

VICTORIAN ROSE TO CLOSE

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Rockwell painting," she says. "Because I loved the town I would go to Jodi and brag about it."

Luther's rave reviews must have been effective, because her daughter looked into the town, picked up some applications, and soon had a job here.

Segraves then spent the next year and a half trying to convince her mother to move to the town she had always admired. Luther eventually gave in; she sold her home in Corvallis and bought a home in Heppner in 2004.

She didn't immediately go into business for herself. However, owning her own store had been a long-time dream.

"I kept saying, 'When I open my store,' or, 'If I open my store.' The day I turned 65," she says, "I decided to stop talking about it and just do it."

She first rented space on May Street in Heppner in 2005. A year later, the I.O.O.F. (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) offered her the space that is now the Victorian Rose.

"It was overwhelming but I was thrilled," says Luther.

After a year in her new location, Luther invited Segraves and her business, Sweet Productions, to join her in the space. Also in Heppner is Luther's other daughter, Lisa Larsen; her son, Todd, is currently a driver in the oil fields of North Dakota.

With much of her family around her and work she liked doing, Luther says she has been glad of the decision she made to live her dream.

"I've loved almost every minute of it. It's been a great place. I've been where I feel God wanted me to be," says Luther, who adds that she never took wages, instead choosing to put everything back into the business because she felt it was good for the town. "Already I miss the shopping. There was never a day I went shopping that I didn't find something for the store. There's no reason to go shopping any more."

Despite her love for what she does, Luther says it's time to call it quits. She is planning retirement now

partly because of recent health issues, but mostly because she wants to spend more time doing things she enjoys.

"I'd like to spend the next 10 years, if God gives me 10 more years, doing things I want to do," she says.

Those things include redoing her kitchen and bathroom—which she calls her "honey-do" list for herself—and taking road trips.

Luther says she already has had the opportunity to visit far-flung locations, including Europe and Washington, D.C., so her interests now lie closer to home, such as visiting friends and relatives around the Northwest.

After a few months of rest and relaxation, around April of next year, she plans to start throwing herself into volunteer work locally.

"And take a lot of naps," she says. "That sounds good."

Naps probably sound especially good considering the hectic pace the Victorian Rose owner is maintaining these days, putting in 10-hour days trying to get everything wrapped up.

Since the shop is closing upon her retirement, she says everything must go; she is in the process of making sure that happens, as well as returning items she's taken in on consignment.

"Pedaling as fast as I can," she says.

While the Victorian Rose will close the doors on what it has been in the past, the building won't go to waste. Sweet Productions will expand into the space, with current plans including the addition of a banquet room.

Segraves says she plans on holding dinner theaters there, as well as offering a venue for events ranging from Christmas parties to wedding receptions.

Meanwhile, Luther is busy planning December sales and savoring the bittersweet step into retirement.

"I've met so many dear friends and I'm gonna miss all of them. They're like my family," she says.

"I sure don't want to just sit at home," she adds. "That would drive me crazy."

Heppner has a Haunted Halloween

Right: Bank of EO employees were a colorful crew, greeting trick-or-treaters in their Dr. Seuss-themed costumes for Halloween. Middle right: Heppner Day Care preschool students spread their own brand of ghoulish cheer when they made an appearance at Willow Creek Terrace, performing for and spending time with the residents there. Local woman Kathy Turner wore many Halloween hats, serving treats at the senior meal site as the good witch of the north (below) and trying to convince a skeptical pirate of her fortune-telling abilities on Halloween (bottom). *-Contributed photos*



Have more Halloween photos to share? Post them on Facebook at: "HeppnerGazetteTimes"

Oregon State 4-H Fair results for Morrow County

Editor's note: Following are the results for Morrow County 4-H members who participated in the Oregon State Fair in Salem. Due to space constraints, not all results may be published in this issue; this is a continuation from a previous issue, and additional results will be published in future editions of the Gazette-Times. Results are listed alphabetically by last name.

