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Town and Country awards presented

Locals recognized for achievement, contributions to the community



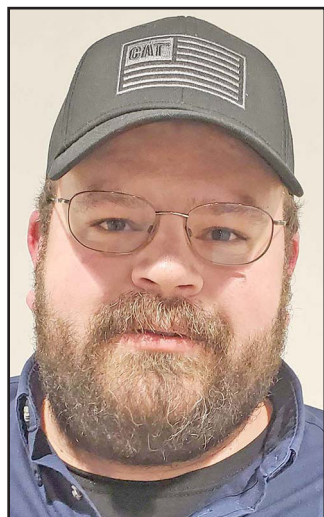
Casey Fletcher



Greg Grant



Jay Coil



Mike Duncan

The Heppner Town and Country Awards took place Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building in Heppner. According to a source, a large number of community members attended, enjoying the dinner served and the song



Lynn Calvert



Kim Cutsforth

loving, is easy to approach, trust and love and always has a smile and a hug for everyone.

Youth winner, Casey Fletcher, is a senior at Heppner High School and a three-sport athlete. His presenter said, "He has always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition and is a hard worker both in and out of school." Fletcher has put in many community service hours while interacting and building relationships with community members. They describe him as a leader and someone who has set goals for himself and worked hard to attain each one.

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Greg Grant, has been said to make the community a better place to live due to his passion, energy, dedication and hard work in his career that has spanned more than thirty years in Heppner. He is the head football coach for the Heppner Mustangs as well as being the athletic director, sophomore class advisor, golf coach and a conditioning and weight lifting teacher. He teaches four key principles to his students and teams: respect, discipline, accountability and sacrifice. "Our community is a better place to live because of Greg," his presenter noted.

Sponsors of the event were NextEra Energy Resources, Portland General Electric, Representative Greg Smith, Community Counseling Solutions, Heppner Community Foundation, Mid Columbia Producers, Inc., Northwest Farm Credit Services and Willow Creek Energy.

written and performed by Joe Lindsay.

During the event, several locals were recognized for long-standing contributions to Heppner and the surrounding area. Winners of the prestigious yearly awards were Jay Coil, Man of the Year; Silver Creek Contracting, LLC, Business of the Year; Kim Cutsforth, Woman of the Year; Lynn Calvert, Citizen-Educator of the Year; Casey Fletcher, Youth Recognition and Greg Grant, Lifetime Achievement Award.

Jay Coil, Man of the Year, was described as hardworking, kind, caring, creative and stubborn. It was said, "When there is a project that needs done, no matter the challenge or the timeline, he will jump in head first and get it done. The business he built from the ground up is an inspiration to many and you can't go many places without seeing a bumper or flatbed he has built."

Business of the Year, Silver Creek Contracting, was purchased by Mike Duncan from Roger Britt six-plus years ago and has grown to where it employs

50-60 employees. "He has been a great asset to Heppner, Morrow County and the surrounding area," Britt said when presenting the award to Duncan. Duncan told the Gazette, "I want to thank my wife Katie. She is more than anyone else the reason for the success of our company and without her we could not have accomplished all that we have."

Kim Cutsforth, Woman of the Year, was said to have a 'Let's get it done and let's do it well' attitude. She has been instrumental in seeing many projects through since she returned to Heppner to raise her family. One letter stated, "Kim works hard to make the community a great place to live and have events." Her greatest strength was described as being able to bring people together with a common goal.

Lynn Calvert, Citizen-Educator of the Year, was described as having a bubbly attitude, a laugh and a smile and contagious energy. She takes the time to get to know what is going on in her student's lives so she can help them in any way she can. She is considered warm, safe and

and will be at the meeting to answer questions.

People are asked to attend the meeting or call Betty Mills at 541-676-5546 if they have items for sale or would like to take a class.

Creative arts group to meet

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will hold a meeting on Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. at Two Old Hags Pizza in Heppner. On the agenda will be St. Pat's. All those who have items for sale are asked to attend and bring a list of sale items.

The election of officers will also be held.

Anyone who has an interest in a three-hour class in watercolor or acrylic painting is asked to attend and pick the dates for the class. The instructor has supplies for these classes

Farmtastic 4-H holds meeting

Farmtastic 4-H club held its second meeting of the year last Friday, Feb. 7, in Lexington. After discussing future field trips and community service projects, the eight-member club heard presentations from several members. The club meeting wrapped up with members getting a hands-on demonstration on how to correctly handle a rabbit, given by co-leader Bronwyn Wright.

The newly formed club is led by co-leaders Wright, Rachel Archer and Andrea Di Salvo. Its projects range from small animals to cook-



Farmtastic club members (L-R) Aubrey Smith, Hannah Smith, Moira Di Salvo, Hadley Wright and Mary Ashbeck look on as Jules Archer practices the correct way to hold a rabbit. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo.

ing to art. Both leaders and members say they are excited to see what the club year has in store.



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