

Rep. Smith appointed to governor's Small Business Advisory Cabinet

SALEM—Oregon Governor Kate Brown has announced the appointment of State Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) to the Small Business Advisory Cabinet. The cabinet is charged with developing recommendations on how state government can support small business owners and emerging entrepreneurs and advance statewide economic growth. Rep. Smith is one of nine individuals appointed to the cabinet and the only member from Eastern Oregon.

“Over the last two decades I have witnessed first-hand Governor Brown’s commitment to small business, in both word and deed,” said Smith. “I am honored to be a voice for Eastern Oregon small business owners, and I look forward to working with cabinet members and the governor.”

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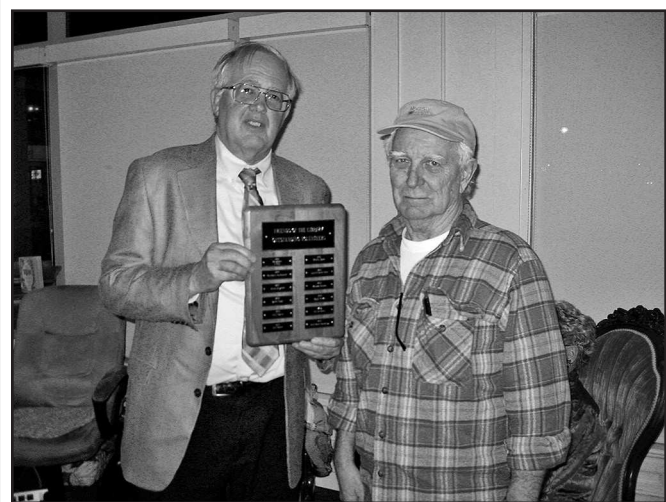
small business development experience, serving hundreds of business owners each year. Smith also has an extensive background in both commercial and industrial business financing.

The Small Business Advisory Cabinet will deliver recommendations on three priorities by Oct. 1, 2016: (1) How state government can further the support and promotion of small business owners and prospective entrepreneurs, (2) how state government can increase access to capital, and (3) how state govern-

ment can streamline regulations to help small business owners and prospective entrepreneurs navigate the myriad of laws and policies of state government.

Rep. Smith also currently serves as Co Vice-Chair, Joint Ways and Means Committee; Co-Chair, Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government; and on the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction, Legislative Administration Committee and House Republican Caucus Budget Chair.

Friends of the library honors volunteers



Bill Kuhn of Friends of the Heppner Library awards Ed Struthers of Heppner with Volunteer of the Year. Not pictured is award co-recipient Marie Struthers. -Contributed photo

The Friends of the Heppner Library awarded volunteers of the year Ed and Marie Struthers at the annual Love Your Library evening held Thursday, Feb. 18.

The keynote speaker was Kathy Street, the new Oregon Trail Library District Director. She talked about her circuitous journey that brought her to the new job of OTLD director while introducing attendees to her family through a slide show.

She then went on to talk about the new activities that she has been slowly introducing to each of the district libraries, the changes in the library web page, the addition of a library Facebook page, and ideas for future activities that people are requesting—including more computer and internet classes as well as activities like having workshops on

“altering” books. Currently, there is an adult “coloring between the lines” workshop every Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. here in Heppner. The library has provided all the supplies for this workshop. Coming soon to the Heppner branch will be the addition of a teen night twice a month.

Street also indicated that computers will be used to improve library services, such as not needing to bring a library card to check out items.

Street finished by saying, “I would like to hear from the library patrons with any ideas they have for activities or workshops, as well.”

Refreshments were provided as people visited with Street after her presentation.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Familiar faces cross the welcome mat at Willow Creek Terrace every week with those of the residents and staff—the several volunteers who keep activities varied and enjoyable throughout the week. The community views as especially special these individuals who donate their time and talents to bring to the Terrace Bingo, other games, crafts, piano music, crossword-puzzle challenges, the reading of the Gazette-Times, and transportation to the senior meal-site lunch gatherings. They are appreciated, as are the friends and neighbors who offer a variety of donations throughout the year.

Three new faces have accepted the “Welcome” as sincere and decided to move in this month. On Feb. 1, Caroline Hall, a long-time citizen of the area, moved from the St. Patrick’s Senior Apartments. On Feb. 4, Mary Ramey moved from Pendleton to be nearer family members. And on Feb. 8, Millie Hanna, a friend of

Caroline’s and a long-time resident of Heppner, moved from the senior apartments, also. After seven years, Marjorie Burgess moved from the Terrace last month, so one apartment remains available for a new resident.

The three new residents are welcome additions to life on the Hill. Just one example is their adding to the numbers participating in daily morning exercises. Numbers have increased so greatly that the activity has moved from the smaller sun room to the living room. Obviously, staying fit is a priority at the Terrace.

Being fit will be important to the residents who agree with Punxsutawney Phil—spring will be early this year. These residents are eyeing the flowerbed areas and are eager to get some plants into the ground.

