

Heppner celebrates Christmas

Heppner will be celebrating Christmas Thursday, Dec. 15, starting at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Admission is free, and community members are invited to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy a cup of cocoa, and bring the kids for some free games.

Shopping vouchers will be available from local businesses starting Monday, Nov. 21, and can be used to enter drawings at the event. The Neighborhood Center will be doing a raffle, and the Heppner Elementary Parent-Teacher Club will be putting on a bake sale to raise funds.

To volunteer or with questions, contact Shelby Matthews at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Center gets ready for the holidays

The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County is gearing up for the holidays with several opportunities to give or receive.

The Neighborhood Center will receive applications for its Giving Tree until this Friday, Nov. 18. The tree will go on display at Heppner Market Fresh on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

The center will participate in the Pink Friday event this Friday from 3-7 p.m. The Neighborhood Center will hold a special Pink Friday bag sale; the first bag is \$15 and additional bags will be \$5. All other store merchandise will be 50 percent off. Proceeds go to the food pantry.

The center also reports that the November canned food drive brought in 1,066 pounds and a \$20 cash donation. Thirty-four Heppner High School students volunteered their time to gather donations in Heppner and Lexington.

Heppner lights at Heritage Park

Join the Heppner Chamber of Commerce in welcoming the holiday season Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. with the turning on of the Christmas lights at Heritage Park.

Come see Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and get in the holiday spirit. The evening will feature a musical per-

Birthright holds anniversary dinner



Birthright volunteers Julia Finch, Mary Kay Maley, Marge Rolen, Janet Greenup, Dr. Robert Rolen, Laurie Wood, Debbie Smith, Sandra Johnson and Blas Elguezabal. —Contributed photo

Birthright of Morrow County served 43 dinners Sunday evening at St. Patrick's parish hall. Those who attended represented a variety of citizens from around the Heppner area. Jerry Conklin gave an informative and motivational talk explaining the need for a community outreach such as Birthright. He listed countrywide statistics that "cry out for a response from caring Americans."

Stuart Dick served as moderator, encouraging volunteer helpers and financial support for Birthright as well as prayer support.

The theme at the speaker-dinner was 'thankfulness' to Birthright helpers and donors who made it possible for Birthright to fulfill their first two years of service. Julia Finch, coordinator of volunteers, gifted 12 volunteers with a thanksgiving gift, and Dick led a prayer for all volunteers for their continued work into 2023. Dick shared his commitment to the work

of Birthright and offered a vision for the future growth of this ministry.

Birthright will host a "Mom Connection" evening on the third Thursday of each month, 5:30-6:30 p.m.. This coming Thursday, Nov. 17, they welcome pregnant girls and women and new mothers to this support program.

Throughout the month of December, Birthright encourages all in the community to take notice of mothers with young babies and gift them with a Christmas gift of diapers, a much needed commodity. Birthright has diapers, blankets and clothing for any who visit the office on Mondays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday evenings 5-7 p.m., and Saturdays 1-3 p.m. Diapers can be brought to the office as gifts, also.

Call Birthright at 541-676-0530 if you are interested in volunteering or helping in any way, or if you are in need of anything.

Where there's a will... there's a murder



Rylee Palmer, Madison Palmer, Jacob Finch, Daemon Worden and Paul Lindsay enact the final scene of *Where There's a Will, There's a Murder* at Heppner High School Nov. 10. The play proved popular, with a packed house the night of the final performance. —Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

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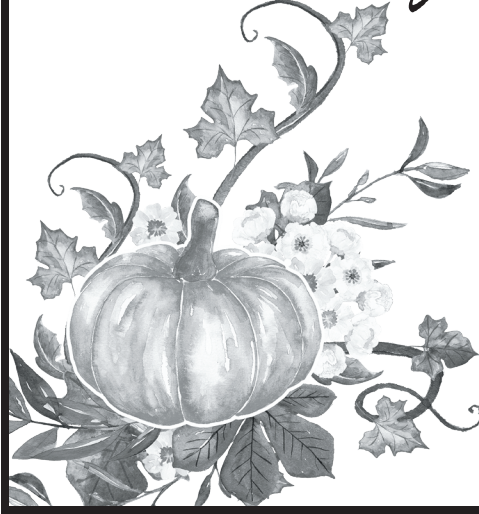
Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative Utility Pole Testing Underway

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op will be starting their annual utility pole checking and treatment work for 2022 beginning the week of November 7th. CBEC will be checking poles out of the Ruggs substation areas. This will include: Rhea Creek, Ione Gooseberry, Hardman, Toll Rock, Tupper and surrounding areas. National Wood Treating Company has been contracted to perform this work for CBEC. The pole checking will be conducted with a pick-up and ATV and all NWT vehicles will be marked with CBEC signage. The annual pole checking process is necessary to stay in compliance with Oregon Public Utility Commission and National Electric Safety Code regulations. CBEC thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Come Celebrate

Greg and Janet Greenup are celebrating half a century together. Stop by the Elk's between 6:30 and 9 p.m. on Friday, November 25th.

Wishing each of you a *Wonderful Season of Thanksgiving!*



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