

Busy Day at the Capitol for Rep. Smith



Rep. Greg Smith
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SALEM, OR—On Dec. 9, the Joint Emergency Board voted both to increase the federal funds capital construction expenditure limitation by \$404,000 for the Modified Record Fire Range at the Rees Training Center and to increase the other funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training by \$1,280,000 for two additional basic police courses.

“This funding was passed to increase public safety efforts in the State

of Oregon,” said Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner). “As co-chair of the General Government Subcommittee of the Joint Emergency Board, it was my pleasure to spearhead additional public safety measures in District 57 and the State of Oregon.”

Smith is currently serving his 11th term as an Oregon State Representative, making him the longest-serving member in the House of Representatives. He holds a gavel as the Co-Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government.

Rep. Smith also serves as the Co-Vice Chair of the full Joint Ways and Means Committee. Additionally, he is the ranking member on the House Revenue and Joint Legislative Audits Committees.

To contact him, visit Rep. Smith’s Facebook page or send him an email at rep.gregsmith@oregon-legislature.gov.

Boardman announces vacancies on budget committee

The Boardman Budget Committee currently has three vacancies with two terms ending Dec. 31, 2023, and one term ending Dec. 31, 2025. The city is seeking interested parties who live within the Boardman city limits to fill the seats.

The budget committee is comprised of seven residents at large and the city council. They meet annually in May to prepare

the budget for the city and the urban renewal districts for recommendation to the city council on adopting those budgets.

Interested parties should send a letter of interest to Boardman Finance Director Marta Barajas at barajasm@cityofboardman.com or via mail to Boardman City Hall, P.O. Box 229, Boardman, OR, 97818.

Heppner City Council has open position

The City of Heppner has announced it has a councilor position open for placement.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have lived within the Heppner city limits for at least 12 months as of January 9, 2023, and be registered voters in the State of Oregon.

The forms are found at cityofheppner.org or Heppner City Hall. Interested parties can contact city hall Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline for applying is 5 p.m. on Jan. 6, 2023.

For more information, contact Kraig Cutsforth at 541-676-9618 or heppner@cityofheppner.org. Completed, signed forms can be mailed to Heppner, PO Box 756, Heppner, OR 97836 or brought to Heppner City Hall at 111 N Main St.

Area pastors invited to submit Christmas messages

Businesses, individuals also invited to send in Christmas greetings

The Heppner Gazette-Times will publish its annual Christmas edition on Dec. 21.

Area pastors are invited to submit Christmas messages to be published in the Dec. 21 edition. The deadline is Monday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. Messages can be dropped off at the Gazette office, emailed to editor@

rapidsolve.net, or submitted through Heppner.net.

Any businesses or individuals who would like to purchase space on our special Christmas greeting page in the Dec. 21 Gazette should call 541-676-9228 or email graphics@rapidsolve.net by Monday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

December at Willow Creek Terrace has started off with a full house—not the kind that might be a winning hand in a poker game, but the kind that refers to every apartment being rented. Residents and staff view this as great in many ways: new stories, views and ideas; more birthdays to celebrate; more participants for some of the activities.

Bob Stevens, formerly of Hardman, moved in a month ago and was soon joined by another “newbie” when Virginia Peck moved to the Terrace from near Lexington.

New residents and employees should find December a most enjoyable month to reside at the Terrace. This week they will be putting together two gingerbread houses that will be on display in the common/dining room—tempting passersby to take a bite or a swipe of frosting? They have hosted one group of carolers so far and hope for more. Yesterday, they decked the halls and common/dining room, so every apartment has a holiday decoration by its

door, and they now have a tree in place for Santa’s use when he brings gifts for everyone while they sleep after their Christmas Eve gathering. That is when they listen to “The Night Before Christmas,” read with dramatic flair, and sing Christmas carols while enjoying their cups of hot chocolate. Their traditional Christmas feast on Christmas Day will have just enough time to become a great memory before their traditional New Year’s Day feast on Jan. 1.

Another special day falls amid the holiday-related events, when Stacie O’Brien celebrates her birthday on the 20th. She will choose her birthday lunch menu and invite her neighbors to enjoy the special day with her.

More residents and fewer staff members mean little time for the care assistants to relax, as they remain focused on providing excellent assistance to all of the Residents. Individuals interested in joining life on the Hill as a staff member can drop by or call 541-676-0004 for more information.

4-H ambassadors offer gift wrapping

The 2022-2023 Morrow County 4-H Ambassadors are inviting the public to participate in their first annual Christmas gift wrapping event.

Gift wrapping will take place in Heppner on Monday, Dec. 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 127 Main Street. The Boardman event will be at the SAGE Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Wrapping services are by donation, with a limit of

10 items per person. Each gift needs to be labeled with the name of the recipient and who the gift is from, and wrapped gifts need to be picked up the same day. Wrapping paper, ribbon and tags will be available. Donations go to support this year’s 4-H ambassador team.

Anyone with questions can contact the Morrow County 4-H office at 541-676-9642.

Elks sponsor free-throw contest

A free-throw shooting contest for girls and boys ages eight through 13 will be held at the Heppner Elementary School gym on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m. Girls and boys must be within that age group as of Apr. 1, 2023, and live in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione area. The contest is sponsored by the Heppner Elks and is free for participants.

Girls and boys will

compete separately in three age groups: eight to nine years old, 10 to 11 years old and 12 to 13 years old.

Each competitor will shoot 10 free throws, then rest and shoot 15 more, for a total of 25. Winners from each age group will advance to the district Hoop Shoot in Heppner on Jan. 8.

For additional information, contact Corey Sweeney at 541-256-0355.

Wolf deterrent grants available

Grant funds are available to livestock producers who implemented non-lethal wolf deterrent methods in 2022. The deadline to submit applications is Thursday, Dec. 22. The committee will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10, to review the applications.

Applications can be found on the Morrow County website, www.co.morrow.or.us/bc-wdac, or by

contacting Roberta Lutchter at rlutchter@co.morrow.or.us or 541-676-5613. Completed applications should be submitted to Lutchter’s email address or dropped off at the Bartholomew Building, Rm. 201, 110 N. Court St., Heppner.

Contact committee chair Dean Robinson at 541-980-2350 with questions.

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 reward cards are available from local businesses 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 heppner-chamber@gmail.com.

Boardman planning commission seeks to fill vacancy

The City of Boardman has a vacancy on its planning commission. The city is seeking interested parties who live within the Boardman city limits to fill the seat, with a term ending Dec. 31, 2025. The position will be appointed at the Jan. 10 city council meeting, with the first planning commission meeting scheduled for Jan. 18.

The planning commission is comprised of seven members appointed by the city council and is a permanent advisory body to the council on matters related to planning and development. The commission holds monthly public meetings to consider land use and zoning matters

presented by staff, such as plan amendments, zone changes, conditional use permits, variances and tentative subdivision projects. Meetings are generally the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall and are open to the public.

More information about the planning commission can be found at: <http://www.cityofboardman.com/pc/page/planning-commission>.

Interested parties should send a letter of interest to Boardman Planning Official Carla McLane at mclanec@cityofboardman.com or via mail to Boardman City Hall, P.O. Box 229, Boardman, OR 97818.

Say Good-bye to Bobbi Winter

Bobbi and Bill Kuhn at the office - Halloween 2018

Wish Bobbi well in her retirement. Kuhn Law Office - 269 A Main Street, Heppner - 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, December 16th. Have a bite to eat and congratulate Bobbi

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