

Community Bank collects Change for Charity

Change drive benefits local charities

Beginning Nov. 5 and continuing until Dec. 14, Community Bank is conducting The Change for Charity Drive in all of their areas.

The program is an effort to collect funds from the community, to be used in that same community. Community Bank matches 50 cents on every dollar up to \$5,000. In the previous two years of the program, more than \$27,400 has been given to area charities. Each branch manager has selected a charity for which to raise funds to directly benefit the citizens

in the area.

In addition, there is a competition between two regions of the bank to raise the most money for their charities. Community Bank will donate an extra \$1,000 to the charities in the region where the most donations are collected. Region 1 includes branches in Wallowa, Union, and Baker counties. Region 2 is Umatilla, Morrow, Walla Walla and Asotin counties. The total funds collected will be calculated after Dec. 14, when the winning region will be determined.

The Heppner branch is collecting funds for the Neighborhood Center. In 2011, the Heppner Community Bank raised \$487 to the Neighborhood Center. This total included part of the \$1,000 extra donation from Community Bank, as Region 2 was the winner by a very close margin.

All branches will have donation jars available through Dec. 14. Coins and bills are accepted. If you have questions about the Change for Charity Drive, contact local Branch Manager Nikki Worden.

Heppner merchants offer Customer Appreciation Day

Local businesses give customers the opportunity to 'Shop 'til you drop'

On Thursday, Nov. 29, local merchants will be having special customer appreciation activities and offering extended hours to kick off the Christmas holiday season.

The merchants are planning activities to thank residents for shopping local. Here are some of the specials being planned, just for locals:

Bank of Eastern Oregon will be having a drawing for a small, decorated Christmas tree and serving refreshments from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Community Bank will also put out some great refreshments for those who stop in to do banking or just say hi.

Heppner Family Foods will offer free Starbucks coffee for their customers all day.

Murray's will be having hourly door prizes, the wish-list treasure hunt will start (with the winner being announced during the Dec. 20 Christmas event), cookies and punch will be available throughout the day and, from 5-7 p.m., there will be a mini wine tasting.

Stop by the Quilter's Round-Up and grab some refreshments, participate in the "Make and Take," where there will be stations set up for shoppers to make some fast crafts and take them home at a minimal cost—from \$2-\$5—and check out the sale going on all day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sweet Productions will be holding a gingerbread house workshop from 5:30-7 p.m., all ages welcome, reservations would be appreciated by Wed., Nov. 28 (large kit is \$15 and small is \$5).

The Victorian Rose will be serving Christmas cookies all day and will have plenty of merchandise for browsing.

Shoppers may also

want to make sure they are at the tree outside the post office right after the Parade of Lights (about 6 p.m.) so they can watch the Heppner Day Care and Heppner Elementary School children hang their homemade

Christmas ornaments. Plan on staying downtown to eat; shop at all of our local merchants and enjoy the sounds and sights of Christmas... and don't forget to ask for your rewards card with every purchase.

Support sought on coal project

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold a public meeting regarding the Ambre Morrow Pacific Coal project on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. in the Port of Morrow River Front Conference Room, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

County residents are asked to mark this date

and time on their calendars and contact everyone they know to attend, as planners consider community attendance to be critical.

Email info@morrowpacific.com with any questions, comments or suggestions. Check the website for news and updates at <http://morrowpacific.com>.

Ione library board to meet

The Ione Library District will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m. at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. Second Street in Ione. The public is invited to attend.

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To give their quality care, they use the team approach in which nurses work on tending a patient's physical needs, the chaplain is there for spiritual comfort, and hospice aids work on personal care such as bathing, housework and other tasks around the home. The social workers will aid patients with financial issues and dealing with other agencies, and the bereavement coordinator helps families through the grieving process before and up to 13 months after.

Volunteers are a big part of the hospice organization, and their duties may include running errands, taking a person to church or making sure they get to

a school event. And, of course, there is the office staff, Disque says, who makes sure all the paperwork and details of running the hospice are taken care of efficiently.

In addition to the individual patients, hospice also offers education and counseling to the family and the community by offering grief support groups, open to the public.

Staff members also make visits to schools in Morrow County, Condon and Arlington, talking to teachers and councilors about what hospice does. Hospice members have also visited psychology classes at Heppner High School to discuss their work.

"We try and stay involved in the community," explains Disque, in part by participating in the school fair, offering a library of books people may borrow for education, and support about difficult end of life issues.

Disque says the best part of her job is helping people through a tough time.

"We are allowed to be in a place where few people get to go, to be with a family when a member is dying, and it is a privilege to be there.

"People say, 'We couldn't do it without you,' and we say, 'Yes, yes you could. We just made it easier.' It's a very tough journey," she says.

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costs for funding the Public Employees Retirement System.

He said that he anticipates increases in education costs of over \$1,000 per student, with PERS costs amounting to around \$500 of that amount and salaries comprising around \$300.

Kitzhaber warned school boards not to anticipate lower class sizes or additional days added to the school year.

In other business, the board:

- approved the following employment action: resignations/retirements for Jannie Allen, retiring from her elementary teaching position at Heppner Elementary School, George Shimer, alternative education teacher at Morrow Education Center, Brian

- Bigham, Irrigon Junior High School head football coach, Jeremy LaFramboise, Riverside High School assistant boys' basketball coach, Kyle Napiontek, RHS head football coach and Dave Boor, Riverside Junior High School head football coach; employment/promotions for Kim Marlow-Homer, RHS special ed assistant, Joselyn Piper, increase from Heppner High School half time to full time special education teacher; transfers for Javier Garcia, from Heppner High School ed assistant to Irrigon Junior Senior High School ed assistant, replacing Raylena Cimmiyotti; extra duty contracts for Lori Frank to replace Laetitia Schreier as A.C. Houghton Elementary School DART coordinator, Linda Pedro,

- IJSH drama advisor, Katelyn Page, Heppner Junior High School head girls' basketball coach.

