

## Free homework help at the Oregon Trail Library District

Children and teenagers in Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon never have to be stumped by a tough homework assignment again. Students from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, those in introductory-level college courses, and adult learners can simply visit the Oregon Trail Library District or the library's Web site to get on-demand, free help from qualified tutors.

The Oregon Trail Library District now offers Live Homework Help®, an online tutoring service from Tutor.com™ that connects students to expert tutors (at no charge) in math, science, social studies, and English via the Internet. Spanish-speaking tutors are available to help students in math and science.

Free help in core subjects This free service allows students to connect to an expert tutor either from the Oregon Trail Library District or from their home PC or Mac with a library card, every day, 2 p.m.-9 p.m. and receive homework help from a live tutor via the Internet.

Live Homework Help is easy to use. Children and teens simply go to the library's web site, click on the Live Homework Help link and then enter their grade level and the subject they need help in. In just a few minutes, students are connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom for one-to-one help in math (elementary, algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus), science

(elementary, earth science, biology, chemistry, physics), social studies (American history, world history, political science), and English (spelling, grammar, essay writing, book reports).

Oregon Trail Library Director Marsha Richmond says, "We are so excited to be able to offer this service. We believe that Live Homework Help will have a significant positive impact on the success of our young people."

Learn from expert tutors in an online classroom Students and tutors can review specific homework questions, as well as subject-specific concepts using features such as controlled chat, an interactive white board and shared Web browsing in the Online Classroom. Tutors can type math equations using a special math tool, share educational web sites and much more for a rewarding learning experience. All tutors are certified teachers, college professors, graduate, or under graduate school students from across the country. Tutor.com has more than 1,800 tutors available to work with kids when they need help most. Every tutor is certified by Tutor.com and has completed a third party background check.

For more information, or to try the service visit your local library or the Oregon Trail Library District website at [www.oregontrail.plinkit.org](http://www.oregontrail.plinkit.org).

## Radcliffe family from New Guinea to speak at Church of the Nazarene



Pictured are Jim and Kathy Radcliffe with their children Priscilla, Josiah and Lydia. —Contributed photo

The Heppner Church of the Nazarene will be hosting the Radcliffe family on Tuesday, November 11. The Radcliffe family will be speaking about their work as missionaries in Papua, New Guinea at 6:30 p.m.

The church will be providing a potluck dinner from 5-6 p.m. The Radcliffes also plan to hold a special children's program for the children that attend. This event is open to everyone.

## Senior Center Menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, November 12. The menu will include chicken fettuccini, mixed vegetables, fruit juice, hot bread, and baked apples.

## Sager family to present Rwanda experiences on Nov. 9



Back Row (L-R) are Nyssa, Darby, Brick, Tegan, and Kooper. Front Row (L-R) are Laura, Kelly, and Grayse. —Contributed Photo

Kelly and Laura Sager, former Lexington residents, will be in Heppner on Sunday morning, November 9, at 10:45 a.m. at Willow Creek Baptist Church to tell about their experiences as missionaries in the African country of Rwanda.

The Sagers, and their six children, ranging in age from 4 to 12 years old, have been living in Kigali, the capital city of Rwanda for the past four years. They are in the United States for six

months and will return to Rwanda in April. The family will be sharing their story and pictures of Africa and Kelly will talk about taking risks in life.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Willow Creek Baptist is located just off Water Street in Heppner at 560 N. Minor Street. For more information call Pastor Keith Price at 676-5552.

## MCED meeting to be held for Tip-page Fee Award recommendations

A meeting has been scheduled for the Morrow County Economic Development Committee to develop its recommendation for Tipping Fee Awards based on the 2008 Needs and Issues Inventory. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 10 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. The public is welcome to attend.

This year, 79 applications have been submitted requesting a total of \$1,692,656. This is more than three times the \$500,000 that is available for these community enhancement projects. The County Court will make the final award decisions based on the committee recommendations.

Each project sponsor will have the opportunity to very briefly address the group prior to committee deliberations. Due to the high number of applications,

each applicant will be limited to no more than one minute to discuss each project. Members of the committee have been supplied with copies of the applications, so this time is best used to provide supplementary information.

Members of the Economic Development Committee are Jerry Breazeale representing Irrigon, Betty Gray representing Ione, George Koffler representing Heppner, Karen Pettigrew representing Boardman, John Renfro representing Lexington and Nancy Snider serving at-large. The Morrow County Court are non-voting members of the committee.

Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) is facilitating this process for Morrow County. Additional information is available by calling Sondra Lino, GEODC, at 541-575-2786 or via e-mail at [slino@oregonvos.net](mailto:slino@oregonvos.net).

