

CBEC announces photo contest winners

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op is pleased to announce the winners in its eighth annual Photography Contest.

The competition was open to all consumers of Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op. The winners were announced at the CBEC annual luncheon meeting held in Ione on Thursday, Nov. 1, with the winning photos on display. The contest consisted of two categories, photos with people/animals, and photos of landscapes/other. Each entry had to have some element of electrical infrastructure in it and have been taken within the CBEC service territory. Three places were awarded in each category, with \$50, \$35 and \$15 prizes accordingly.

William Huff of Condon won first place in the people/animals category with photos of the CBEC crew working near the Lone

Rock Community Church. Karen Wolff of Heppner won second place, with a photo of a CBEC lineman repairing a street light fixture in Heppner. There was no third place award.

First place in the second category went to Stacey Sappington of Condon, with a Winter Wonderland photo near Condon. Second place went to Becky Doherty of Ione with a photo of Full Moon over Ione. Frosty Power Lines took third place, and was submitted by Karen Wolff of Heppner.

The contest received 10 entries this year from five applicants.

"CBEC thanks all the participating consumers who submitted photos for consideration," said a CBEC spokesperson. "Be sure to think about this annual contest throughout the year, and take photos as the opportunities arise."

Electrical safety poster contest winners announced

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op announces the winners of its annual Electrical Safety Poster Contest. The competition was open to all fourth graders in their service territory.

The year 2012 winners were announced at the CBEC annual meeting held in Ione on Thursday, Nov. 1. First place winners were awarded \$20 and second place winners were awarded \$10.

Two of the elementary schools in the territory responded with winners as follows: Heppner Elementary School: 1st-Serenity Rodriguez, 2nd-Hannah Palmer; Condon Elementary School: 1st-Alyssa Greenwood, 2nd-Cash Helms.

"Electricity is like most tools: it can make our lives much easier and more pleasant, but if used carelessly, can be dangerous."

Free Facebook workshop planned

The Ione Public Library will host a free workshop on "Facebook Basics—Getting Started" on Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the library.

Heidi Nelson, an Ione native representing her company, Media Ventures, will lead the class. Class members should bring a laptop, iPad or tablet device if they have one. (This class will not cover using Facebook on cell phones.) The class is intended for beginning, reluctant or non-users of Facebook with the aim of increasing their comfort level with this runaway trend in social media.

This class may be helpful for those who are not sure if Facebook is worth their time or maybe don't understand why they would

want to be on Facebook. Whether a new user or someone who hasn't even gotten started, many people probably have questions, and this class is designed to help, starting at the beginning.

Topics covered in the session include: signing up, logging in, finding friends, how to post and share, commenting and sharing photos, messaging, controlling what appears in your news feed and terminology. There will also be time for questions and answers.

Space is limited for this class. Interested patrons must RSVP by either contacting Anne Morter at amorter@hughes.net or 541-422-7429, or getting their name on the list at the Ione Library.

MORROW COUNTY VOTES ROMNEY

-Continued from PAGE ONE all taxes on intra-family property transfers. Morrow County voted 65 yes to 35 no, while Oregon as a whole voted 46 percent yes to 54 no.

Morrow County followed the rest of the state in voting yes on Measure 79, prohibiting real estate transfer taxes, and voting down privately-owned casinos.

On a heavily-contended

race for secretary of state, the county went against the state-wide trend and voted 58 percent for Knute Buehler, who visited the county, to 38 percent Kate Brown. Brown was reelected with a state-wide vote percent of 51 percent to Buehler's 43.

For complete election results, visit the county website at morrowcounty-oregon.com.

Local woman nominated March of Dimes nurse of the year

By Andrea Di Salvo

Local woman Rachel Ehrsam was recently nominated Nurse of the Year for the March of Dimes. Ehrsam, 25, is a registered nurse at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Though she did not win, Ehrsam said it was a great experience.