- viewed a school presentation by Mrs. Johnson, Sam Boardman Elementary.

- approved early graduation for an Irrigon Junior Senior High School student with the class of 2013.

- adopted proposed 2013 Oregon School Board Association legislative policies and priorities.

- received administrators' reports.

- received the following enrollment data as of November: ACH-277 students; SBE-346; HES-172; Irrigon Elementary School-203; Windy River Elementary-210; HHS-172; IJSH-362; RHS-392; other-49; total-2183.

Three Irrigon residents arrested for theft

Three Irrigon residents—Jesse A. Salisbury, 25; Jared J. Salisbury, 26; and Angelique L. Kettlewell, 19—have been arrested on theft charges following the recovery of stolen items in their possession.

Last Friday, Nov. 16, Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a Crime Stopper Bulletin from Kennewick Police Department with a picture of a suspect who had stolen a TV and home security video system from Costco in Kennewick, WA.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office later in the day received a tip from a citizen regarding the theft from Costco, telling them the person in the Crime Stopper Bulletin was Jesse Salisbury from Irrigon, OR. Morrow County deputies responded to the Irrigon area, where they had received another tip that the stolen items were being loaded into a vehicle.

Morrow County deputies

performed a traffic stop on Jared Salisbury and were able to recover a stolen 55" TV and home security video system, both stolen from Costco. Deputies also recovered a ProTech box that had been stolen from Ranch & Home in Kennewick but had not yet been reported. All property has been recovered and turned over to Kennewick Police Department.

After further investigation, Jesse Salisbury, Jared Salisbury and Kettlewell, all from Irrigon, were arrested on charges of Theft I for having possession of the stolen property and tampering with physical evidence.

Jesse Salisbury was also charged with possession of lost or mislaid property, which stems from a stolen check that was found in his possession. The check had been stolen from one of the vehicles involved in a recent rash of unlawful entries to motor vehicles in Irrigon. All three suspects

were lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

Full charges are as follows:

Jesse Allen Salisbury, 25, was arrested for Theft I, Tamper with Physical Evidence, and Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property II with bail of \$19,500 and lodged at UCJ with court date to be determined.

Jared Jack Salisbury, 26, was arrested for Theft I and Tamper with Physical Evidence with bail of \$13,500 and lodged at UCJ with court date to be determined.

Angelique Kettlewell, 19, was arrested for Theft I and Tamper with Physical Evidence with bail of \$13,500 and lodged at UCJ with court date to be determined.

Anyone with information concerning any unlawful entries of vehicles in the Irrigon area or other crime information, contact the Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 541-676-5317.

Christmas tree permits now available

Pendleton, OR—Umatilla National Forest Christmas trees permits are now on sale at all forest offices and at local businesses around the forest, including Heppner Shell in Heppner. Permits are valid on Federal Forest Service lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, state or other federally managed lands.

Permits can be purchased for \$5 each and are limited to one per household. Christmas tree permits and forest maps are available during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, at the Supervisor's Office in Pendleton, OR, and at the four Ranger District offices in Ukiah and Heppner, OR; and Walla Walla and Pomeroy, WA.

Regulations for cutting Christmas Trees on the Umatilla National Forest are as follows:

- Validate the permit by completely removing month, date and year; securely attach it to the tree trunk between the limbs.

- Make sure the permit is visible during transportation.

- Cut your tree at least 50 feet away from the road.

- Clean up any trimmings or limbs and leave stumps no higher than 10 inches. It is illegal to "top" a tree.

- Cut off any green limbs left on the stump (can be used for greens).

- Maximum height of tree to be cut is 14 feet

tall.

- Do not cut on private land, in wilderness areas, designated campgrounds, active timber sales or existing tree plantations.

- Do not cut trees within 200 feet of Bluewood or Spout Springs Ski Areas, summer home sites, Tollgate Work Center, or Forest Service Guard Stations.

- Christmas tree cutting in the Tollgate Area on the Walla Walla Ranger District can be challenging after Dec. 1, when most forest

roads close for the winter. After Dec. 1, snowmobiling or snowshoeing will be your only access onto most roads off Hwy. 204.

- Christmas tree cutting on the Pomeroy Ranger District is prohibited on Park and Cook Ridges, and in the Lick Creek area, including Sheep Creek, Cabin, Capehorn and Mud Springs ridges. You may encounter road closures in the School Fire area during logging operations. Please abide by these closures.

New cellular store celebrates grand opening



Local Chamber of Commerce members and U.S. Cellular staff were on hand to commemorate the grand opening of the new U.S. Cellular store, Devin Mobile, at the Devin Oil bulk plant on Riverside Street in Heppner Nov. 16. Pictured (L-R) are: Ed Rollins, Heppner chamber member and Bank of Eastern Oregon Senior VP-Credit Administrator; Sheryll Bates, Heppner chamber executive director; Shannon Denton, U.S. Cellular regional manager based in Pendleton; Amber Fritz, U.S. Cellular sales representative, Heppner; Chris Carter, U.S. Cellular agent sales and development manager based in the Tri-Cities; Lisa Patton, U.S. Cellular sales representative, Heppner; and Jeff Bailey, Heppner chamber director and Bank of Eastern Oregon CEO. -Photo by April Sykes

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