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Special activities planned Thursday in Heppner

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce wants to remind everyone that Thursday is a festive day in Heppner, with the merchants' open house, customer appreciation day and a variety of evening activities planned.

Check out the nativities on loan and on display in the windows of the former Quilter's Round-Up shop for the first annual Heppner Crèche Festival. Make sure to join other community members at the tree by the post office at 5:30 p.m. and watch as the Heppner Day Care and Heppner Elementary students hang their homemade ornaments on the tree, and sing along with the carolers. Take pictures with Santa, who will be set up at Heppner

Family foods from 6-7 p.m. and take some time to shop at the downtown merchants who will be open until 7 p.m. for everyone's shopping pleasure.

Finally, remember to collect those rewards cards for shopping locally.

Other local offerings are

A&M's Kitchen: Kids stop by at 4 p.m. and frost and decorate a sugar cookie (must be accompanied by an adult).

Bank of Eastern Oregon: Enter a drawing for a small decorated Christmas tree, plus refreshments from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Community Bank: Refreshments will be served.

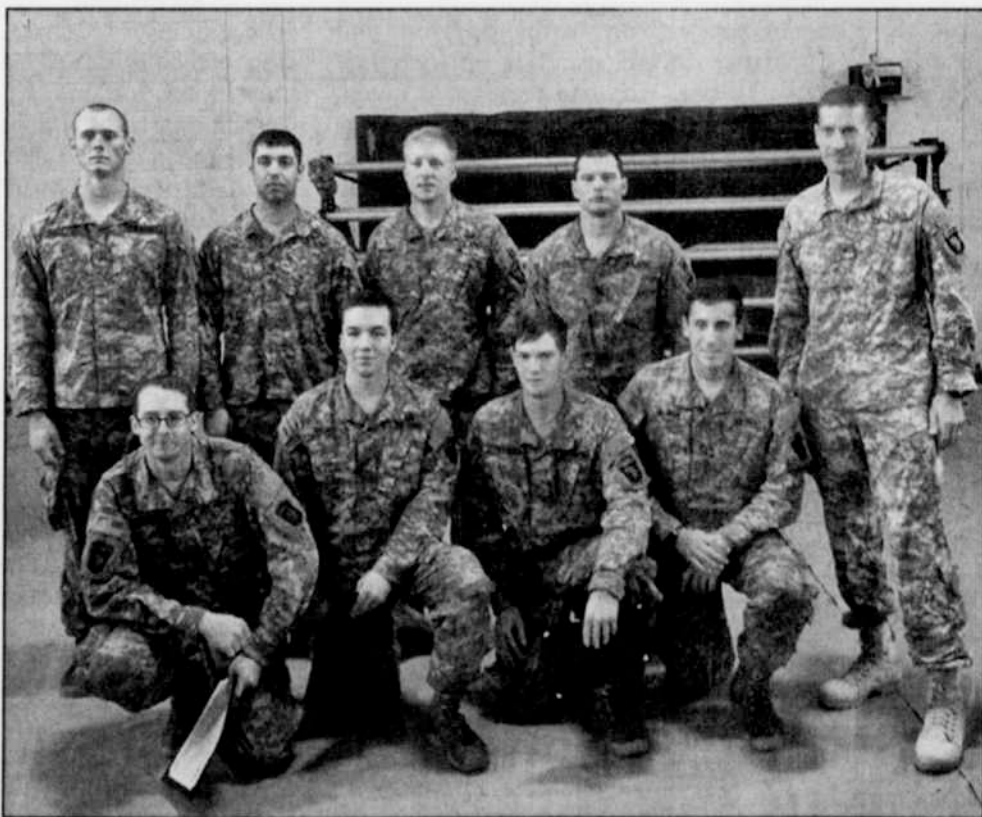
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It's beginning to look like Christmas



Snow added to the holiday atmosphere in South Morrow County this week, even bringing about a surprise visit from Santa, who donned his work clothes and stopped by to help with some winter chores in front of St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner Tuesday. The snow also brought some not-so-merry events, with more than one traffic accident on the slippery roads. —Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

Heppner grad earns highly sought Army medic badge



U.S. Army Sgt. Kory Paullus (upper left) was one of only 41 medics out of a class of 154 who passed the Army's Expert Field Medical Badge recently. —Contributed photo

Sgt. Kory Paullus, 2005 Heppner graduate and a medic with the 101 Airborne at Fort Campbell, KY recently earned his EFMB, or Expert Field Medical Badge. He was one of 41 medics out of a class of 154 who passed the EFMB.

The EFMB test is known as the utmost challenge to the professional competence and physical endurance of the soldier medic.

It is the most sought-

after peacetime award in the Army Medical Department; while the Combat Medical Badge is the "portrait of courage" in wartime, the Expert Field Medical Badge is considered the "portrait of excellence" in the U.S. Army all of the time.

The test is a rigorous evaluation of mental and physical skills, and earning the badge requires a great amount of ability and focus.

Passing rates for the badge range from five to 25 percent of candidates,

making the EFMB a distinctive mark in a soldier's records.

The EFMB also gives multinational and U.S. service members the opportunity to train together and to "gain a greater understanding of their abilities while building more competent and confident soldiers."

Kory is married to Sarah Price and has a new son named Weston. Kory has done tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

And the nominees are...

Well, who the nominees are is up to the people of Heppner.

Heppner's Town and Country Community Awards will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, and it's time to nominate a community member for "Woman of the Year," "Man of the Year," "Business of the Year," "Citizen-Educator of the Year," "Lifetime Achievement" and "Youth Award."

Nomination forms are available at the Heppner chamber office, Bank of

Eastern Oregon, Kuhn & Spicer, Community Bank and the post office, starting Monday, Dec. 9.

The forms need to be completed and turned in to Kuhn Law Offices no later than Friday, Dec. 20.

To get a form sent electronically, contact the chamber office at 676-5536 and leave an email address, or email the chamber at heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

The theme for this year will be "Heppner Magic, it's the People."

The event is sponsored by Ambre Energy's Morrow Pacific Project and Portland General Electric. It will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, starting at 6 p.m., with a no-host social hour.

Catering will be provided by Pudding on the Ritz.

Town & Country meal tickets are \$20 and can be purchased starting Friday, Jan. 3, at Heppner chamber, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Murray's Drug and Community Bank.

Cover Oregon announces enrollments

Bulk of enrollments through OHP

Durham, Ore.—Cover Oregon announced Monday that it has enrolled 3,470 Oregonians in health insurance to date and is moving forward quickly to

ensure that all completed applications received by Dec. 4 will be processed in time for coverage to start by Jan. 1, 2014.

Of today's announced

enrollments of 3,470, 219 Oregonians enrolled in a private plan and 3,251 enrolled in Oregon Health

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Area pastors invited to submit Christmas messages

Businesses, individuals also invited to send in Christmas greetings

The Heppner Gazette-Times will publish a Christmas edition on Dec. 18.

Area pastors are invited to submit Christmas messages to be published in the Dec. 18 edition. The

deadline is Friday, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m.

Messages can be dropped off at the Gazette office, emailed to editor@rapidserve.net, or faxed to 541-676-9211.

Any businesses or

individuals who would like to have a Christmas greeting in the Dec. 18 Gazette should call 541-676-9228 or email megan@rapidserve.net by Monday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m.

The Heppner Gazette-Times wants to see pictures of your trophy animals from this hunting season. Stop by to have your picture taken, drop off photos, mail them to PO Box 337 in Heppner, email them to editor@rapidserve.net or text cell phone photos to 541-980-6674.

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