

## Morrow County Fair and Rodeo events underway



Top Left: Nancy Carleson judges items turned into the Hand-spun Needlework division.  
 Top Right: Joanne Burselson arranges flowers at a display booth.  
 Middle Left: Judges interview a contestant that entered a food competition.  
 Middle Right: Pam Worden examines an item entered in the Clothing and Textiles division.  
 Bottom Left: Cynthia Wenberg looks over some paperwork at the Quilting division site. -Photos by Autumn Morgan

## Joe Shinkle & 99 West to play at dance after rodeo



Joe Shinkle

The Fair will be having a dance on the football field Friday night after the rodeo. The group Joe Shinkle & 99 West will be playing beginning at 9 p.m. and will go on until midnight (or longer). The rodeo committee will have the beer garden open and Judy's Chuck Wagon will be open for refreshments.

He grew up in the small town of Monmouth where he spent his summers working in the wood and on farms. He has performed in and around the Nashville area as well as back home in Oregon with the group he formed called Joe Shinkle & 99 West.

Joe plays country and western music with also

So come on out to the Morrow County Fair on Friday for some Hoof Pounding & Heart Pumpin' Fun.

## Compete to be "Oregon's Best" at the Morrow County Fair

The Oregon's Best Contests are a county fair tradition and you are invited to join the fun. Four contests challenge you to bake, cook or spit with the best of them for a chance to win great prizes. Participate in one or all four contests and see if you can be Oregon's Best.

Every great baker knows that great bread starts with superb ingredients. Start your recipe for the Bob's Red Mill Best Home-Baked Bread Contest with Rob's Red Mill flours, cereals or grains and you will be well on your way to baking a blue ribbon loaf. First place winner receives \$50 and two five pound bags of Bob's Red Mill flour.

We recall the aroma and taste of recipes that are special to each of us, passed down from generation to generation. Conjure up your memories of these special comfort foods, and prepare your favorite recipe for the Down Home Favorites Recipe Contest, sponsored by FLAV-R-PAC and Santiam. First place winner receives an apron embroidered with the FLAV-R-PAC and Santiam logos and a coupon for FLAV-R-PAC or Santiam

### "Just Us" team places second for money raised for Relay for Life

There's No Place Like Hope was the theme for this year's Relay for Life in Prineville.

Create your own original snack, salad, main dish, side dish or dessert using your special blend of ingredients and one or more of any of the delicious tasting cheeses produced in Oregon for the Delicious, Nutritious Summer Cheese Recipe Challenge, sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon. The top three winners will receive a "got milk" T-shirt and a coupon for an Oregon dairy product.

Show us your best seed spitting form with a seed from a plump, sweet and juicy Hermiston Watermelon in the Hermiston Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest. First place winner will receive a Hermiston Watermelon Lover's championship baseball cap.

First place winners in all contests will be listed on Oregonfresh.net along with their winning recipe or seed-spitting distance. For more information about the Oregon's Best Contests, including which contests are available at your county fair, please contact your local county fair office or visit Oregonfresh.net.

The team "Just Us" came in second place out of 25 teams for raising \$3,966.02, a little over a thousand dollars more than last year thanks to the generous donations from people in the community.

The team consisted of: Co-chair Rebecca Swearingen, Brenda Comni, Chera Elliott and Michael Boyd, all of Prineville, Cheryl Parker of Bend, Jeff and Kathie Maben of Mt. Vernon, Treston Maben, Josh, Jessica and Cole Roy, Celita Strouse, Ruth Maben and Tom, and Shannon and Jered Wicklund of Heppner.

The team also took Best Decorated Campsite for the relay, the second time in five years the team has taken part.

The "Just Us" team never wants to give up hope that some day, in the very near future, a cure for cancer will be found.

## Household hazardous waste collection scheduled for Morrow County

Residents of Morrow County may dispose of a wide variety of their household hazardous waste items free of charge at a collection event scheduled for Saturday, September 20, at the Morrow County Road Department parking lot on 365 W. Hwy 74 in Lexington from 10 - 2 and again on Sunday, September 21, at North End Transfer Station, 69900 Frontage Lane in Boardman from 10 - 2.

