

Student council makes sure HES well-equipped for play



Heppner Elementary student council members Zander Fisher, Landon Mitchell, Kason Cimmiyotti, Derrick Smith, Trevor Nichols and Cody Fletcher show off the new playground equipment that was donated to the school by the 2014-2015 student council. The HES students will enjoy playing with new footballs, volleyballs, basketballs, soccer balls, hula hoops, jump ropes and Frisbees during recess. —Contributed photo

WCVEDG GRANTS

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tional \$24,922.51 awarded to eight organizations for nine different projects.

Recipients are as follows:

—Morrow County Museum received \$4,050 to create an exhibit that shows visitors how a grain elevator operates. Includes painting a 1947 IHC truck, placing it on scales and re-enacting the process.

—The City of Ione received \$2,000 to complete development of the Howard Mullins Memorial Park with log picnic tables and tree planting.

—The City of Heppner received \$1,722.69 for Hager Park playground improvement.

—Lexington Grange

#726 received \$786 for purchase and installation of a heater in the basement of the building.

—Heppner Chamber of Commerce received \$800 to rehabilitate and relocate the “Welcome to Heppner” sign currently on Willow Creek Country Club property.

—The Heppner Jr./Sr. high Booster Club received \$4,500 for the purchase and installation of acoustical paneled folding partitions for separation of the stage and cafeteria areas.

—The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County received \$4,934.82 to upgrade the efficiency of its food pantry facility.

—Heppner Day Care received \$2,700 to replace and purchase new sports

and play equipment for its outdoor space. The day care also was awarded \$3,429 to replace windows and doors to improve efficiency.

Applicant organizations had to have been local organizations, clubs, special districts or governmental entities who reside in the South Morrow County Service Area (as defined by the WCVEDG Service Area Map).

The requestor had to have at least 50 percent of funding, which could include in-kind and cash contributions from local and regional sources, for the total project budget committed before application, with exceptions granted at the discretion of the board.

Community Bank’s charity drive benefits Neighborhood Center

Through Dec. 18, Community Bank is conducting its annual charity drive. The program is an effort to collect funds from the community, to be used in that same community during the holiday season.

Funds collected will be matched at .50 on the dollar up to a maximum of \$500 in matching funds per branch. This year the goal for each Community Bank branch is to work with their community to raise at least \$1,000 to support their charity of choice.

For each branch meeting or exceeding the \$1,000 goal, the local charity would receive at least a \$1,500 donation (\$1,000 from the community with a \$500

Community Bank match). Since the Community Bank Charity Drive began in 2010, the total amount given to area charities now exceeds \$95,400, an average of almost \$19,000 per year.

The Heppner branch has again chosen for local funds to go to the Neighborhood Center food bank. Other charities that will benefit this year are: Baker City is collecting for food banks in the Baker City area; College Place and Walla Walla branches are collecting for the Walla Walla Senior Citizen Center; the Elgin branch for the Elgin Food Bank; Enterprise and Joseph branches are collecting for the

Community Connection Food Bank; the Hermiston branch is collecting for Martha’s House; La Grande branches are raising funds for the EOU Foundation Scholarship Fund; Milton-Freewater for the City Light and Power Energy Assistance Program; Pendleton branch is collecting for Neighbor 2 Neighbor; and the Wallowa branch collects for the Wallowa Food Bank.

Branches will have donation jars available through Dec. 18. All types of monetary donations are accepted such as personal checks, bills and coin. Contact the local branch manager with questions about the charity drive.

