

Local church to host live concerts next week

Christian Life Center—a local church often referred to as the “dome” or “golf ball”—will be hosting a fundraising concert early in the month of December.

Live at CLC will be a two-day event featuring live music performed by David Bates and Darren Montgomery, as well as local artists and children.

The concert will begin on Friday evening, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. and will continue Saturday evening, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. Both nights will include a dessert auction during the intermission, as well as a silent auction to be held in the fellowship hall throughout each night.

Concert admission is free with an opportunity to give during the night. Ten percent of all proceeds will be returned to the community through a donation to the Neighborhood Center.

“The funds raised during this concert will be used for the advancement of our children’s and music programs,” said newly-installed Pastor Tony Long-Drew. “We are so very thankful and believe in the provision of our Father and the blessing that covers your presence and contributions.”

Anyone unable to attend but wishing to contribute may do so through silent auction items, desserts or monetary donations to the CLC at 535 W. Morgan Street or PO Box 145, Heppner.

For further information please contact the church office Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 541-676-5814 or mobile number 541-256-0962.

It’s all about Christmas in Heppner

In Heppner, it’s all about Christmas and getting ready for Heppner’s Christmas festivities.

The annual Rewards Card program started Monday, and shoppers can now start collecting the rewards cards when they make purchases locally. Anyone shopping at local participating merchants from now through Thursday, Dec. 17, will receive rewards cards in the amount of purchase (payment on account is not eligible).

Shoppers can collect the cards and take them to this year’s Celebrate Heppner Christmas community event, which will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on Thursday evening, Dec. 17, starting at 6 p.m. There, shoppers can enter rewards cards for an opportunity to win some great prizes that have been donated by merchants. Remember to ask for the cards when buying local.

The Celebrate Heppner Christmas event will begin at 6 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner prepared and served by Gateway Café, and will be limited to the first 100 people; pictures with Santa and drawing of the rewards cards, raffle and penny board winners will wrap up the evening. There’s also a rumor that Scrooge is planning on stopping by to spend the evening.

So circle these dates on your calendar: Monday, Nov. 23, to begin collecting the rewards cards for shopping local; Thursday, Dec. 3, for the parade of lights at 5:30 p.m. and merchant activities all evening; and Thursday, Dec. 17, for the Celebrate Heppner Christmas community event.

Christmas light display coming to SAGE

The lights will be on Dec. 1 with a community event at SAGE Center

BOARDMAN—An agriculture-themed Christmas light display will be open to the public starting Dec. 1 at the SAGE Center.

A lighting event is set for Dec. 1 from 6-8 p.m. at 101 Olson Road, Boardman, where residents can drink hot chocolate and have cookies while enjoying the light show. The show will be set to music, which will be broadcast on 106.9 FM.

Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted and donated to CAPECO for the duration of the display. The light show will remain operational from Dec. 1 through the New Year’s holiday.

The Port of Morrow accepted an offer from David Pichcuskie and hired him to construct the display. Pichcuskie is known for his home Christmas light display in Stanfield.

“Moving the show is an opportunity to share it with more people and gather donations for a great cause,” Pichcuskie said.

Trees and other Christmas décor will be illuminated alongside a spray rig, a combine, and a tractor, all provided by Morrow County Grain Growers.

“The Christmas light show is a beautiful display that many people will be able to enjoy as we kick off the holiday season,” said Kalie Davis, SAGE Center manager. “Morrow County Grain Growers donated the equipment that will be featured in the light show and David has done a wonderful job of including the farm equipment in the show.”

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Church shows ‘love in action’



Willow Creek Baptist Church members say they wanted to express their love for the Heppner community through service. That’s why, on Saturday, Nov. 14, the church members cut limbs and brush in the area behind the old swimming pool along Cannon Street. Pictured (L-R) are clean-up crew members Hannah Finch, Michelle McCurry, Jacob Finch, Troy Morgan, Dave McCurry, Julia Finch and June Rollis. —Contributed photo

Christmas tree permits available

Pendleton—Christmas tree permits for the Umatilla National Forest are now available to purchase at forest offices and at several local businesses, including Heppner Shell. Permits are valid on National Forest system lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, state, or other federally-managed lands.

