

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

What a community. There wasn't much not happening this weekend. An observer would have seen people putting their heart and soul into many events as well as taking time to remember and honor Darcy Coil whom so many loved and will miss.

Life. That's what it's all about, isn't it. The sad and the happy; the laughter and the tension; the creating; the acceptance of new ideas and the holding on to the old; the work and the play; and moving forward with hope, helpfulness and enthusiasm. Heppner is terrific.

People are really similar to those who lived right here 100 years ago. Everyone is real, everyone has their quirks and everyone has heart. Sharon Harrison and Doris Brosnan spent long hours researching information on Roberts Opera House Revue and those attending learned a bit about real people on stage in 1905 and maybe even some

additional information. Appreciation goes to all who participated or pitched in to make the fourth dinner at the cemetery a howling success with some memorable experiences.

And now, August has arrived, which our Morrow County Queen and Princess tell us means the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo is almost here. Put on those thinking caps and come up with booths and parade entries depicting, "Morrow County, From the River to the Mountains." It looks like a bigger parade this year and an exciting fair and rodeo. In between the river and the mountains and the last days of summer, come to the fair and rodeo.

This Thursday at Chamber, all entities report. Thought for the Week: "Tell me and I forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand." -Chinese proverb

Over the Tee Cup

Ladies gathered July 26 at Willow Creek Country Club for their weekly golf game.

Pat Edmundson took low gross of the field. Loa Henderson and Virginia Grant tied for low net of the field. Lynnea Sargent took had the least putts of the field.

In flight A, Eva Kilkenny took low gross and Henderson had the long drive.

In flight B, Grant

Grant funds available

The Umatilla-Walla Walla-Willow Creek OWEB small grant team, consisting of members of the Morrow SWCD, Umatilla County SWCD, Umatilla Basin Watershed Council, Walla Walla Watershed Council and CTUIR (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation), has announced the availability of up to \$10,000 small grants to private landowners and others eligible for regular OWEB (Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board) grants. The grants are for the purposes of enhancing watershed conditions to improve water quality and quantity while meeting the

took low gross, Luvilla Sonstegard took low net, Betty Christman took least putts and Sargent had the long drive.

In flight C, Jackie Allstott took low gross, JoAnne Burleson took low net, Lorrene Montgomery took least putts and Pat Dougherty took long drive.

Edmundson, Christman and Sonstegard tied for Closest to the Pin (KP) on hole #4.

needs of all beneficial uses; flood plain and upland improvement and enhancement and reducing erosion, sedimentation and nutrients. Projects will also be considered dealing with invasive plants and noxious weeds. Funding is provided through OWEB.

Interested landowners should contact a team member in their area for an application or further information. The contact for Morrow County is Morrow SWCD at 676-5452, ext. 109. A two-week sign up for small grants will be held Aug. 15-26, with funding decisions being made in September.

Martha Doherty receives national recognition

Martha Doherty, information systems manager for Morrow County Emergency Management, received an award for superior service from the deputy assistant secretary of the Army for the elimination of chemical weapons, Dale Ormond. Doherty received this award at the National CSEPP Workshop on June 29 in Pueblo, CO. The citation reads, "In appreciation of outstanding contributions to the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program. Your sterling efforts in developing and applying Army hazard assessment models and computer systems to enhance off-post emergency preparedness have improved these tools and helped

ensure the maximum protection of the citizens of the Oregon community."

"The award was a surprise to Martha, but well deserved," say Casey Beard, Doherty's supervisor and the director of Morrow County Emergency Management. "It's highly appropriate, she has been a national leader in utilizing advanced computing technologies to support emergency operations. We are very proud of Martha and her outstanding service to Morrow County and the greater Umatilla Community," stated Beard.

The plaque now hangs prominently in Doherty's office inside the Morrow County Emergency Operations Center in Heppner.

Fire chief announces promotions



Left to right: Andrew Johnson, Tom Wicklund, Fire Chief Rusty Estes, Jay Keithley and Hal Bergstrom. Not pictured is Steve Rhea.

Heppner Fire Chief Rusty Estes has announced promotions within the fire department. Steve Rhea was promoted to assistant chief. Jay Keithley was promoted to captain; Andrew Johnson was promoted to lieutenant; Hal Bergstrom, chief

engineer; and Tom Wicklund, safety officer. They all received new helmets indicating their new positions.

