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Jones donate hand-crafted wood art for Hospice fundraiser



Sharon and Dick Jones with their handcrafted wooden art

Dick and Sharon Jones have generously donated a piece of wood art, handcrafted by Dick, to Pioneer Memorial Hospice to be used as fundraiser. The Hospice volunteers will raffle the wood art, with the proceeds to be used to fund Hospice community education. Those who cannot make it out to purchase tickets may join

the raffle by calling Pioneer Memorial Hospice at 541-676-2946 or sending a check to Hospice Raffle, c/o Pioneer Memorial Hospice at PO Box 9, Heppner. They will only need a name and phone number and they will see the appropriate number of tickets get in the raffle tub. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held just before Christmas.

ESD superintendent to speak at Chamber luncheon

Mark Mulvihill, superintendent of the Umatilla-Morrow County Education Service District, will speak at this Thursday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon starting at 12 p.m.

Willow Creek Diner will be catering lunch and will be serving: a turkey/Swiss Sandwich on a homemade roll, with lettuce, tomato and pickle, broccoli salad, homemade potato chips and a maple bar. Cost is \$10.

Those planning to attend should RSVP their attendance no later than noon on Wed., Dec. 11, to guarantee a lunch.

~ 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.

Be Alert

To the Editor:

As our nation moves further away from its roots and original intent, religious and political, we must be alert. We must be alert by educating ourselves and we must be determined to stand for these foundational beliefs and principles. God's perfect and unchangeable Word says in part, "and having done all, to stand" (Ephesians 6:13). Let us take up the armor of God in face of present and coming opposition. The Creche Festival has been one such way of doing this. My appreciation to and support for all those who have taken part.

(s)Melissa Jo Monacc
Heppner, OR 97836

Julie Ashbeck to retire from school district

Morrow County School District plans to retire at the end of Superintendent the school year. She has been the district's executive secretary and human resources person. Dirksen said that after her retirement, Erin Stocker, Elementary School Boardman Monday night principal, will serve in the human resources capacity and the district will hire an executive secretary.



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Ione Library Board to meet

The Ione Library District Board of Directors will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 19 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. Second Street in Ione. The public is welcome to attend.

Ione plans Christmas open house

The city of Ione will hold its annual Christmas open house on Wednesday, December 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include refreshments and door prizes at local businesses.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Community lunch menu

United Methodist Church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, December 18, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include pork chops, scalloped potatoes, three bean salad, mixed vegetables and French bread. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

December 5:
-Lance Robert Bose, 19, Boardman, and Catherine Louise Groce, 17, Umatilla.
-Cruz J. Castellanos, 29, Pasco, WA, and Maria DeJesus Covarrubia, 26, Irrigon.

Former Lex resident earns prestigious aviation award

Former Lexington resident Greg Leyva has received the prestigious Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" award from the Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration for his 50 years of "dedicated service in aviation safety."

He was recognized at the Pacific Northwest Aerial Applications Convention held at the Couer d'Alene Resort, Couer d'Alene, ID, on November 4.

He was "recognized for his contributions to

building and maintaining the safest aviation system in the world through practicing and promoting safe aircraft flight operations for more than 50 consecutive years."

He received his commercial applicator's license at 20 years old and made it a lifetime career. "Few pilots start that young or stay with it long enough to put in 50 years of service. To receive such an award is a rarity," said a news release.

To his surprise, his whole family, including his wife, Barbara, and his

children and their spouses, Lauren Leyva, Leann and Kevin Leyva, Wilbur, WA, Richard and Melinda Rhodes, Keller, Texas, Staci and Mike Williams, Moses Lake, WA, and Dennis Leyva, Mesa, Arizona, were on hand for the ceremony.

Leyva, now of Wilbur, WA, is the brother-in-law of Pat Dougherty and is married to her sister Barbara. He was raised in Lexington and attended school there before transferring to Ione and graduating there. His father was a spray pilot with Gar Aviation in Lexington.

Snow Samaritan strikes Heppner residence



Edda Mae Lovgren of Heppner found a pleasant surprise at her house following the recent big snow and cold snap. A good Samaritan, who still remains anonymous, cleaned off her sidewalks and the entry to her garage, for which she was very surprised and grateful. Edda Mae says that it would have been difficult to leave her home without the kind contribution.

Wish list registry drawing December 19th at Heppner's Christmas event

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Babe Ruth Bar raffle December 18

The basketball fundraiser drawing for two chances for two pans of Jannie Allen's Famous Babe Ruth Bars will be held on Dec. 18. Tickets prices are one for .25 cents or five for \$1. Tickets are available from Brandi Sweeney at Heppner Elementary School or Darcy Robinson at Heppner High School.

What will we call the 101st Morrow County Fair?
Fair Theme Contest
\$50 PRIZE TO THE WINNER
Deadline is December 31
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