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Celebrate Heppner Christmas next week

Reward cards and shopping local bring Christmas to Heppner with the Celebrate Heppner Christmas event next Thursday, Dec. 17. The festive annual event starts at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Everyone who has been collecting reward cards is invited to bring them and participate in this community get-together. The event will start with a dinner served by Gateway Café—spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, roll, dessert and beverage to the first 100 guests. The cost is \$6 per guest, or \$20 for a family of four. A no-host beer and wine bar will be provided by Bucknum's.

Aside from the food, there will be penny board and raffle items. Pictures with Santa for \$5 will be taken from 6-7 p.m. Drawings for the rewards cards will start about 7:15 p.m., so reward cards (with entrants' names) need to be entered for each item before that time.

Area pastors invited to submit Christmas messages

Businesses, individuals also invited to send in Christmas greetings

The Heppner Gazette-Times will publish a Christmas edition on Dec. 23.

Area pastors are invited to submit Christmas messages to be published in the Dec. 23 edition.

The deadline is Monday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. Messages can be dropped off at the Gazette office, emailed to editor@rapidsolve.net, or faxed to 541-676-9211.

Any businesses or individuals who would like to purchase space on our special Christmas greeting page in the Dec. 23 Gazette should call 541-676-9228 or email megan@rapidsolve.net by Monday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m.

Heppner twinkles with Parade of Lights



Top: The Heppner fire department gets a little boost from some special helpers on the way to a call. Right: Even the Grinch is in the Christmas mood for the Parade of Lights. Above (L-R): Richard and Samarra Fisher, Amy Long-Drew, Barbara Prucha and Pastor Tony Long-Drew add a festive tone to last Thursday's events in Heppner. -Photos by David Sykes

City of Irrigon announces annual giving tree

For many years the Irrigon area has had a giving tree, and Irrigon City Manager Aaron Palmquist announces that it is again time for this annual event.

However, this year the tree is located in the new

library/city hall lobby.

The public is welcome to come by, check out the new library and pick up a card to give Christmas to one or more of Irrigon's children.

The cards contain the

names of children and their needs/desires as provided from various organizations.

Everyone is asked to take a card or two with a child's information and purchase appropriate gifts for the child or children. Then

return the gifts to city hall with the tag attached by Dec. 18.

For more information, contact city manager Aaron Palmquist at 541-922-3047 or manager@ci.irrigon.or.us.

Man killed in crash near Boardman

A Philomath man lost his life in a single vehicle crash near Boardman last week.

On Dec. 4 around 6:30 a.m., Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police troopers and other emergency personnel responded to the report of a single-vehicle crash on I-84 near milepost 154 west of Boardman.

When they arrived, emergency crews found a 1985 Chevrolet pickup fully engulfed in fire.

After the fire was extinguished, Keith O. Carney,

34, of Philomath, OR, was found deceased inside.

OSP says preliminary information indicates the Chevrolet was traveling eastbound on I-84 when it left the roadway for unknown reasons and traveled for more than 400 feet.

The pickup then struck a large boulder, where it caught fire.

OSP led the investigation and was assisted at the scene by MCSO, Boardman fire and ambulance, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Santa's mailbox has a new home in Heppner

A change has been made this year to the location of Santa's mailbox in Heppner.

In years past, the drop-off site for letters to Santa was a mailbox located at the Heppner post office. This year and in the future, Santa's letters can be mailed through a mailbox in the lobby of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The Gazette-Times has been assured there will be



Santa will now be picking up his letters in Heppner at the Bank of Eastern Oregon. -Photo by Megan Futter

no disruption of delivery due to this change.

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Boardman bans medical marijuana

At their Dec. 1 council meeting, Boardman City Councilors held a hearing to consider a ban on medical marijuana within the city limits.

No one at the hearing spoke in opposition of the proposed ban.

With a vote of 7-0, the city council declared an emergency and voted to ban medical marijuana producers, medical marijuana processors, medical marijuana wholesalers, and medical marijuana retailers within the city limits of Boardman,

effective immediately.

In November, the city council passed a similar ordinance to ban recreational marijuana.

In other city business, councilors heard a presentation from Sam Boardman Elementary School Principal Sarah Kimmell. She spoke about a new after-school program her school is hosting.

Also, the council heard a presentation from Northwest Oregon Water Associa-

tion Board Member Gary Neal.

Also, the council voted 7-0 to declare the property at 120 NW Columbia Avenue a nuisance.

The home on this property burned down in October of this year and little progress has been made to clean up the property.

The next Boardman City Council meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Boardman City Hall council chambers.

Ione merchants plan Christmas open house

Ione invites residents, friends and neighbors to come out and join local businesses for the annual Christmas Open House.

The traditional open house will take place on Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. While out and about, help the Ione office of Wheatland Insurance collect the most food donations for its annual food drive. Local donations will be delivered to the Neighborhood Center in Heppner on Dec. 18.

Parade of Lights winners announced

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners for the 2015 Parade of Lights.

Best commercial entry was Murray's Drug, with an honorable mention going to Silver Creek Contracting.

Best community entry went to the Jingle Bell Dancers.

The Heppner Elk's Lodge received the award for best use of lights.

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