Morrow County is holding the event in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Common items to be collected include aerosol cans, antifreeze, engine cleaners, fluorescent tubes, herbi-

cides, household batteries, mercury products, motor oil, paints, pesticides, solvents, thermometers, weed killers and wood preservatives. These items should be kept in their original containers if possible. Persons should not bring waste items such as explosives or products that contain radioactive waste, such as smoke detectors.

According to national estimates, each home contains three to eight gallons of hazardous materials. Each year the average U.S. family throws out 15 pounds of these toxic products. In addition, family members are at risk around this hazardous waste. When mishandled or disposed of im-

properly, these products can cause lung irritation, burns, blindness, even death. Children and pets are extremely vulnerable. Disposing of toxic substances in yards or landfills can leach into soil, polluting groundwater and streams, harming wildlife and contaminating drinking water.

For more information about the event, contact: Morrow County Public Works, (541) 989-9500; DEQ Bruce Lumper, (541) 298-7255 ext.40; or visit DEQ's web site at [www.deq.state.or.us](http://www.deq.state.or.us) and turn to the Household Hazardous Waste web page at [www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/sol-waste/hhw.htm](http://www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/sol-waste/hhw.htm).

## Sheep Rock auto tour offered

A John Day Fossil Beds National Monument park ranger will lead a fossil beds auto tour on Saturday, August 16.

This two-hour tour will travel along some of the back roads of the national monument and feature the geologic landscape and fossil history of the area.

The tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the Sheep Rock Unit's Thomas Condon visitor center, located near Dayville. Participants will need to bring their own vehicle, and good tires are recommended. Reservations are not needed and there is no fee.

For further information please contact the monument at 541-987-2333.

## Lightning wildfire update

Over 70 fires have been reported to the Pendleton Interagency Communication Center (\*PICC) as a result of recent lightning activity. Fires are scattered on lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry and the Umatilla National

Forest.

Several fires were staffed overnight and additional ground and aerial resources are on order for last Friday. Fires range in size from 1-28 acres. Two reconnaissance observation flights were scheduled for

Friday to scout for new fires or search for fires that were reported but not located.

The Potamus fire, 16 miles southwest of Ukiah has burned 28 acres near Potamus Point. A contract engine assigned to the fire received extensive fire damage when erratic winds from a thunderstorm caused the fire to jump the fireline. No firefighters were injured in the incident.

The Alder Fire, 17

miles southeast of Heppner near Madison Butte Lookout has burned four acres in heavy dead and down timber. Six loads of retardant and helicopter water drops assisted in suppressing the fire. The fire is 100% lined and crews are mopping up.

Local weather forecasters issued a "Red Flag Warning" predicting dangerous fire conditions with a chance of lightning through last Saturday.

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**BEFORE THE HUNT**

Before starting the hunt for your next home, do a little financial soul searching. A short interview with a loan officer from any local lender will provide an unbiased, professional evaluation of how much mortgage you can afford. An hour with your family around the kitchen table should produce a comprehensive need-and-want list that's then arranged in priority order, typed, copied and presented to each agent who will help in the search.

Once you know what you can afford and what you want, you can begin the hunt. This process, however, shouldn't start with looking for the perfect house. The community and neighborhood are every bit as important to your future happiness as the number of bathrooms or bedrooms. Work with your agent to get community information on recreation, schools, services, pet laws - all that is important to your lifestyle. Then look only in those areas that come close to meeting your needs, goals and standards.

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Don't Miss ...

## Murray's

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer and Wine Tasting

**Thursday, Aug. 14th from 6-9:30 p.m.**  
at the Morrow County Fairgrounds

Jet Teas for the Kids • Bring Lawnchairs! (some seating available)

Dinner provided by Bucknum's Catering

Entertainment by Joe Lindsay from 6 - 7 p.m.  
plus Urban Octopi and Big News from 7 - 9 p.m.

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