

Town and Country awards right around the corner

Heppner Chamber of Commerce's annual Town and Country Community Awards will be held Thursday, Feb. 9. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a no-host social time, with dinner to start at 6:30 p.m. and the awards program to follow.

Alvin Liu with Gateway Café will be catering the dinner and will be offering, via buffet or served dinner, prime rib with au jus and horseradish; creamy garlic mashed potatoes; green beans; garden fresh salad with raspberry vina-

grette dressing; dinner roll with butter; chocolate cake for dessert; and a beverage.

The sponsors for this event this year are Invenenergy, LLC dba Willow Creek Energy, Northwest Farm Credit Services and Portland General Electric.

Tickets are \$25 per person until the week of the event, at which time they will be \$30 per person, so please purchase tickets now. Tickets may be purchased at Bank of Eastern Oregon, the chamber office, City of Heppner, Community Bank and Murray's.

Checks may be made out to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

"Plan on coming and participating with the rest of the community as we recognize and celebrate our Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, outstanding youth, Citizen-Educator of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award," urges chamber executive director Sheryll Bates.

Contact the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at 541-676-5536 with questions or to reserve tickets.

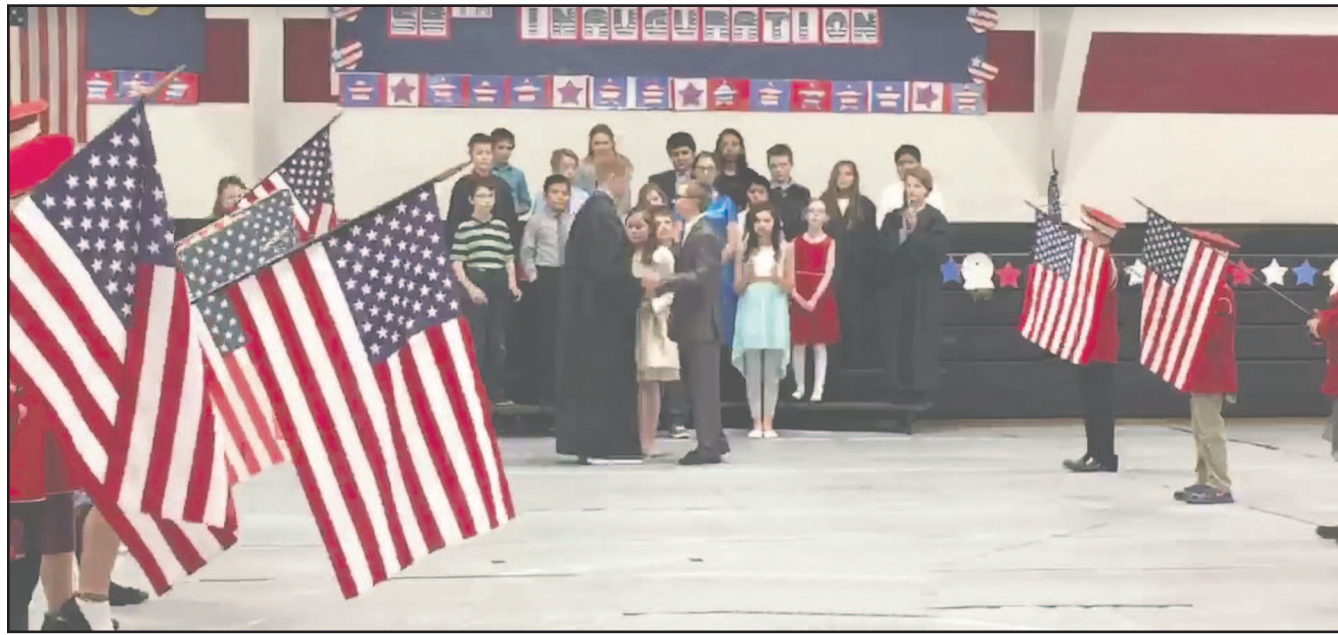
New scam targets locals

Local residents have reported a new scam circulating in an attempt to separate people from their money.

The Gazette was informed this week that some Heppner residents were targeted by an internet scam involving fraudulent bills, bills that seemed to be owed to local businesses with whom they do business. The scam included an online "check" they could have filled out to pay the supposed bills, with amounts totaling about \$9,000.

Those reporting the scam said they didn't lose any money, but wanted to make others aware of the danger.