"I was definitely honored even to be nominated. I work with a lot of great nurses, and there are a lot of great nurses in Oregon," Ehrsam said.

According to the March of Dimes information, Nurse of the Year was created to honor the outstanding work of Oregon nurses. In its second year, the program honors nurses in 16 categories for "...their constant care and compassion toward patients."

Ehrsam was nominated for the honor by Molly Rhea, PMH Director of Nursing. Rhea said she nominated Ehrsam both for her work with patients and her work with the new electronic records system the government mandated

for all hospitals.

"Starting last August, we started being trained for our electronic medical record system and she agreed to be the super user for our hospital," said Rhea. "She has taken on the lion's share of that responsibility. All of our staff was trained, mainly by Rachel. I don't know how we would have done this without her. A lot of people would have gotten frustrated and not followed through. It was a huge job."

Of course, the electronic records side of the job was only part of Ehrsam's role; the RN works half-time on the records and half-time on the floor, taking care of patients.

"Anybody who is ever taken care of by Rachel feels like she has their best interest at heart. She's a very sharp RN," Rhea said.

The judges must have agreed; out of 400 nurses nominated in 16 categories from throughout Oregon, she was picked as one of 190 finalists. She was one of only three finalists from

Eastern Oregon.

"That was neat," Ehrsam said, referring to being one of a few from the east side. "There's a lot of big hospitals in Portland and a lot more nurses in the west side of the state, and they were primarily nurses from that part of the state."

Rhea nominated Ehrsam in the Small Hospital category, a category reserved for nurses from hospitals with 100 beds or less.

"When we read that, we thought, 'We're beyond small,'" said Ehrsam. PMH is a 12-bed acute care facility with a cardiac care unit and swing bed unit, bringing the total number of beds in use to well less than 100. With such a small hospital, Ehrsam said there is usually only one RN on the floor at a time, with that nurse responsible for "...whatever happens during the day—hospital, long-term, ER." Ehrsam said being the only one on the floor scared

her when she first started at PMH, but she soon discovered she had plenty of help on hand.

"I work with awesome staff members. When I first started working here, I was terrified. I thought 'How can I handle this?' But I never felt alone."

As a finalist, Ehrsam attended an awards breakfast Nov. 2 at the Hilton Portland & Executive Towers in Portland. In attendance with her were Rhea and Ehrsam's mother, Karen Owens.

"It was really neat to get to go to the program; it was neat hearing different stories about what nurses were doing for their patients, what programs they might have developed to help their patients," Ehrsam said. "It was definitely inspiring. Even though I didn't win, it was great to hear what other nurses have done."

"It was just an honor being a part of it."



Rachel Ehrsam

Firewood season extended to Nov. 30

Pendleton, OR—Personal-use firewood cutting in Umatilla National Forest will be extended through Friday, Nov. 30, to allow permit holders two additional weeks to gather firewood for their homes. Firewood season, which typically ends Nov. 15, was suspended for several weeks this summer due to dry fuel conditions and extreme fire danger.

The public is asked to take additional precautions when cutting firewood late into the fall when road and soil conditions become soggy and saturated. Mountain travel will require extreme care to avoid getting stuck or causing extensive and illegal resource damage to the land and vegetation.

Another concern for late season firewood cutting is the misidentification of live or dead western larch, also known as tamarack. Larch is the only cone-bearing tree in the western

United States that sheds its needles in the fall and can appear to be dead. Tips on identifying live larch are located in the firewood guide that accompanies each firewood permit.

Firewood permits can be purchased at any Umatilla National Forest office or at several local businesses in the community. Permits cost \$5 per cord with a minimum purchase of four cords for \$20. A maximum purchase of 12 cords total per household is allowed from National Forest lands during the calendar year.

The 2013 firewood season will begin again in May.

For more information on the firewood program, contact any Umatilla National Forest office or call the Supervisor's Office in Pendleton at 541-278-3716. Additional information is available at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/.

