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By Doris Brosnan

Lookin' good, Bank of Eastern Oregon. They did replace their sign on Main Street, and the new one provides the correct time, the temperature, and, additionally, the day of the week and the date.

We didn't have to wait after all for the finishing touches on the median strips between new sidewalks and new pavement. On Gale Street last Wednesday, some clay-red cement was poured, smoothed, segmented and stamped with a pattern called slate. A good start to a nice look. The weather didn't cooperate, so the new look had to be covered with plastic to protect it from the cold rain while it cured.

The Lone Library has a new website. The address is still ionelibrary.com, but the site has been completely rebuilt. It's a work in progress and new content will

be added as time goes on. "Come visit..." the librarians shout. They are still looking for eligible children in the district to enroll in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Per census data, there should be 27 children under the age of five, and they're still looking for the 10 who are not registered to receive free books. Registration forms are available at the library and on the website.

Take a few minutes to jot down your good news, add to the many minutes of smiles that the readers of "Good News Only" will experience. Please, send your good-news tidbits before Monday afternoon to dbrosnan123@gmail.com, or call 541-676-5382 or 541-223-1490, or stop me on the street.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

BEO Bancorp announces dividend for 2021

"I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of BEO Bancorp has voted to declare a \$1 per share dividend for 2021. The dividend will be paid to shareholders of record as of December 10, 2021, payable on or before December 15, 2021," said President

and CEO Jeff Bailey.

According to Board Chairman Joe Gonzales, Jr., "BEO Bancorp has paid a dividend 35 of the past 36 years. Dividends reflect the financial stability and profitability of the bank. We are very happy to be able to provide this dividend to our shareholders."

"The dividend of \$1 per share compares to a \$0.95 dividend paid in 2020; an increase of 5.26 percent. The board of directors and employees work hard to improve the overall strength of the bank, add value to our shareholders, as well as provide the brand of banking that our customers appreciate and expect from Bank of Eastern Oregon," said Bailey. He concluded by saying, "The support of our shareholders, communities and employees have made it possible for us to continue to be successful."

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The parents come in and fill out an application, and their tag then goes up on the tree. Applications were due on Monday, November 22, but they will accept late applications. Applications can be found inside the Neighborhood Center.

The Giving Tree will be put up in the grocery store on Wednesday, November 24 in the early afternoon and will stay up until the week before Christmas. The Neighborhood Center will close early on Wednesday at 2 p.m. They will also be closed Thanksgiving Day.

"We're putting the tree up early so that people have the time for Black Friday shopping. It also gives people more time if they ordered gifts online."

When it's time to give the gifts, the Neighborhood Center will call the parent and let them know that their gifts are ready. The parent can come pick up the gifts and if they aren't able to, the Neighborhood Center will deliver them. The parent is then able to distribute the gifts to their families themselves, so it's like they were able to give the gifts.

"We're basically Santa's elves," says Patton. "We want to make sure that every kid gets a gift at Christmas."

~ G-T Trophy Corner ~

The Heppner Gazette Times would like to see pictures of your trophy animals from this hunting season. Please send a photo along with your name, age, town you live in, location of the hunt and a description of the animal to editor@rapidsolve.net, upload to Heppner.net or text to 541-980-6674.



Taylor Palmateer, 13, Mount Vernon, with her 325 class bull she got out of Starkey.

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10. Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

Media lies and misinformation

To the editor; The national press, woke media, and deluded sports icons lies and misinformation regarding Kyle Rittenhouse has further divided America and these lies are igniting destructive protests across America. The woke media, press, and Hollywood divas are the enemy of the America Republic continuing to ignite violence amidst an easily misled and gullible public.

Here are the lies courtesy of the New York Post: 1. Rittenhouse killed two BLM protesters. All three men were white men shot in self-defense during violent riots. 2. Rittenhouse crossed state lines. His father and most of his family lived in Kenosha, 20 miles from his home in Antioch, IL. He worked in Kenosha where he volunteered to guard a used car lot after 100 cars were torched the night before after police abandoned Kenosha to the rioters. Imagine that, a 17 year American patriot willing to defend a car dealer when Kenosha police were not, and the governor refused to call in the National Guard. 3. Rittenhouse took an AR-15 across state lines causing him to be accused of "terrorist tourism." His rifle was kept in a safe in Kenosha. 4. The gun was illegal. Under Wisconsin law Rittenhouse was entitled to own the AR. 5. Rittenhouse's mother drove him across state lines to the riot. His mother never went to the riot in Kenosha. 6. Rittenhouse was a "seventeen-year-old kid just running around shooting and killing protesters" MSNBC'S Joe Scarborough. Film footage clearly demonstrated Rittenhouse

was defending property and in self-defense shot three rioters. 7. Rittenhouse was a "white supremacist" and "vigilante" as labeled continuously by the woke press and the Biden White House. There was virtually no evidence presented to justify these false charges. 8. He flashed "white power signs" with the Proud Boys. No evidence verifying this false charge. 9. Rittenhouse wore surgical gloves to cover his crimes. Rittenhouse wore surgical gloves because he provided first aid to victims of the violent protesters. 10. Judge Bruce Schroeder is a Trump racist biased in favor of Republicans and Rittenhouse. Judge Schroeder is a Democrat, appointed by a Democratic Governor and ran as Democrat for the Wisconsin Senate.

