

## Boardman Fall Quilt Show Results

The new two day format for the 2008 Quilt Show in Boardman was a hit. An increased number of visitors kept the volunteers busy on October 3 and 4. A variety of styles, designs, and sizes greeted viewers at Greenfield Grange # 579. Visitors enjoyed viewing 46 recently made quilts, and two very special heritage quilts.

Ongoing demonstrations by featured quilter, Judy Robinson, popular Hermiston quilting instructor, were much appreciated by viewers and quilters. Robinson was on hand both days to answer questions about her large variety of exhibits and suggest solutions to challenging projects.

Forty-eight quilts were exhibited. Thirty exhibits were submitted for judging and critiquing by Bertha Keith, judge, of Hermiston. The judged exhibits were a very high quality, as Keith awarded blue ribbons to 24 of the 30 exhibits she judged. Blue ribbon quilts were entered by: Ron McKinsey and Sharon McKinsey of the Tri Cities; Marlene Currin of Pendleton; Judy Stark, Hermiston; Mildred Baker, Carolyn Carter, Barb Hemmes, Jo Sicard, Barb Henkle, and Marge Shankle of Boardman, and Sharon Brock.

Two family heirloom quilts were displayed this year. One, entered by Mary Lou Bratt of Boardman, was a quilt made of flour sacks. Her mother and grandmother hand dyed the sacks, cut and hand pieced many tiny diamond shapes into a traditional design. Dewena Bates of Board-

man displayed a wool quilt made by her father, Dewey West, and "Granny" Frances Wetherell during the early 1940's. Dewey and his cousin Del Wetherell worked for the railroad, just outside the boundaries of the Umatilla Army Depot maintaining pumps for the water tower. Troop Transport trains stopped at all hours to fill up with water.

After a Munitions Storage Igloo blew up, Dewena's mother Jeanne took their infant son to Arlington to stay with relatives. Granny Wetherell came to stay with Dewey at the water station and a quilt frame was set up in the pump house. Together Dewey and his mom pieced a large quilt made from different wool suiting fabrics. The quilt went on many family camping trips up into the 1980's.

The 2008 People's Choice Award Winner was Judy Stark of Hermiston. Her winning entry was a machine pieced Thimbleberries Club Quilt in shades of green, maroon and beige. The focal point was a house block, embellished with embroidery. Voters seem to love projects with House Themes. The 2007 People Choice Award also featured a house.

Door Prize Gift Certificates to Auntie Ida's were won by: Margie Hollandsworth, Joyce Mason, Becky Carpenter, Sharon Barrick, Ruth Ford, and Carol Montenegro. C. Milroy of Arlington won a Christmas cat quilted wall hanging, and Barb Henkle of Boardman won a Sunbonnet Sue crib quilt.

## NRCS announces local EQIP application cutoff extension

The application deadline for USDA cost share programs has been extended. Local farmers and ranchers interested in financial and technical assistance for conservation measures on their working lands now have until November 15 to apply for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding for federal fiscal year 2009.

"EQIP is a voluntary conservation program to help farmers and ranchers improve and enhance the condition of water, soil, and other natural resources on private working lands," says Tom Bennett, District Conservationist. "The program is designed to help producers protect the resources that support their operations and contribute to environmental quality for the overall community. We also have the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program specifically for improving wildlife habitat with similar sign up criteria."

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) accepts applications for EQIP and WHIP year-round. Funding decisions, however, are made at cutoff points during the year, with the current ranking period closing on November 15.

Applications that address local conservation priorities are evaluated and ranked for funding. Priority applications may address issues like rangeland health with cross fences and livestock water, cropland erosion and soil and water quality with reduced tillage and improved nutrient management, water efficiency with improved irrigation systems and forest health with thinning or tree planting. Other issues and practices may also be eligible. The number of successful applications will be based on ranking and available funding.

Interested parties should contact the Heppner USDA-NRCS service center located at 430 Linden Way to apply.