Ione holds annual inauguration



Bryce Rollins of Ione plays the role of Chief Justice John Roberts as he administers the Presidential oath of office to Kalvin Rietmann, who played the role of President-elect Donald Trump during Ione's pre-enactment of the inauguration last Thursday. Other Ione students also filled in to play special roles in the event, including Alexandria Cavan as first lady Melania Trump, Cameron Proudfoot as Vice President-elect Mike Pence and John McElligott as House Speaker Paul Ryan. Students also represented local officials like Ione mayor Rod Taylor and Morrow County Judge Melissa Lindsey. The kindergarten, first- and second-grade classes sang "You're a Grand Old Flag," and students marched through the gym. The event ended with a mock "inaugural ball." Ione has held a mock inauguration, as well as a mock election, for more than 20 years as a way to teach students about the political process. -Contributed photo

Road committee seeks Heppner member

Morrow County Public Works is currently looking to fill an opening on the Morrow County Road Committee. The opening is for a representative from the Heppner area, which will include the City of Heppner and surrounding area.

This is a three-year term. Meetings are held roughly two times a year or possibly more as the need arises. Members work closely with the Transportation System Plan and help keep projects listed and in working order.

Anyone who is interested in joining the committee is asked to send a written request to sit on the panel of the Morrow County Road Committee, Attn: Burke O'Brien to P.O. Box 428, Lexington, OR 97839. Requests need to be in by Feb. 7.

Also, a reminder that there is a meeting of the Morrow County Road Committee Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. in the Bartholomew Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner.

Heppner council, mayor sworn in



Heppner City Council members (above L-R) Dale Bates, John Bowles, Teresa Bedortha and Corey Sweeney were sworn into office at the Jan. 9 city council meeting in Heppner. All four council members return to seats they previously held.

Right: Also sworn in at the meeting was newly-elected Heppner Mayor Cody High (left), who takes the place of outgoing mayor Skip Matthews (right). -Contributed photos



Bank of EO announces ninth annual BEO Wrestling Invitational

Heppner—Bank of Eastern Oregon has announced the invitees to Bank of Eastern Oregon's 2017 Invitational Wrestling Tournament to be held at Heppner High School on Feb. 4.

High schools scheduled to compete are River-

tal in organizing the bank's sponsorship of the event.

"The bank's management has been very involved in establishing this annual tournament and looks forward to the 2017 competition. The first eight years of the event were outstanding and we intend



Mustang wrestler Carson Brosnan puts a choke-hold on a Mac-Hi opponent during last year's BEO Invitational in Heppner. Brosnan, now a sophomore, won his first high-school medal at the tournament. -File photo by Kirsti Cason

Retirement celebration planned for Tarnasky

In last week's article about Sheridan Tarnasky's retirement, the Gazette failed to mention that a retirement gathering is planned for Tarnasky this Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. The public is invited to attend, visit and wish her a happy retirement.

Heppner chamber holds annual meeting



At the Heppner Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting Jan. 5, Tricia Rollins installed 2017 chamber board members (L-R) Matt Combe (president), Bob Houser (vice president), Tawny Miles (treasurer), Jeff Bailey, Nancy Snider, Kim Cutsforth, Ann Murray and Andy Fletcher. Not pictured is board member John Gould. -Contributed photo

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce held its 2017 annual luncheon Thursday, Jan. 5, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Along with a lunch

catered by JoAnn Lear of Pudding on the Ritz were several special presentations and the installation of the 2017 board of directors and officers. Board mem-

bers for this year are Matt Combe, Kim Cutsforth, John Gould, Tawny Miles, Ann Murray, Jeff Bailey, -See HEPPNER CHAMBER/PAGE TWO

side, Imbler, Grant Union, Mac-Hi, Baker JV, Union, Heppner, Culver, Crane, Elgin, Joseph, Enterprise, Adrian, Echo, Irrigon and Hermiston JV.

The competition begins at 10 a.m., and Bank of Eastern Oregon invites the public to come watch these talented athletes compete. Tickets can be purchased at the door and concessions will be available.

Mark Lemmon, Bank of Eastern Oregon's Chief Financial Officer and Heppner High School wrestling coach, has been instrumen-

tal in organizing the bank's sponsorship of the event. "We appreciate bank staff and local citizens who volunteer to help at the event or sponsor amenities; their help makes the tournament run smoothly!"

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help or has any inquiries concerning the upcoming event, please contact Heppner High School Athletic Director Greg Grant at 541-676-9138 or Mark Lemmon at 541-676-0224.

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