Dean Robinson is also a captain and Mike Jones a lieutenant.

DA's Report

Luis Alberto Nunez was convicted of Assault-4, a Class A misdemeanor. Nunez was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, two years bench probation, 40 hours community service and payment of \$1126 in fines and fees and \$400 in restitution.

Allen Keith Tompkins was convicted of Contempt of Court/Punitive, an unclassified misdemeanor. Tompkins was sentenced to 80 suspended days in jail, one year bench probation, 10 hours community service and payment of \$376 in fines and fees.

Local bankers attend banking schools

John Hays, commercial and agricultural loan officer at the Heppner Branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon, recently attended and graduated from Western School of Agriculture Lending held in Reno, NV, July 9-12. Classes concentrated on credit and marketing evaluation, tax analysis, regulatory overview, risk management, bankruptcy and grassroots efforts, according to BEO President and CEO George Koffler.



John Hays

Hays graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in business and a minor in animal science.

Hays and his wife, Joan, a Heppner native, and their daughter, currently live in Hermiston.

Janet Dezellem, finance officer and recently appointed assistant vice president of Bank of Eastern Oregon, attended and graduated from Western School of Intermediate Banking, held in Reno, NV, July 16-22. Koffler reported Dezellem attended classes on economics, analysis, interest rate and liquidity risk, asset/liability management, investments, loan preparation and liquidity management.

Dezellem joined Bank of Eastern Oregon in

2002 after spending 10 years with another community bank. As finance officer for the bank, she is responsible for the bank and the holding company's financial reporting. She also supervises the accounting function for the entire bank.



Janet Dezellem

and her husband, Ray, who works for a subcontractor at PGE, live at Blake Ranch and have three grown sons.

"These are challenging and intensive schools with 12-13 hours of study each day. The bank would like to acknowledge John and Janet's dedication and perseverance it takes to attend these rigorous schools and we congratulate them on their accomplishment," said Koffler.

BEO Bancorp is a holding company for Bank of Eastern Oregon, which operates 11 branches in six eastern Oregon counties. Branches are located in Arlington, Ione, Heppner, Condon, Irrigon, Boardman, Burns, John Day, Prairie City, Fossil and Moro. Bank of Eastern Oregon also operates a mortgage division, loan production offices in Hermiston and Ontario, and offers brokerage services thru BEO Financial Services. The bank's website is www.beobank.com.

Boyer to play in Shrine game

Tyler Boyer, a 2004 graduate of Heppner High School, will be playing in the

Shriner's East-West football game this coming Saturday, Aug. 6. This year the game will be televised on Fox Sports Northwest. Kickoff time is 12:30 p.m. in Baker City.



Tyler Boyer

Boyer started camp on Thursday. Amidst the training, players also toured the Shriner's Hospital and then went to La Grande, with a tour of Wildhorse along the way.

While in high school, Boyer was active both in sports and other extracurricular activities. He was the junior class

representative, homecoming king, member of the honor roll and the National Honor Roll and a member of Who's Who in Sports and Who's Who Among American High School Students. In sports, he played football all four years-two years he was chosen as first team all league and two years received all-state honors. He also participated in golf and track, placing second at district in the 100-meter dash this year. He was also a member of 4-H.

Boyer is the son of John and Kelly Boyer of Lexington.

4-H

DIY Kids

By Julianne Carlson

The DIY Kids 4-H Club met July 27 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Annex. They practiced their cooking demonstrations. Shadow Kendrick made a shrimp salad. Lacey Thompson made a sandwich. Stacey Halvorsen made peanut butter kiss cookies. Julianne Carlson made porcupine meatballs. Stephanie Schuler made chocolate chip cookies.

After practicing their demonstrations, club members looked at a past sewing judging contest. Members learned the difference between stretchy and stable knits, how to judge straight seams, identify sewing tools and judge the best material cutting. They also learned the difference between shank and non-shank buttons and how to sew them on to fabric.

The next DIY Kids meeting will be on Aug. 9 to practice for the Fashion Revue.

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DONALD PETERSON

JAMES BARNETT

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