friday, Nov. 30. The LIHEAP program is now open to the general public in south Morrow Counties. Those interested must call for an appointment; no "walk-ins" will be seen. Anyone wishing to apply for assistance this winter may do so by calling 1-800-752-1139.

~ 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.

**Friends, neighbors, heroes**

Dear Editor:  
The blades of the helicopter can be heard throughout the canyon but nowhere more so than above my house on the hill. With the sounds come feelings of panic replaced with hope knowing that, long before the whirl of the blades were heard, there was a team of medical experts attending the wounded; performing, evaluating and stabilizing for a flight to a facility with more equipment and specialty services.

Not to mention the first responders and the skillful ambulance crew who brought the person or persons to the hospital. Then we have the volunteer firefighters there at the helicopter pad, helping the passage of the patient to safety.

All the many hands that make all of this happen are our friends and family that we see daily at local stores, restaurants, the post office and local functions. I want to take this time to express my appreciation for all of them who make us feel safer in this wonderful rural community. Room the bottom of my heart, I do appreciate all that you do and the sacrifices that you make.

Merilee McDowell, Heppner

**Stars come out for Parade of Lights**

By Doris Brosnan

The attractive trophy proudly displayed at the Bank of Eastern Oregon seems an appropriate reflection of the twinkling lights that will brighten the starry (hoped-for) sky above Heppner's Main Street on Nov. 29.

This trophy will be awarded to the business that has the winning float in the Parade of Lights that evening. Introduced two years ago, it was first awarded to Community Bank and last year was won by BEO. Chamber of Commerce Director Sheryll Bates acknowledges that rumors are flying this month about some other businesses' employees and owners with their eyes on the prize and their creative juices flowing.

"Spectators love to see the creative entries from members of the school classes, the churches, the organizations and the businesses. And it is really wonderful that some individual citizens enter their lighted creations. Imagine the huge parade we would have if all of our business community entered floats!" Bates comments.

Columbia Basin Elec-

**Catholic men to hold fall meeting, mass**

The men of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Heppner and St. William's Catholic Church of Ione will hold their annual memorial Mass and fall dinner meeting on Thursday, Nov. 15. A memorial Mass for the deceased men of the parishes will start at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. The dinner and meeting will follow in the parish hall.

**Community lunch menu**

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include barbecued brisket on a bun, macaroni and cheese, broccoli salad, sliced tomatoes and strawberry mousse. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

**Obituaries**

**Erna Lynn Winchester**

Erna Lynn Winchester, 64, died Thursday, November 1, 2012 at her home in Heppner. At her request, no service will be held. Erna's ashes will be dispersed at the old Winchester cabin site on November 11, 2012 at 2 p.m.

She was born August 17, 1948 in Pendleton, OR, the daughter of Ernie and Lois Reid Winchester. She was raised and attended school in Heppner, where she graduated from high school in 1966. She then attended Eastern Oregon University in La Grande before transferring to Oregon State University in Corvallis, graduating with a bachelor's degree. Because of her love of animals, it had been her childhood ambition to be a veterinarian but, as life often does not allow us to follow our dreams, this was not to be.

Erna Lynn was true Morrow County royalty as she served as a princess of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo and the following year as queen. She spent many years

raising paint quarter horses and you can be assured she never met a dog she did not love. Her dogs were her favorite companions, and she always found those that needed a home and plenty of love.

Erna worked for Columbia Basin Electric Co-op for many years until her rheumatoid arthritis would no longer allow her to walk the long distances to complete her responsibilities.

Her smile and laughter were infectious; she never met a stranger, whether human or animal.

Survivors include: her brother, Lowell Lee Turner, and his wife, Mary, of Longview, WA and nieces, Kim Moulton and Kisha Turner. She is also survived by multiple friends who will miss her immensely.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Humane Society, PO Box 11364, Portland, OR 97211-0364, or to the charity of your choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Jepsen featured soloist in concerts**

Eric Jepsen, local violinist and college senior at Eastern Oregon University, will be the featured violin soloist in two upcoming concerts this month by the Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra.

The first performance will be on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. at the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Cathedral in Baker City. The second concert will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in La Grande.

Jepsen will be performing all three movements of the Barber Violin Concerto by 20<sup>th</sup>-century composer Samuel Barber. The orchestra is under the direction of conductor Leandro Espinosa from Eastern Oregon University. The Barber Violin Concerto will comprise the first half of the concert. After intermission, the orchestra will perform selected movements of Mozart's Requiem in D minor along with a 120-voice choir and pipe organ. The choir is composed of sing-



Eric Jepsen, who has been playing the violin for 15 years, will be the featured violin soloist at two concerts this month. —Contributed photo

ers from the EOU Community Choir, the Pendleton High School Choir and Orchestra, the Baker City High School Bel Canto Choir and the La Grande High School Choir.

Jepsen has been playing violin for 15 years. He enjoys both fiddling and classical violin. Lisa Robertson has been his classical violin teacher for the past 10 years.

Tickets are available at the Eastern Oregon University Bookstore, and will be available at the door. Prices are: adults \$10; seniors \$8; EOU students \$2; grades 8-12 \$1, and younger children are free.

**Booster club to meet**

The Heppner High School Booster club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. in the HHS Home Economics room for election of officers.

**Driver's safety class offered in Ione**

AARP and Blue Mountain Community College will present the AARP Driver's Safety Class in Ione on Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ione American Legion Hall.

In celebration of those who have given so much and continue to do so, AARP is offering this class for free to any current or past military personnel and their spouses during the month of November. Proof of status will be required on the day of the class. The class is also open to everyone else. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, payable on the day of the class.

Since 1979, the AARP Driver Safety Program has offered the nation's first and largest course for drivers 50+ and has helped millions

of drivers stay in command of the road. The goal is for participants to learn proven safety strategies to help maintain their confidence behind the wheel. Topics will include safe driving tips, coping with health issues, vehicle maintenance and an update on driving laws. Participants who complete the course may also qualify for a discount on their personal vehicle insurance.

Pre-registration is required, as the instructor is traveling from out of town and must have a guaranteed minimum enrollment to hold the class.

Pre-register by contacting Anne Morter of BMCC at 541-422-7040 or amorter@bluecc.edu or Ron Dowse, instructor, at 541-575-4268 or charlesrd@centurytel.net.

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676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**NOVEMBER 8TH -LADIES NIGHT-**  
District Deputy Visitation,  
Nick Bettencourt  
**PRIME RIB DINNER**  
Dinning Friday and Saturday Nights,  
except November 16th

**NOVEMBER 16TH MCGG DINNER**

**BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER!**  
**PIES!** Featuring WILD PLUM PIES

HHS girls basketball players will be preselling scrumptious pies throughout the month of November. Many varieties are available

**ONLY \$12.00** and sugarless pies are \$13.00  
Orders due by Friday, November 16th

Pies will be available for pickup on November 20th at 6 p.m. at HHS gym just in time for your Thanksgiving feast.

Please contact any high school girls basketball player to order pies or call Coach Wilson 208-739-8509 or Coach Lindsay 541-256-0366 for questions.