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Obituaries

Shirley May Palmer

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Shirley May Palmer of Condon, OR, died on Dec. 7 in Condon at the age of 86 years. Services will be at Valby Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. on Dec. 20. A celebration of life and dinner will follow at Valby.

She was born March 8, 1938, in Yakima, WA to Harold (Shorty) and Edna (Crump) Peck. Shirley was raised in the Heppner area. She married Roger Palmer on Dec. 18, 1955, in Heppner. They lived on the ranch at Eightmile. Shirley enjoyed collecting dolls, gardening and sewing.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia Hardy (Salem, OR); her children: Sandra Van Liew (Heppner), Karl (New Pine Creek), Cathy Hedlund (New Pine Creek), Larry (Heppner), Paula Hickey (Bend) and Jason (Heppner); 18 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Harold Jr.; sister, Marge Church; her husband, Roger Palmer; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Summit Springs Memory Center, PO Box 687, Condon, OR 97823.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary is entrusted with the arrangements. Condolence messages can be left at sweeneypaytonmortuary.com

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Kristy Crowell is proud to share: "Our grandson, Nash Moore, was chosen as one of the nominees of the 'Ed Dougherty Football Award.' This is for outstanding football players in Arizona.

"Nash is a senior at Buena High School in Sierra Vista, AZ. He has been their quarterback for four years; this year he threw 32 touchdown passes and passed for a total of 2,112 yards.

"We went down last month and watched his last three regular games, including 'Senior Night,' when we all went out on the field and he introduced us. The team advanced to the playoffs, where they went farther than the school has ever gone before."

Early morning wandering thoughts: How did gnomes become so ubiquitous, especially at Christmas time? (Has "elf on the shelf" been usurped by "gnome in the home"?) And untucked shirts and blouses—now the fashion, says who? (Have belt manufacturers gone out of business or had to cut way back on production?) And while wandering and wondering: Close-cropped and "five o'clock shadow" beards and mustaches have become *de rigueur*, right?

Everyone is invited to share tidbits of positive moments. One idea is to share stories of children's antics and/or words of wisdom as they react to this holiday season. Send to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490!

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

Heppner Parade of Lights Thursday

Heppner's Parade of Lights will be this Thursday, Dec. 19, at 5:30 p.m. on Main Street.

Entrants will line up at the City Park at 5 p.m. Individuals, families, businesses and out-of-town entries are welcome.

To sign up, stop by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce to pick up an entry form. Forms can be returned to the chamber office or via email at heppnerchamber@gmail.com.

Nominations open for Town and Country

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce has announced that nominations are now open for the annual Town and Country Awards Banquet. The event will take place on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Gilliam and Bisbee Event Center.

The Town and Country Awards Banquet honors the South Morrow County Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen-Educator of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Youth Award.

Chef Alvin Liu will be preparing a tri tip dinner for $30. There will be a no-host bar by Broken Spoke. Dinner tickets are available for purchase at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, Heppner City Hall and Market 87.

Nominations are open until Jan. 10. Nomination forms are available online at https://heppnerchamber.com/our-events/town-country-awards-banquet/. Sponsorships are available at $1,000 (Gold), $750 (Silver) and $500 (Bronze), as well as centerpieces for the silent auction at $200.

Email the Heppner Chamber with questions, heppnerchamber@gmail.com.

St. Patrick and St. William Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Dec. 19
Penance Service
St. Patrick - 6-7 p.m.
St. William -7:30-8:30 p.m.

Dec. 22
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Parish CCD Production

Dec. 24
Tuesday, Christmas Eve
Mass at 9 p.m.
Carols begin at 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 25
Wednesday, Christmas Day
St. Patrick Mass at 11 a.m.
St. William Mass at 8:45 a.m.

Dec. 29
The Holy Family-Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Jan. 1, 2025
Wednesday. Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

HOLIDAY HOURS!

DECEMBER 24
RETAIL & ESPRESSO: 7AM-4PM
PHARMACY: 9AM-4PM (NO DELIVERIES)

DECEMBER 25 : CLOSED

DECEMBER 26
RETAIL & ESPRESSO: 9AM-6PM
PHARMACY: 10AM-6PM

JANUARY 1 : CLOSED

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Heppner Schools' Winter Concert shines with Christmas spirit and local charm

The kindergarten and first-grade choir shares their hard work and sweet voices, showcasing songs they've been practicing for weeks. - *Photo by Janelle Ellis*

By Chris Sykes

On Dec. 11, the Heppner schools hosted their annual winter concert, showcasing the talents of students from kindergarten through eighth grade.

The evening was filled with festive music, holiday spirit and a uniquely Heppner twist that left the audience smiling and singing along.

The concert opened with students from each grade performing Christmas classics they had been diligently practicing in music class. Favorites like "Up on the Rooftop," "Deck the Halls," "Jingle Bell Rock," and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" set a cheerful tone for the evening.

The eighth-period band stole the spotlight with its creative mashup, "Imperial Bells," blending the dark and dramatic "Darth Vader Imperial March" from *Star Wars* with the holiday classic "Carol of the Bells." The unexpected combination brought laughs, applause and plenty of holiday fun.

To wrap up the concert, kindergarten through sixth-grade students came together for a finale that celebrated their community. They performed "12 Days of Heppner Christmas," a localized version of the classic holiday tune. Each verse humorously reflected life in Heppner, with lyrics like:

For the twelfth Heppner Christmas, my family gave to me:
Twelve months for fishing,
Eleven days of planting,
Ten four-point bucks,
Nine holes for golfing,
Eight seconds riding,
Seven inches snowing,
Six decades ranching,
Five 4-H steers!
Four combines for harvest,
Three football titles,
Two months of calving,
And a barrel horse that's fast as can be!

The creative song was a hit with the audience, blending humor and pride in Heppner's agricultural roots, outdoor activities and community traditions.

The concert was a heartwarming celebration of the holiday season, a showcase of student talent and a joyful reminder of the unique spirit of Heppner.

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In honor of National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, join us for our
UGLY SWEATER RAFFLE
WIN A $40 ESPRESSO GIFT CARD!
Friday, Dec. 20

Winner announced Monday, Dec. 23

Did you know that Friday December 20th is National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day?

We are so excited to celebrate and see you all in the Christmas spirit!

Here's the deal! Come in to Murray's Espresso on Friday absolutely rockin' an ugly sweater and you'll get to fill out a raffle ticket!

Leave Murray's Espresso a review on our Facebook Page and our team will fill out ANOTHER ticket for you to enter into the drawing!!

The winner will be announced Monday, December 23rd for a $40 gift card!

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