Pray that Rittenhouse files charges against all that falsely, slanderously and heinously leveled accusations against him in the press and media. Nothing less will cause these liars, sold out sports icons like Lebron James and the rest of the media sophistry operatives to be censored and held accountable for the woke attack on our Republic. These woke media outlets, elected deep state politicians and deluded sports icons are the enemy of our American Republic. Rittenhouse's not guilty verdict is proof our forefathers understood the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms would be the red line of defense against a tyrannical government. When the government fears the people there will be liberty for all. Stuart Dick, Irrigon

Chamber Chatter

-Rural Women's Business Summit free virtual conference, December 8, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact the Condon Chamber of Commerce to register.

The Heppner Chamber's Christmas schedule:

-Thursday, December 9 at 7 p.m., painting party at the Heppner Christian Church.

-Saturday, December 11, Artifactory Bazaar at the Gilliam and Bisbee building, sponsored by Heppner Daycare.

-Sunday, December 12, 5 to 7 p.m., "Searching for Christ in Christmas" wise man scavenger hunt sponsored by Hospice.

-Monday, December 13, Christmas trivia night at Flood Town Bookstore.

-Tuesday, December 14, Merry Grinchmas party at Flood Town Bookstore.

-Wednesday, December 15, Wine and Design event at Murray's Drug.

-Thursday, December 16, 6 to 9 p.m., Chamber of Commerce hosts Celebrate Christmas event at the fairgrounds. Included at the event will be the Rewards Card raffle, all ages coloring contest, Santa and Mrs. Claus and the Parent Teacher Club bake sale. Pick up coloring pages at

the chamber office or city hall lobby. Return to the chamber office by December 13.

-Friday, December 17, Polar Express at the Sage Center.

-Saturday, December 18, dedication ceremony for Thomson Square. Mexican hot chocolate will be served courtesy of Tacos Hometown.

-Saturday, December 18, the Heppner Outreach Council hosts the Nightlight Parade and snowball drop.

-Heppner Chamber of Commerce is holding a Christmas home decorating contest. Participants must live inside the Heppner city limits and names and addresses must be submitted to the chamber by December 13 with judging to take place December 14. Categories will include Victorian: old fashioned, traditional and nostalgic holiday display; Clark Griswold: excessive use of lights and decorations; and crazy inflatables: must have three or more inflatables to qualify.

For additional information or for anyone interested in participating contact the chamber at 541-676-5536 or email heppnerchamber@gmail.com. Additional details will follow next week.

Graduates awarded scholarships

The South Morrow County Scholarship Committee has awarded 22 scholarships to former Lone High School and Heppner High graduates to further their post-secondary education either at a trade school, two or four year university/college or graduate school. The recipients will receive \$2,050 each to help with tuition, supplies, books, rent or other expenses. The recipients are

Madison Combe, Jessica Kempken, Hannah Padberg, Morgan Correa, Matt Orem, Sophie Grant, Kaden Clark, Kellen Grant, Carson Brosnan, Alyse Wentz, Jason Rea, Morgan Orem, Jaiden Mahoney, Maddie Lindsay, Jordan Sweeney, Jacee Currin, Claire Grieb, Casey Fletcher, Kolby Curran, Evan Kollman, Megan Doherty and Cami VanArsdale.

Annual Giving Tree to be available soon

By Hannah Finch

The local Neighborhood Center is entering its busy season as the holidays grow closer. Throughout the year, the center offers a variety of services that aim towards helping those in need financially. With Christmas just around the corner, it's about time for the Giving Tree to be put up in the Heppner grocery store.

The Giving Tree is an annual tradition that the community takes part in. It's a Christmas tree with tags on its branches, where each tag is designated for an anonymous family. Community members are able to take the tags and purchase gifts for this family, and then take these gifts to

the Neighborhood Center. There, the center will distribute the purchased gifts to the families.

"It's all anonymous," says Lisa Patton, Coordinator of the Neighborhood Center. "The information is between my assistant and I only." Working closely alongside Patton is Kelly Fritz, Assistant Coordinator. "We create the tags, and include how many kids there are, a toy that they would like and their clothing sizes," Patton says.

"Sometimes people will take the tags but not be able to shop. They'll give funds to the Neighborhood Center so that we can do the shopping instead."

The Giving Tree is for children 0-18 years old.

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