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MCGG buys PGG propane business

PENDLETON, OR—Pendleton Grain Growers (PGG) has sold its propane division to Morrow County Grain Growers (MCGG).

The deal, effective Nov. 30, comes in the wake of a decision the PGG board made in May to restructure multiple business units to return the organizations focus to the needs of the members. In a statement released by PGG, the board said the move “follows through on the board of directors’ commitment to

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Morrow County Grain Growers bought out PGG’s propane division in a move that both co-ops say will be good for their members and their bottom lines. -Contributed photo

November second warmest on record for Heppner

December expected to be cold, wet

The National Weather Service in Pendleton reports that this November was the second warmest on record, falling just short of the record set more than 100 years ago.

The average temperature for November was 47.8 degrees, which was 6.5 degrees above normal. The warmest November on record averaged 48.2 degrees in 1899.

High temperatures this year averaged 57.2 degrees, which was 6.4 degrees above normal. The highest was 72 degrees on the sixth. Low temperatures averaged 38.4 degrees, which was 6.7 degrees above normal. The



Heppner’s Hager Park and Willow Creek Dam were transformed into a winter wonderland by the snow storm that crossed the area Monday night. According to the National Weather Service, cold and moisture like this will be the order of the day for the rest of the month. -Contributed photo

lowest was 28 degrees, on the 18th.

There were four days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Despite a rainy start to the fall, precipitation totaled only 0.52 inches during November, which was 1.08 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation of at least .01 inch was

received on 10 days with the heaviest, 0.15 inches, reported on the sixth.

Precipitation this year has reached 10.51 inches, which is 2.17 inches below normal. Since October, the water-year precipitation at Heppner has been 2.8 inches, which is 0.06 inches above normal.

The highest wind

gust was 48 mph, which occurred on Thanksgiving Day.

The outlook for December from NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center calls for below-normal temperatures and near-to above-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner fall from 44 degrees at the start of December to 41 degrees at the end of December. Normal lows fall from 28 degrees to 25 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.32 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

New assistant manager at Les Schwab



Jeff McCrumb, 26, is the new assistant manager at Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner. McCrumb, who started work in Heppner Nov. 28, comes here from Moxee, WA. He brings with him his fiancée, Christine, and children Scott, 3, and Callie, 2. -Photo by David Sykes

Reception planned for Tallman, Rea

A farewell reception is planned for retiring Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman and Morrow County Commissioner Leann Rea next Friday, Dec. 16, from 2-4 p.m. at the Bartholomew Building in Heppner.

The reception will be held in the building’s upper conference room, and refreshments will be provided. The public is invited to attend and visit with the outgoing commissioners, who will both leave office at the end of the month.

Pastors invited to write Christmas messages

The Heppner Gazette-Times will publish its annual Christmas edition on Dec. 21.

Area pastors are invited to submit Christmas messages to be published in the Dec. 21 edition. The deadline is Monday, Dec. 19, 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. 21 Gazette should call 541-676-9228 or email megan@rapidsolve.net by Monday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m.

Celebrate Heppner Christmas next week

Rewards cards and shopping local bring Christmas to Heppner with the Celebrate Heppner Christmas event on Thursday, Dec. 15, starting at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Community members are invited to bring all of the rewards cards they have been collecting and participate in this community get-together.

The event will start with a dinner served by

the Heppner Elementary Parent/Teacher Club; they will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce, roll, dessert and beverage to the first 200 guests, and guests will receive a \$10 rewards card for each meal purchased. The cost is \$6 per guest, or \$20 for an immediate family of four. A no-host beer and wine bar will be provided by Bucknum’s.

Pictures with Santa will be available from 6-7 p.m.

for \$5. Scrooge will be there, also, so remember to ask him for some rewards cards—he’s been known to part with a card or two.

Attendees will want to bring some extra cash to put into the penny board and raffle. The penny board items this year will be a 43” Class LED Element TV, Nintendo NES Classic Edition (games included), Keurig 2.0 K200 single serve coffee maker, and

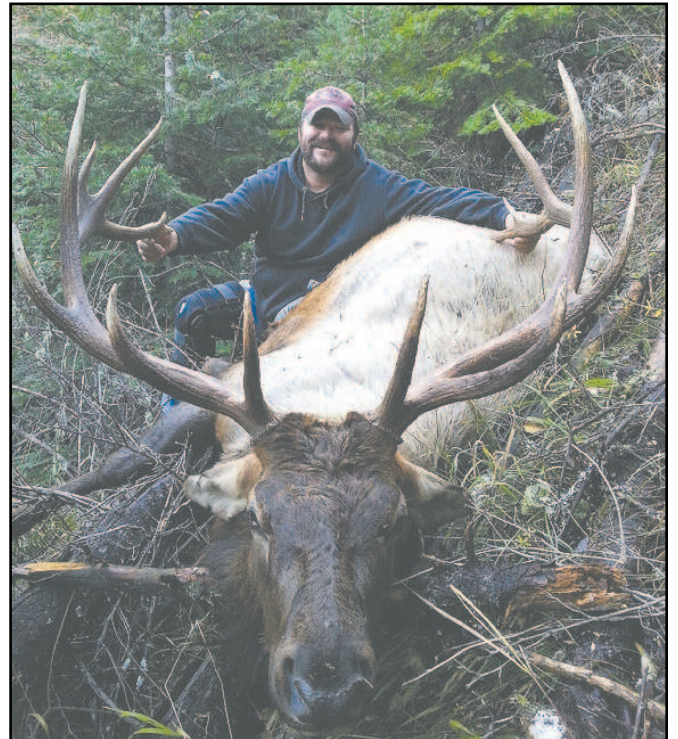
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Raffle items this year will be a 32” Polaroid HD LED TV and an Amazon fifth generation Kindle Fire Tablet with 7” Screen.

And, of course, everyone will want to make sure they go through the rewards cards room and put their rewards cards in the bag for the items they want

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G-T Trophy Corner



Above: Tammy Russell of Pilot Rock (above left) took this buck in her own back yard, while daughter Ember, 13 (center), shot her bull elk on Person Creek. Shawn Reynolds (above right) shot this 7x8 elk at Bridge Creek Flats on Oct. 22. -Contributed photos

Your Trophy Photos Wanted!

The Heppner Gazette-Times wants to see pictures of your trophy animals from this hunting season. Here’s how:



Stop by to have your picture taken, drop off photos, mail them to PO Box 337 in Heppner, email them to editor@rapidsolve.net or text cell phone photos to 541-980-6674.



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