Permits cost \$5 each and are limited to one per household. Tree permits and forest maps are available during regular office hours, Monday through Friday at the Umatilla Ranger District offices in Ukiah and Heppner, and at the supervisor’s office in Pendleton. Tree permits are also available at several local businesses that are open evenings and weekend hours. Heppner Shell and Rhode’s Supply in Ukiah are among the businesses that carry the permits.

This year, all fourth graders are eligible for a free tree permit through the national Every Kid in a Park initiative. In order for students to receive a free tree permit, they must present a valid paper voucher printed from the Every Kid in a Park website. Just visit www.everykidinapark.gov and follow instructions to obtain and print the paper voucher. Then, bring the paper voucher with you to your local National Forest Office to claim the free permit. Students must be present to pick up the free permit. These free permits can only be issued through the National Forest Office and will not be available through local vendors who sell permits.

Regulations for cutting Christmas trees on the Umatilla National Forests:

- Obtain Motorized Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) for the areas you plan to visit for current open and seasonally closed road information.
- Christmas Tree Permits sell for \$5 each and are limited to one permit per household.
- Validate the permit by completely removing month, date and year; securely attaching it to the tree trunk between the limbs
- Make sure the permit is visible during transportation.
- Cut your tree at least 50 feet away from the road.
- Clean up any trimmings or limbs and leave stumps no higher than 10 inches. It is illegal to “top” a tree.
- Cut off any green limbs left on the stump (can be used for greens).
- Maximum height of tree to be cut is 14 feet tall on the Umatilla National Forest.
- Do not cut on private land, in wilderness areas, designated campgrounds, active timber sales or existing tree plantations.
- Do not cut trees within 200 feet of Bluewood or Spout Springs Ski Areas,

summer home sites, Tollgate Work Center, or Forest Service Guard Stations.

- Do not cut trees in Posted Old Growth Areas or within one quarter mile of wild and scenic corridors.
- Christmas tree cutting within site distance of state highways is prohibited.

Be Safe, Be Prepared for Winter Weather:

- Dress appropriately in warm socks, boots, coats, hats and gloves
- Bring plenty of snacks and water
- Have supplies available to build a fire if necessary
- Make sure your vehicle is equipped for winter travel
- Tell someone where you’re going and when you expect to be home

Helpful Hints:

- Carry your trees carefully out of the woods. Dragging the tree will rub off needles and bark.
- If the tree is too big to transport in the trunk of your vehicle, wrap it in canvas to prevent wind damage.
- Once home, cut the bottom of the trunk off and place the freshly cut trunk in a bucket of water. Replenish water frequently.

More information about Christmas tree cutting permits and road conditions can be obtained by calling local Forest Service offices and visiting the forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla.

Firewood season ends Nov. 30 on Umatilla National Forest

Pendleton—Personal-use firewood cutting on the Umatilla National Forest will end Monday, Nov. 30. Firewood permits will not be available again until May 2016.

Firewood permits can be purchased at any Umatilla National forest office or at several local businesses in the community. Permits cost \$5 per cord with a minimum purchase of four cords for \$20. A maximum purchase of 12 cords total, per household, is allowed from National Forest lands during the calendar year.

For more information on the firewood program, contact any Umatilla National Forest office or call the Supervisor’s Office in Pendleton, Oregon at 541-278-3716. Additional information is available on the website at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report on Thursday, Dec. 3, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Bucknum’s will cater.

Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Tuesday before to guarantee a lunch.

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE for Eve Ironhawk's 90th birthday

Friday, December 4
11 am – 2pm
St. Patrick's Senior Center
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