

Chamber Scarecrow contest entries announced



Rhonda Breneman with fruit and veggie scarecrow at R&W Drive-In

Oct. 10 was the deadline to get your scarecrow in the list of entries to be judged. Awards will be given for: "People's Choice", "Most Unique", "Biggest", "Funniest", "Smallest" and "Most Welcoming". Everyone will have a chance to vote for "People's Choice" during the Merchant's Starlight Sale.

Entries are: 1.) Bank of Eastern Oregon; 2.) Misty Bennett; 3.) Bucknum's; 4.) John's Other Place; 5.)

& Kahl; 6.) U.S. Forest Service; 7.) Judie Laughlin; 8.) Barbara Moore; 9.) Murray's; 10.) Heppner Hardware; 11.) Klamath First; 12.) Blue Mountain Ceramics and Porcelain; 13.) Oregon Trail Library District and Morrow County Museum; 14.) R&W Drive-In; 15.) The Shoe Box; 16.) Gardner's Men's Wear; 17.) Willow Creek Clinic; 18.) Artisan Village; 19.) Wenberg Family; 20.) Northwestern Motel; and 21.) Central Red Apple

Property management workshop to be held

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office will be sponsoring a local property managers and rental property owners workshop on various aspects of property management. The workshop will be given by Emily Cederleaf of the Multi-Family Housing Program of Oregon. In addition, Code Enforcement and Law Enforcement officials from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office as well as the Boardman City Police Department will be in attendance to provide information on local issues, policies and procedures.

Topics to be covered will include Applicant Screening, Rental Agreements, Ongoing Management, Dealing with Drug and other Criminal Activity, Crisis Resolution, Neighborhood Watch and the Role of the Police.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 2 at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. Registration fee is \$30 which includes all reference material as well as a catered lunch and refreshments.

A Spanish-speaking interpreter will be available to provide any assistance needed.

An RSVP is requested. To confirm, or for more information, contact Deputy Jeff Lambier of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office at (541) 676-5317.

Ione woman inducted to EOU Hall of Fame

Anne O'Leary-Morter, of Ione, will be inducted along with four others to Eastern Oregon University's Hall of Fame. Morter was selected by the EOU Hall of Fame Committee and will be inducted during the University's Homecoming festivities. A dessert reception will be on Friday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m., in the Hoke Center, Room 309, on the EOU campus.

Morter was on the EOU cross country/track and field team, for two seasons. She finished fourth at the AIAW Cross Country Championships and in 1982 qualified for the NAIA Cross Country Nationals. And in 1982 qualified for the NAIA Outdoor Championships in the 1,500- and 3,000-meter runs, taking third in the 3,000.

Morter set a still-standing school record of 10 minutes, 1.4 seconds, in the 3,000 meter. She was also a two-time NAIA District 2 Scholar athlete.

Candidates Forum

Ray Grace Republican

Ray Grace first moved to Heppner in 1973 and retired there in 1995. He is the owner of RGA Laser Services in Heppner.

Grace is a member of the Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner and the Elks Lodge. He has served on the board of directors for Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op and has worldwide construction management experience working with engineers, developers, governmental agencies and owners.

Why would a voter select you over your opponent?

I am not running against any candidate. I am running for the office.

If elected, what is the biggest challenge facing you?

The biggest challenge to county government in the coming years will be to maintain an operating budget. The rural tax base is shrinking and increasing compliance with federal and state mandates is a bottomless hole. At the same time, ongoing regulation increases the difficulty of establishing a stable tax base by increasing the cost and the tax burden of doing business. County government cannot change this situation, but we must monitor it carefully and react successfully to it.

What major project would you like to see accomplished? What is your first priority?

I do not have any major projects in mind. I would like to see us operate inside our budget, and enhance family wage jobs and the tax basis with proper development.

Outline your plan for accommodating growth and other challenges resulting from the proposed Boardman area racetrack?

As of now, the racetrack is in an appeal process. Until the Land Use Board makes a decision it is out of the county's hands.

What is your plan for drawing businesses/creating jobs in South Morrow County?

This task will take some re-thinking of standard economic development practices. HEDC sent 10,000 flyers into California during the energy crisis, and has a number of requests for further information. The net gain to present is zero. South Morrow County has one of the lowest electrical rates in the Northwest, guaranteed until 2006; additionally most of the Kinzua buildings are available for minimal rental. The cost of truck transport to and from the I-84 corridor to Heppner, added to the lack of available labor force in the local area obviously offset these benefits, or some businesses would have come. South Morrow County must think "outside the box" to bring in industry or business for whom we can offer benefits not cancelled out by factors over which we currently have no control.

Fundraiser for Celita Strouse

Friends of Celita and Scott Strouse are sponsoring a benefit baked potato and chili feed for Celita on Friday, Oct. 25 starting at 5:30 p.m. before the Heppner Mustang vs. Sherman County football game. Celita is receiving medical treatments in Portland and Tri-Cities for health problems.

Cooks at the Heppner High School are making cinnamon rolls and there will be lots of hot cocoa and coffee for ball gamers that need a warm up.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for family which will include chili, potato, dessert and drink.

Barbara B. Bloodsworth Democrat

Barbara B. Bloodsworth was born in Morrow County. She has worked for Morrow County since 1968. She was Morrow County Clerk for 22 years. She also kept the minutes for the County Court for 22 years. Bloodsworth is a member of the Methodist Church, Willow Valley Creek Club, Soroptimist, Morrow County Historical Society, and the Farm Museum.