## Matlack and Myren to hold meeting this evening

Sheriff Kenneth Matlack and Undersheriff Steve Myren will hold an informational meeting at the Heppner High School library this evening at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to explain accomplishments, goals and thoughts about the activities and direction of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

## Lexington Baptist Church to host free barbecue

Lexington Baptist Church will host a community barbecue on Sunday, October 19, after the church service at 12:30 p.m. All are invited to join in for a time of fellowship.

## Ione Community School kicks off homecoming festivities



ASB Officers: L-R, Stefani Archer, Tyree Svetich, Cory Peterson, RJ Ramos and Eric Jepsen - Contributed Photo

The Ione Community School kicked off its 2008 homecoming festivities on Monday with a volleyball tournament and camo day. An assembly will be held everyday at 9 a.m. A lunch and evening activity will be held as well.

High School classes get a chance to earn points for each activity towards a party at the end of the week. "We're really excited about the events we have planned," said ASB president, Eric Jepsen.

Tuesday was Mardi Gras Mask Day and bobbing for body parts. Wednesday is Nerd Day, VW push and macho man volleyball/powder puff football after practice. Thursday is Cardinal Pride Day, a gym activity, senior class potato chili feed from 5-7 p.m. and the bonfire is set to begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate.

The homecoming court will be announced and the king and queen selected during the home game against Dufur this Friday at 7 p.m. Students will have a dance after the game in the cafeteria.

## Ag students to make presentations on controversial topics

Students in Mrs. Dickenson's 8<sup>th</sup> period class have been creating presentations on controversial agriculture topics. They will make their presentations on the subjects on Thursday, October 16, from 2:29-3:23 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Topics being presented include: Food vs Fuel: the ongoing debate of ethanol and food prices; The Horse Slaughter Debate; Genetically Modified Organisms; Wind Power; The Gray Wolf Debate; and Oregon Wages.

## MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT Voter Fact Sheet

The District provides healthcare to  
Morrow County residents in many ways:

### Ambulance Service

Ambulances & EMTs located in Boardman, Heppner & Irrigon  
Quick Response teams with EMTs located in Lexington & Ione  
Standby coverage for community & sporting events

### Pioneer Memorial Home Health & Hospice

Services provided to the entire county  
Nurses & therapists see patients in their homes

### Irrigon Medical Clinic

Primary healthcare (nurse practitioner & physicians), free sports  
physicals & blood pressure checks

### Columbia River Community Health Services Subsidy

Primary healthcare to all residents of the Boardman community

### Pioneer Memorial Clinic

Primary healthcare, free sports physicals & blood pressure checks

### Pioneer Memorial Hospital

Emergency Room, Inpatient & Swing Bed care, Lab, X-ray & CAT  
scan, upper endoscopy, colonoscopy

### County-wide

County-wide enrollment assistance for Medicare Part 'D' Prescription  
Drug Plans

### Comparison of Health District Current Tax Rates

District	Current Tax Rate	Proposed Tax Rate
John Day	\$ 2.1329 per \$1,000	\$ 0.39 per \$1,000
Burns	\$ 1.9314 per \$1,000	\$ 0.39 per \$1,000
Enterprise	\$ 1.7997 per \$1,000	\$ 0.39 per \$1,000
Morrow	\$ 0.6050 per \$1,000	\$ 0.39 per \$1,000

With this Local Option Levy, the District is proposing to continue a tax rate of \$0.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This equates to \$39 for a house valued at \$100,000. Even with the proposed levy, the Health District's rate would continue to be only **Half** of what the other districts in our region average.

### Why the Health District needs a Five-Year Local Option Levy

- ✓ To **Maintain** the current level of services.
- ✓ Current year budget projections indicate insurance discounts and charity care will climb to a high of \$984,780. Our current tax rate is estimated to generate only \$634,542 this year.
- ✓ In the near future, current tax rate collections are projected to be flat due to reductions of property values in the entire county.
- ✓ Same 0.39 cents per \$1000 as voted in 2004.
- ✓ To provide **Stability** to local healthcare.

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