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Electric Co-Op declares patronage payment

The Board of Directors of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., headquartered in Heppner, has announced the retirement of \$604,342 in Capital Patronage Credits. This amount represents the remainder of 1990, all of 1991 and several small credits from more recent years. Capital Patronage Credits represent member's equity in the member-owned cooperative. With the addition of

the \$604,342, the Co-Op has returned \$6,913,039 to its member/owners over the last 41 years.

Most credit holders will receive payment by check. Active credit holders of very small value or in arrears will have payments applied to their account. Multiple account holders will receive a single check for all accounts. Funds were expected to be disbursed by Dec. 17.

Community lunch menu

United Methodist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, January 2 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be Hoppin' John (black-eyed peas, ham and rice), seven layer salad, spiced peaches, corn dodgers and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Historical Society schedules annual meeting

The Morrow County Historical Society will hold their annual meeting at Two Hags Pizza on Jan. 13 beginning at 2 p.m. Due to previous lack of participation, the MCHS has been unable to appoint new officers or conduct any business.

Friends and members

of the MCHS are asked to attend the meeting to determine whether or not they will be able to conduct business or if they will dissolve the organization by taking appropriate action in accordance with the law.

For additional information, contact David DeMayo.

Morrow County

"Unfortunately, alcohol at many holiday events contributes to the number of impaired drivers on our roadways. Help us spread the message: Even one drink is one drink too many. If you feel buzzed, you are already drunk."

Too many people take to the roadways after consuming alcohol because they think they are "okay to drive." They may think they've had enough to eat, enough water to drink, or that their weight may factor into the equation. But these are inaccurate ways of measuring whether you are safe to drive.

Drunk driving isn't the only risk on the road: Drug-impaired driving is also an increasing problem on our nation's roads. If drivers are impaired by any substance—alcohol or drugs—they should not get behind the wheel of a vehicle. Driving while impaired is illegal, period. The bottom line is this: If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. It's that simple.

"We want to keep our roads safe this holiday season and help people under-

stand that the only time they should be behind the wheel is when they are sober," said Undersheriff Bowles. "Alcohol affects people differently, and you do not have to be feeling or acting drunk to be too impaired to drive."

This holiday season, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and NHTSA urge you to designate a sober driver before you start drinking. If you plan on drinking at all, plan on not driving.

Party with a Plan

-First and foremost: Plan ahead. Be honest with yourself: You know whether you'll attend a party. If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Is it your turn to be the designated driver? Take that role seriously—your friends are relying on you.

-Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.

-If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact

Nominations open for regional teacher of the year

InterMountain ESD has announced that nominations are open through Jan. 31, 2019 for the eastern Oregon regional teacher of the year. Anyone can nominate a teacher from any Oregon school district on the Oregon Teacher of the Year website at www.oregonteacheroftheyear.org.

The InterMountain ESD encourages school staff, students, parents and community members to nominate teachers from its school districts in Baker, Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties. "It's great to have people nominate teachers they know and

admire, so we have a bigger pool of applicants from which to choose our recipient," said Michele Madril, Director of Communication for the IMESD.

Each Education Service District in Oregon will choose a regional teacher, who will receive a cash prize of \$500. One of the Regional Teachers of the Year will be named the 2020 Oregon Teacher of the Year in September 2019.

For questions about the Oregon Teacher of the Year program, contact Jenni Knaus, program coordinator, at jenni.knaus@state.or.us.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library benefits children

Oregon Trail Library District has collaborated with Friends of the Irrigon Library and Morrow County School District to offer Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program to kids in Morrow County. Children ages birth to five who live in Boardman, Heppner, Irrigon and Lexington are eligible to register.

The Morrow County

Dolly Parton Imagination Library began requesting donations in June of 2018. Kathy Street, OTLD Library Director, said the community response has been wonderful. "Donations have come in all sizes. Individuals, small businesses and large businesses have all contributed to the program," said Street.

Two sizeable donations, one from Lamb Weston and one from Wild Horse Foundation helped meet the donation level needed to fund the program fully this year. The cost per child is \$25 per year, which covers postage for mailing books directly to children.

The James and Shirley Rippey Family Foundation offered to help fund rural Oregon communities starting their own Imagination Library. For the first three years, the Rippey Family Foundation will fund 50 percent of the cost. This funding made the Morrow County Imagination Li-

brary possible.

Kathy Street, Barb Huwe of Friends of Irrigon Library and Marie Shimer of Morrow County School District completed the necessary paperwork. Child registration started at the libraries in July and was soon converted to open online registration.

At this time 127 children are enrolled. Three children have graduated from the program on their fifth birthday. Census data predicts that there will be approximately 400 eligible children in the zip codes included in the program. Enrollment is a little over 25 percent of the estimate.

Children may be registered by their parents or household adult. Registration forms are available at all branches of the OTLD.

Online registration is at oregontrail.ploud.net Please call Kathy Street with any questions regarding registration or donations.

The Imagination Library was started by Dolly Parton more than 20 years ago and distributes 1 million books every month to children from birth to age five. Communities in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and Canada participate. Over 100 million books have been distributed through the program.

the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

-Have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.

Remember to play it safe this holiday season and

always plan your sober ride before the festivities begin. If you are buzzed, do not drive. Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

For more information, visit www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov.

Chamber Chatter

Nominations are open for Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards Event. Nominations are being accepted for the Business of the Year, Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Citizen-Educator of the Year, Youth Award and Lifetime Achievement Award. Forms can be picked up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, City Hall, Community Bank, Heppner Chamber and Kuhn Law Office or by calling the Chamber at 541-676-5536 or emailing heppnerchamber@centurytel.net. Completed nomination

forms can be dropped off at the Heppner Chamber or Kuhn Law offices by Jan. 11. Tickets will be available for sale beginning Friday, Jan. 4, 2019.

Thursday, Jan. 17 from noon to 1 p.m., Heppner Chamber's Annual luncheon at the Senior Center dining room.

Thursday, Feb. 7, Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards event to be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds beginning at 6 p.m. The theme for the event will be "An Evening With the Stars."

A reminder from the Sheriff's Office

Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving

The holidays are a time for family gatherings and festivities with friends. All of these celebrations mean good food, shared memories, camaraderie, and for some, a few too many drinks. Sadly, 29 percent (10,874) of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities in 2017 involved drunk drivers, and 885 of those deaths occurred in December alone.

These crashes are 100-percent preventable. It's simple: Never drink and drive. Technology has brought us so far in how we are able to access public transportation, and it is easy to designate a sober friend to get us home safe and sound after a night out.

This holiday season, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remind all drivers about the dangers of drinking and driving. With the holiday festivities and

office parties taking place, it's essential to plan a sober ride home before ever leaving for the good time. This holiday, as you head out for a night of merry-making, remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. If you plan to be someone else's designated driver, stick to that commitment. Your friends are relying on you, and you could save a life. NHTSA's campaign will run from November 23-December 12, 2018.

According to NHTSA, 37,133 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2017. The holidays prove to be extra dangerous to drivers. From 2013 to 2017, of all people who lost their lives in traffic crashes during the month of December, 4,110 died in crashes that involved a driver with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher.

"The holidays should be a time for celebrations, not a time for tragedy," said Undersheriff John Bowles.



Sunday, December 31st

at 6:00pm

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