Garden club halts green workshop

The Heppner Garden Club has decided to no longer have the green workshop, at which community members in years past have had the opportunity to buy or create Christmas wreaths.

The club members say the decision had to do with health issues, age and members working during the day. This left them with a small number to man the event. They add that they do have equipment and

supplies available for any organization that wishes to take up the project as a fundraiser.

"We are sorry that we can no longer continue with this very worthy project," says a club representative. "(We) hope someone can pick this up and continue."

Anyone interested in taking over the green workshop, call Chuck Baily, president, or Jo Anne Burleson, secretary.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:

October 26:
-Gustavo Francisco Cruz, Jr., 21, of Boardman and Kaitlyn Brianne Quesnelle, 21, of Boardman.

-Levi Alan Tobin, 22, of Boardman and

Amanda Maria Frazier, 21, of Boardman.

November 8:
-Miguel Carrillo, 21, of Umatilla and Monica Lee Longoria, 18, of Umatilla.

-Artemio Montes, 27, of Boardman and Claudia Lizeth Galvan-Garcia, 24, of Boardman.

Ione school lists honor roll

Ione Community School has announced students on the honor roll for the first quarter of 2012-13.

The following students received a 4.0 GPA for Ione Community School for the first quarter for the 2012-2013 school year: Maggie Flynn, Kaitlin Garrett, Morgan Orem, Roman Sheena Rodriguez, Tristan Estabrook, Ann Rietmann, Joe Doherty, Lauren Garrett, Oskar Peterson, Bailey Haguewood, Emily Holland, Gus Peterson, Julianne Carlson and Evan Reitmann.

The following students earned Honor Roll Status (3.5-3.99 GPA) at Ione Community School: Dayshawn Neal, Ally Haguewood, Babali Peterson, Katelyn Bass, Karsen Dumler, Tatum Clark, Hannah Padberg, Jason Juarez,

Rachel Holland, Daniel Holtz, Jaqueline Juarez, Joel Stillman, Luke Jobs, Larissa Jones, Stacey Halvorsen, Tim Emmel, Lacey Thompson, Alisha Taylor.

The following students have earned Honorable Mention Status (3.0-3.49 GPA) at Ione Community School: Austin Morter, Wyatt McNary, Emily Taylor, Colton Hollis, Daniel Doherty, Cord Flynn, Breawna Teeman, Sadie Hasbell, Marisol Avila-Ramirez, Austin Carter, Hannah Flynn, Yaniva Garcia, Henry Padberg, Joshua Stillman, Jessie Flynn, Rita McElligott, McKenzie Estabrook, Cassidy Braun, Karina Rios, Dustin Lutz, Zane King, Jason Thompson, Tyrell Barnett, Stewart Syverson, Justin Estabrook, Kirk Haguewood, Tanner Bass and Jordan Braun.

Driver's safety class planned for 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 4 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. Registrants should bring a lunch or make arrangements for a quick lunch to accommodate an abbreviated lunch period.

Boardman to raise garbage rate

At its Nov. 6 meeting, the Boardman City Council passed Resolution 11-2012, a resolution increasing the city garbage rate beginning Jan. 1, 2013.

The increase is in response to a rate increase by the city's garbage provider, Sanitary Disposal of Hermiston. They told the council they were increasing the fee to the city due to an increase in fuel expenses, a decrease in cardboard sales, and the two-percent cost of

inflation. This is the first increase in garbage rates in Boardman since 2008. The cost of a 90-gallon residential cart will go from \$10.05 per month to \$11 per month. Other types of garbage services will increase anywhere from 10 to 14 percent.

The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

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 @ 541-678-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-678-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)


Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Thanksgiving Day- Thursday, November 22, 1 p.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church,
460 N. Gale Street, Heppner

Everyone is invited to attend

For more info or to have a meal delivered
Call Shelli Britt, 541-676-5478

No charge to attend



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