Gilbertson, Megan
Photography 241100011 - Landscape, Jr R
Photography 241100031 - Animals, Jr R
Clothing and Sewing 320101320 - Basic Skills Level 3 - Garment, knit fabric R
Hamby, Taylor
Clothing and Sewing 320101610 - Expanding Skills Level 6 - Garment, med weight woven fabric B RCH
Clothing and Sewing 320101660

- Expanding Skills Level 6 - Outfit (2 or more pieces) B CH, M
Food and Nutrition 511326010 - Favorite Recipe Collection, Phase 6 B
Food Contests 511602022 - Mini-Meal, Team, Int B RCH
Heideman, Jake
Conservation 411200021 - Conservation (Soils & Range), Jr B
Food and Nutrition 511211010 - Educational poster, Phase 1 B
Food and Nutrition 511313010 - Favorite Recipe Collection, Phase 3 R
Joyce, Julianna
Photography 241100011 - Landscape, Jr W
Photography 241100031 - Animals, Jr B
Food and Nutrition 511110030 - Quick Bread (Muffin Method) Ph 1-3 B
Joyce, Kellen
Food and Nutrition 511110020 - Cookies (Rolled, Filled, Shaped) Ph 1-3 B
Martin, Eva
Photography 241100031 - Animals, Jr B
Photography 241100051 - Architectural, Jr B
McClure, Rileigh
Food and Nutrition 511326010 - Favorite Recipe Collection,

Phase 6 B
McCurry, Gibson
Presentations 211601012 - Individual Illustrated Talk, Int B
Food and Nutrition 511120080 - Yeast Bread (plain dough white wheat flour) Ph 4-6 R
McElligott, Cecilia
Food and Nutrition 511110010 - Cookies (Bar, Drop, No Bake) Ph 1-3 B
Food and Nutrition 511311010 - Favorite Recipe Collection, Phase 1 B
Meakins, Ian
Photography 241100043 - Plants, Sr B
Morter, MaLinda
Cake Decorating 236102010 - Decorated Cupcake, Ph 2 R
Clothing and Sewing 320101170 - Basic Skills Level 1 - Personal accessory B
Ogden, Grace
Clothing and Sewing 320101140 - Basic Skills Level 1 - Garment with skills other than casing B
Clothing and Sewing 320301100 - Basic Skills Level 1 - Creativity B
Clothing and Sewing 320401100 - Basic Skills Level 1 - Hands for Larger Service B CH
Food and Nutrition 511110020 - Cookies (Rolled, Filled, Shaped) Ph 1-3 W

Food and Nutrition 511311010 - Favorite Recipe Collection, Phase 1 B
Food Preservation 512114010 - Beginning Division, Cooked Jam B
Orem, Morgan
Photography 241100022 - People, Int R
Clothing and Sewing 320101510 - Expanding Skills Level 5 - Garment, med weight woven fabric B
Clothing and Sewing 320101520 - Expanding Skills Level 5 - Garment, knit fabric B
Clothing and Sewing 320101550 - Expanding Skills Level 5 - Personal accessory B
Clothing and Sewing 320301500 - Expanding Skills Level 5 - Creativity B
Clothing and Sewing 320401500 - Expanding Skills Level 5 - Hands for Larger Service B RCH
Food and Nutrition 51120190 - Yeast Breads, Using whole wheat flour w/machine, Ph 4-6 B CH
Orr, Bella
Art 231100101 - Other 2 dimensional work, Jr B RCH
Photography 241100011 - Landscape, Jr B
Photography 241100041 - Plants, Jr B
Fiber Arts 261100101 - Weaving, Jr R
Clothing and Sewing 320101140 - Basic Skills Level 1 - Garment with skills other than casing B
Knitting 360200110 - Beginning Knitting with Looms, Boards, and Machines Division - W B
Orr, Quinton
Photography 241100031 - Animals, Jr B
Palmer, Hannah
Clothing and Sewing 320101120 - Basic Skills Level 1 - Garment with casing but no crotch seam B
Clothing and Sewing 320101130 - Basic Skills Level 1 - Garment with casing and crotch seam R
Food and Nutrition 511110010 - Cookies (Bar, Drop, No Bake) Ph 1-3 B
Food and Nutrition 511110030 - Quick Bread (Muffin Method) Ph 1-3 B
Peterson, Haylie
Clothing and Sewing 320101180 - Basic Skills Level 1 - Items for the home B
Clothing and Sewing 320401100 - Basic Skills Level 1 - Hands for Larger Service B
Rodriguez, Serenity
Clothing and Sewing 320101210 - Basic Skills Level 2 - Garment with casing R

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