The sun room was the gathering spot for Super Bowl Sunday, where the action on the screen was absorbing, the noshes on the table were tasty, and the anticipation of winning combinations on the board

ran high. Two residents and two staff members were the day’s winners.

The party with the Heppner preschool students was too large for the sun room when 13 youngsters came to exchange handmade Valentines and refreshments with 11 residents on Feb. 9. The residents had also put together “goody bags” for their visitors, who entertained with some songs at the party.

On Valentine’s Day, the residents enjoyed their “candlelight” dinner of bacon-wrapped chicken and side dishes, and no one seemed to mind that the cantankerous candles refused to light. Sue Baker orchestrates this annual event that the entire staff contribute to in the kitchen and/or in the dining room.

The sun is shining frequently lately, so the sun room gets daily use, but it will again be too small for another activity on the 23rd, which is Aviation Day and the day when residents will be encouraged to build and

fly paper airplanes. Possibly, engineering plans are already being formulated by some competitive residents. The rowdy action in the halls that day will be invigorating.

Fueling the residents who participate in the daily activities or choose to maintain a quieter routine in their apartments are the three daily meals served by the staff. Tasty as the meals are, the lunches on days celebrating special foods offer a little something extra for added conversation and palate pleasure: Baked Alaska Day on the first, Carrot Cake Day on the third, Chocolate Mint Day on the 19th. Of course, Chili Day on the 25th will feature homemade chili.

This month’s calendar also features that extra day that comes along every four years, the 29th. Since it creates “Leap Year,” the Community on the Hill views that as a good reason to hold a hopping party. Watch for an update on that plan next month.

Good snow conditions greet Nordic ski club



Only four skiers were able to make it on the Arbuckle ski club’s trip on Saturday, Feb. 20, but those who went found beautiful weather and good snow conditions. There was about 1-1/2 inches of new snow on top of the remaining base, which they said made for very nice skiing. The group skied out the Forest Service 25 road and then on out the 2516 road before returning to Highway 207 at their start point. Pictured are (L-R) Luanne Brownfield, Dan VanLiew and Kristy Crowell. -Contributed photo

Ione library plans free classes

IONE—The Ione Public Library will be hosting an iPad class in February and a SAGE Catalog/Libraries2Go class in March.

The iPad class, free to the public, will be held this Thursday, Feb. 25 from 6-7:30 p.m. This class is for anyone with an iPad looking to better understand the device and for those curious if an iPad is right for them.

Taught by Ione native Heidi Nelson, the class will cover the basics of using the iPad, such as hand gestures and switching quickly between apps. Participants are invited to bring their own questions and things they want to learn, and those will also be covered.

Participants will leave with a list of app suggestions and a quick reference guide for using their devices. Participants also should bring their own iPads; the library has two available to borrow, first come, first served.

Both classes are free to the public; however, space is limited. Call the library at 541-561-9828 to sign up.

Cost includes text and certification card. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.bluecc.edu or in person at any BMCC location. BMCC Boardman is located at 300 NE Front Street in Boardman. Call 541-481-2099 or 541-422-7040 for more information.

On Tuesday, March 1, from 6-7:30 p.m., there will be a class on how to access the SAGE Catalog and Libraries2Go sites. Participants should bring their own devices for accessing the Internet, such as a Kindle, iPad, or other tablet or a laptop, as well as a current library card.

This class will cover how to search the online catalog and place a hold for books from other libraries, and how to renew books from home. Additionally, class members will learn how to access the Libraries2Go website to borrow electronic books that can be read from their personal electronic devices.

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Loop committee to meet

The Loop Morrow County Transportation committee meeting will be March 1 at 2:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at the Bartholomew Building in Heppner.

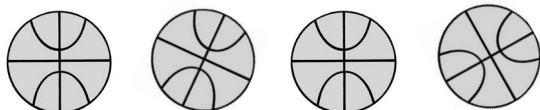
Flagging class scheduled in Boardman

A Flagging Certification class has been scheduled for Friday, March 6, at Blue Mountain Community College in Boardman. The class will begin at 9 a.m. and finish at 2 p.m. Cost of the class is \$119, payable to BMCC.

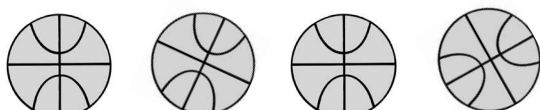
Students will prepare to be flaggers for work zone traffic control and learn the basics of flagging and traffic control. Successful completion of the class will result in receiving a State of Oregon Department of

Transportation Credential for Flaggers. Certification is good in Idaho, Oregon and Washington for three years. Students will also learn to find employers who use flaggers regularly.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HEPPNER MUSTANGS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON A FINE SEASON



Heppner High School Girls' Varsity Back (left to right): Rylee Kollman, Kaelyn Lindsay, Morgan Correa, Riane Dompier, Jessica Kempken, Josey Evans, Madison Combe. Front row (L-R): Kacie Gray, Jacee, Currin, Caitlyn Scrivner, Jaiden Mahoney, Claire Grieb, Emily Cecil and Meranda Lemmon.



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