Why would a voter select you over your opponent?

They would vote for me over my opponent because I have experience and have been a long-term resident.

If elected, what is the biggest challenge facing you?

The biggest challenge is getting the county budget balanced.

What major project would you like to see accomplished? What is your first priority?

I would like to see more jobs for Morrow County.

Outline your plan for accommodating growth and other challenges resulting from the proposed Boardman area racetrack?

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County Red Cross fundraiser to be held

Morrow County Red Cross Disaster Services will be holding its first annual Harvest Moon Festival, with a 50s theme. The festival will be on Oct. 17, from 5:30 p.m. until midnight. Dress attire will be 50s style, with poodle skirts, peddle pushers, pegged jeans, leather jackets, T-shirts, ponytails and bobby socks. If you are not comfortable in poodle skirts and bobby sock, you can come in casual attire.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction and antique car show. A "People's Choice Award" will be given to a car and driver at 7 p.m.

A banquet dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. and last until 8:30 p.m. No alcohol will be served. Contribution awards will be presented by Judge Terry Tallman to two business and two individuals that have helped the Morrow County Red Cross in the last two and a half years. Casey Beard will explain how the Red Cross fits into the CSEPP emergency program.

Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. and go to midnight. Door prizes will also be awards during the evening.

Many local businesses and people have helped to cover the cost of the night, as well as donating items for the auction. Some of the items available with be: a metal art piece; two Blazers tickets; a knitted Christening outfit and blanket; and a wood art item. Those interested may still donate money for the event, or items for the auction.

Funds raised are use to help Morrow County residents with: weather related emergencies; house fires; supplies; education and training; and other necessary operating equipment.

Those interested in adding their classic or antique car to the show can contact Helen Bliss at 922-5973. Set up for the cars will begin at 5 p.m.

There is no display cost for the car show and the silent auction is free. Tickets for the rest of the event will be sold at \$20 each.

Those interested can call the American Red Cross at 922-1915, 922-4307, and 922-6415 or be reached my email at hmbloss@hotmail.com.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Executive Director

Like the random falling leaves outside the window, the thoughts in this column will be a variety of different colors. Seems our society has shifted from black and white to, not gray, rather an interesting blend of many colors and personalities.

Twenty-one harvest scarecrow entries with a wide range of sizes and personalities have been received from both Main Street and residential participants. During the month, celebrity scarecrows will be recognized as the most unique, biggest, funniest, smallest and the most welcoming. Everyone will have the opportunity to vote for "People's Choice" during the Merchant's Starlight Sale on Thursday, Oct. 24. Though too late to be in the running, others are encouraged aged to add to this event. The more the merrier.

Traffic increases in Heppner during hunting season, which makes it an ideal time for the Chamber of Commerce to kick off their non-dues income project, chances on a Remington BLD 300 Winchester Rifle with scope. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and are available at some Chamber member businesses and from the Board of Directors: Larry Lutchter, Bert Houweling, David Sykes, Cliff Green, Barb Hayes, Sharon Harrison, Darrel Raver, Victor Vander Does, Nancy Snider and Jerry Breazeale. The drawing will be held during Town and Country in January. These non-dues projects help the Chamber to do more marketing and events for Heppner.

"Adopt-A-Hiway" volunteers continue to help keep our streets and sidewalks looking good. It's the first thing visitors notice about Heppner and it doesn't happen by osmosis. It's volunteers regularly walking the streets on "John's clean-up days", individuals with community pride bending over and picking up litter, and dedicated City employees. Smokers who graciously dispose of their butts somewhere other than the gutter make a big difference. All those willing to "stoop low" put Heppner on a pedestal.

Doris Brosnan, Cyde Estes, Cara Osmen, and I attended the Regards To Rural Conference in Welches on Oct. 4-5. Some very worthwhile sessions and speakers were offered, which the community will be hearing more about in the weeks to come. Particularly inspiring was the dinner speaker, Stacy Allison, who climbed Mt. Everest. She related her experiences to leadership lessons, and excellent ones they were.

The Morrow County Red Cross is working hard on their 50s dance and auction to be held Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Port of Morrow. Benefits will assist Morrow County. Roll up your sleeves, grab your poodle skirts, go kick up your heels and bid on an auction item you can't live without.

Yes, a blend of colors, from harvest scarecrows to climbing Mt. Everest. No boredom allowed. Enjoy! Laugh! Keep busy! Volunteer! And take a walk through the leaves, while you watch them swirl about you. Life in Heppner offers something for all seasons.

Willow Creek Terrace now online

Heppner's new assisted living center, Willow Creek Terrace, has a new web site.

The site has information about rates, a list of services, a floor plan, a picture tour of the facility and other information.

The web site address is www.heppner.net/assistedliving or it can be reached through the Heppner Home Page at www.heppner.net where there is a link under the housing section.

The Heppner Gazette-Times developed the assisted living web site.

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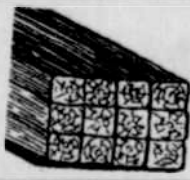
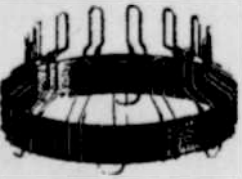
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