

## Local schools receive hygiene kit donation



Heppner Elementary and High School principal Matt Combe received a donation of more than 25 hygiene kits from United Way at a Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting. The presentation was made by United Way executive director Cricket Nicholson. "United Way supports several programs that provide services to the greater Heppner area each year," said a release.

## Chamber Chatter

Heppner Chamber of Commerce Director Sheryll Bates reminds everyone of upcoming community events.

**Monday, December 9 - Nominations open for Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards:** If you want to nominate someone for Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen-Educator of the Year, Youth Award or Lifetime Achievement, you can pick up nomination forms at Bank of Eastern Oregon, Chamber Office, Community Bank, Murray's Drug and the Post Office. The deadline is Friday, December 20. The forms need to be dropped off at Kuhn & Spicer to be considered for an award.

**Wheatland Insurance - Interoffice Holiday Challenge - canned food collection now through December 13:** All of the local Wheatland Insurance offices are having a canned food drive. Don't forget to drop off your non-perishable canned foods at our local Wheatland Office. The canned food will be distributed to the Neighborhood Center to help with distribution to the community.

**Thursday, December 19 - Heppner Chamber Christmas Event - 6 p.m., at the Morrow County Fairgrounds:** Start collecting your "Rewards Cards" when you shop locally at participating merchants. Plan on bringing them out and entering in the

prizes you want to be drawn for, enjoy a good meal catered by a local merchant, pictures with Santa, and participate in the penny board and raffle items and try to get a reward or two from Scrooge!

**Thursday, January 9-Heppner Chamber's Annual Luncheon, 12-1 p.m.** Mark your calendars and plan on coming to the annual luncheon from 12-1 p.m. at Senior Center Dining Room. Town and Country tickets will also be available for sale - \$20 per ticket. Alvin Liu with Cornerstone Gallery will cater the lunch.

**Thursday, January 16 - Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards Event:** Nomination forms

will be available starting Monday, December 9, and need to be turned into Kuhn Law Office no later than Friday, December 20. The event will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds and the meal will be catered by "Puddin' on the Ritz". The theme is "Heppner Magic, it's the People" and is sponsored again this year by Ambre Energy's Morrow Pacific Project and Portland General Electric. The "no-host hour" will start the evening out at 6 p.m. with dinner and the program to follow. Tickets will be available starting on Friday, January 3 at Heppner Chamber, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Murray's Drug and Community Bank.

## Sheriff's Report

**October 5:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report that Boardman Police Department arrested Michael Angel Torres, 22, for DUI. He was cited and released. BPD also cited Patricia Canchola, 19, for Open Container.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon man that around four kids were hanging around his house. MCSO responded, but did not locate anyone.

-MCSO received report from a woman in Ione that she had her keys stolen out of her vehicle while it was parked at the high school. MCSO deputy responded and took a report.

-MCSO received report from a man in Irrigon who had previously reported kids hanging out around his house that there were several cops in his house trying to execute a search, but they did not have a warrant. He reported he was having to barricade himself inside the house to keep them away. He reported he was on mental disability and this was aggravating him. MCSO responded and referred the man to Community Counseling Solutions.

-MCSO received report of a white pickup truck on Hwy. 74 Lexington that had been there for several days.

-MCSO received report of brown chickens in the road, with one of them very pretty colored, near the Kinzua Mill Site. The caller said she may know who they belonged to and left messages on the family's home and cell phones.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that she had given a man six mules to train, but has subsequently heard that he was arrested and charged with animal neglect/abandonment and she was

concerned about the welfare of her mules. She requested assistance in locating her animals.

-MCSO received report of a dark blue or black pickup truck parked in the Irrigon Cemetery. A deputy responded, but was unable to locate anything.

-MCSO received report of dogs barking since 6 a.m. at a Heppner residence. The caller said it was an ongoing problem.

-MCSO received report of a yellow dump truck on I-84, Boardman, that had so much black exhaust smoke that it was obscuring driving.

-MCSO received report of a subject on Hwy. 74, Heppner, who advised of suspicious circumstances at a location. A deputy responded and determined that the subjects there have keys to the facilities and the caller recognized him.

-MCSO received report of a drive-off at a Heppner gas station.

-MCSO received report of a black mule and a chestnut horse on Hwy. 207. The owner was contacted and the animals taken care off.

-MCSO received report of a male subject in Irrigon who had come home drunk and was violent with his wife, hitting walls next to her while the children were there. The caller said the subject left in a white Toyota Corolla. MCSO responded and determined it was a verbal dispute only.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman of 13, 15 and 16-year-old males being left home alone without parental supervision. The caller was advised that they were old enough to be at home unsupervised.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon man

that a subject may come to his residence and start problems. He requested to speak to a deputy. A deputy made contact and advised the other subject not to return to the residence.

-MCSO deputy reported a found vehicle with the back license plate beat up pretty good near the potato sheds on Tower Rd. The vehicle was clear with no warrants.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that some kids started up a packer that a construction company had left on the road and drove it down by the highway and left in running. The caller's husband moved the vehicle so it would be out of the way.

**October 6:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a missing hunter off roads 5730 and 60, the bottom of Johnson Creek. Search and Rescue was dispatched, but the hunter had made his way to Blake's Ranch and notified authorities.

-MCSO received report from a man on Willow Creek Rd., Heppner, that the passenger of a rollover accident walked to his house to report the accident. He said that the driver was still in the vehicle, breathing, but unconscious and bleeding. Heppner Fire, Heppner Ambulance and Morrow County Deputy responded. The driver of the vehicle was transported by Life Flight and the passenger was transported by ambulance to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

-MCSO received report from a man on Hwy. 207-Spray, Heppner,

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## FFA members speak on national convention



Caitlynn Bailey and Rylee Kollman made a power point presentation at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting Dec. 5 on their trip to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY.

As part of their assignment for the trip, they had to present to both a classroom and a public meeting about their experiences there. The last public presentation will be held after the FFA Greenhand initiation ceremony to be held Monday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## St. William's youth donate to children's home in India



(L to R): Jorge Aguilar, Noela Ramirez, Ferdinand Ramirez, John McElligott, Haylie Peterson, Jerson Peralta, Cecilia McElligott, Faviola Juarez, Jackson Coiner.

Youth of St. William's Catholic Church of Ione presented Fr. Kumar with a gift of \$980.55 for his children's home in India. The catechism students collected coins and held two bake sales this fall to raise money and the parishioners had a special collection to help out. The money will be used to help repair the water system as well as provide new clothes and Christmas gifts for the children in the home. The catechism students were grateful for the opportunity to spread Christmas cheer this season.

*Winter*

The upcoming winter storm season is near and Morrow County Road dept. would like to remind all motorists **there is NO winter maintenance on Coalmine hill** (USFS route 53) towards Ukiah. For the rest of the County winter maintenance practices include plowing and sanding. The combination of practices used at each site may vary to accommodate the different climate, traffic, and storm conditions encountered. Morrow County's goal is to provide a safe roadway. However, it is always up to the motorist to drive according to conditions. Please use extreme caution and common sense. They will do their best and would appreciate your patience. For your convenience the road department would like to direct your attention to a towing service in the area if needed. Lexington Auto Body 541-989-8565, Cell 541-561-5700. Again be prepared and be safe. Questions or concerns may be addressed 541-989-9500.

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