Topic club tours Maryhill, Stonehenge



Ione Topic Club went on the road for its regular monthly meeting in October. Group member Margo Sherer chose to take the group across the Columbia River to tour Maryhill Museum and the Stonehenge replica near Goldendale, WA. Ten of the 20 club members were able to attend. The group also chose to utilize the up-and-running Morrow County Special Transportation bus, driven by Ed Struthers, which group members said enabled them to have a fun time and a good lunch without worrying about directions and traffic. Pictured (L-R) are: Marie Struthers (guest), Becky Doherty, June Crowell, Betty Rietmann, Kathy Morter, Kristy Crowell, Margo Sherer, Virginia Martinez, Nancy Miller and Betty Gray. Not pictured: Susan Crum. —Contributed photo

ODFW recommends delisting gray wolf from state ESA throughout Oregon

Commission to consider at Nov. 9 meeting in Salem

SALEM, Ore. — ODFW staff believe gray wolves have met the criteria to be delisted from the state Endangered Species Act (ESA) and will recommend this action to the Fish and Wildlife Commission at its Nov. 9 meeting in Salem.

The meeting begins at 8 a.m. at ODFW Headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem. It is open to the public and public testimony will be accepted during the meeting. Consideration of wolf delisting is the only item on the agenda. Written comments

will also be accepted until Friday, Nov. 6, at 5 p.m. and can be sent to odfw.commission@state.or.us. More information about the meeting is available at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/11_november/index.asp

Wolf management in Oregon is guided by the Wolf Plan, which was originally crafted in 2005 by a broad group of stakeholders balancing competing interests. The plan called for initiating a process to consider delisting wolves from

the state ESA when eastern Oregon had a population of four breeding pairs of wolves for three consecutive years, an objective met in January 2015.

“The state’s Wolf Plan adopted in 2005 was an

agreement between stakeholders reached after one of ODFW’s largest public processes,” said Russ Morgan, ODFW wolf coordinator. “The plan called for delisting consideration after wolves reached a minimum

conservation threshold and envisions wolves being delisted as Oregon moves into future phases of management.”

“Delisting would result in no immediate changes to wolf management in

Oregon. Wolf management is guided by the Wolf Plan and its associated technical rules, not the species’ ESA listing status,” added Morgan. “But delisting allows the plan to continue to work into the future.”

Community lunch menu

Heppner United Methodist Church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at St. Patrick’s Senior Center. Lunch will include Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green salad, orange-kissed beets, hot rolls, and cherry crisp.

Nazarene and Seventh-day Adventist church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 11. Lunch will include grilled cheese sandwiches, clam chowder, coleslaw, sliced tomatoes, and chocolate cake.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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Chamber Chatter

Taste of Heppner and Surrounding Communities cookbooks, a fundraiser for St. Pat’s Parish Hall renovations in Heppner, are being ordered for Christmas delivery: There are 674 recipes, and the cookbooks are being sold at \$25 each. Please contact Mary Hague-wood at 541-676-9759 or Ashley Lindsay at 541-376-8285 or send an email to stpats2015@hotmail.com to order. Leave a message with your name, phone and quantity to be ordered.

Saturday, Nov. 14 – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Lexington Grange Annual Holiday Bazaar: Make sure you stop by and check out the holiday items for sale with a soup meal available for purchase. To reserve a table, email lex.grange726@gmail.com; 10x10 tables are \$20 each. More information to be announced soon.

Saturday, Nov. 14 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Ione Ameri-

can Auxiliary’s fifth annual Holiday Bazaar – Ione Legion Hall – 325 W. 2nd Street: Stop in and check out all of the vendors and get some of your Christmas shopping done early. Breakfast available for purchase from 8-10 a.m.; a lunch will be available for purchase from 11:30-2 p.m. If you are interested in being a vendor, the table rent is \$10; space is limited. Contact Becky Rietmann at 541-4227230/541-720-2040 or Becky677.br@gmail.com, or Sharon Rietmann at 541-571-0738. Santa will be there so bring your kids and get their picture taken. Proceeds go to Creative Care Preschool.

Saturday, Dec. 5 – 9:30a.m.-2:30 Artifactory, sponsored by Heppner Day Care, will be held at the Catholic Church parish hall: Contact Heppner Day Care at 541-676-5429 for more information.

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Community Thanksgiving Dinner

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Contact: Shelli Britt #676-5478

Happy Thanksgiving