## Marriages

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:

-October 27: Dennis Lee Boggs, 60, Boardman, and Vilma Araya Boggs, 60, Boardman.

## Heppner Christian Church to hold annual Harvest Festival

Heppner Christian Church will be having their annual Harvest Festival on Sunday night, November 9, at 6 p.m. There will be a dinner and program featuring special guest speaker Kelly Sager, a former Lexington native and a current missionary in Africa.

This event is free to the public.

## Morrow County Wheat Growers meeting set for November 13

The Morrow County Wheat Growers will hold their annual fall meeting at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner on Thursday, November 13, beginning at 5 p.m. Dinner will be provided by the Morrow County Wheat Growers.

Dan Long, of Ag Research Service will present on "The Potential for Capturing Carbon in the Soil - What can Growers

Expect?" and Darcy Vial, Morrow County FSA CED will provide a Farm Bill implementation update. Wheat industry updates will also be provided.

All producers and their spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend this informative meeting. Please RSVP to Malheur County Extension office 541-881-1417 no later than Monday, November 10.

## Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court Judge Charlotte Gray has released the following report:

-Sean B. Peck, 43, Hermiston, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$214 fine.

-Patricia E. Fleming, 41, Pendleton, violation of the basic rule by going 62 mph in a 45 mph zone, \$113 fine.

-Gary Lee Foster, 59, Veneta, unlawful take of a cougar, no 2008 cougar tag, \$224 fine.

-Lester Leroy Moser, 62, Junction City, hunt cougar without 2008 cougar tag, \$224 fine.

-Alisha J. Serrano, 20, Lexington, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$113 fine.

-Sandra K. Day, 42, Heppner, violation of the basic rule by going 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$113 fine.

-Mikel A. Holmes, 26, Portland, driving while suspended violation, driving uninsured, \$673 fine.

## Heppner High School to hold parent teacher conferences

Heppner High School will be holding parent teacher conferences on: Thursday, November 6, from 4-8 p.m., no appointments necessary; Friday, November 7, from 7:30-11 a.m., by appointment; and Tuesday, November 12, from 4-8 p.m., no appointments necessary.

Parents are invited to enjoy refreshments, pick up report cards and visit with teachers.

## Artifactory Craft Fair to be held in November

The Artifactory Craft Fair will be held on November 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Heppner Senior Center.

Tables will be reserved on a first paid, first served basis. A table along the wall is \$22 and a table in the center is \$20. The deadline to register is November 7.

## "The Sagebrush Story" Program at library tells of travel on mule-back

Imagine traveling in Morrow County at three miles per hour - on mule-back! That's just what Jody Foss of Kimberley has done, along with thousands of other miles in the American West.

A special program about Foss's adventures along the way - including at Heppner - will be held at the Heppner Public Library on Monday, November 10, at 7 p.m.

The program is free and all interested persons are encouraged to attend. Foss will present a lively program about the many fascinating people and places she and her mule covered along the way.


Since 1976, Foss has traveled the west with her mules and has covered over 6,000 miles of back roads and trails. Seeing the country the slow way, at three miles an hour, she been treated to the stories of the people she meets, to the open vistas and high mountains and to true Western hospitality. Foss has collected these stories of the trail

in two books, *Mules Across the Great Wide Open* and *In the Company of Mules*. Her second book is about her 600 mile solo trip with her two mules, Mavis and Sarah Jane. Starting in northern Idaho, they rode through Washington and Oregon to the coast at Newport. Her multi-media presentation, "The Sagebrush Story" is a delight to audiences of all ages.

With three mules she traveled down to Virginia City, Nevada from Bend. In her show she features the old timers who shared their memories with her in rural towns, including those in eastern Oregon.

Complete with mule songs in a lively soundtrack and beautiful photographs of the landscape and those who helped her along her way, this program is not to be missed.

For further information, please contact Oregon Trail Library Director Marsha Richmond at 541-481-3365 or LEO director Lynn Craig at 541-763-2355.




# Real Estate

By DAVID SYKES

REALTOR

### BEFORE YOU STRAIGHTEN LINE

It is not unusual for property lines to have all kinds of crazy zig-zags in them. If you happen to be a "neat freak," would it be worth your while to take the zig-zags out and replace them with straight lines? Before you make this move, there are a number of factors to consider. Is there real gain to be realized from straightening the line? Have you lost any portion of the enjoyment of your property because of the zig-zags? Before you spend any money, check the zoning of adjoining parcels to ensure that the straightening is a legal option. There may be a valid reason why the line was placed that way when the land was originally subdivided. If zoning does not automatically permit the straightening, you'll have to weigh the cost and time effectiveness of appealing to one or more town boards to ask for a hardship variance. Add to this surveying fees and attorney's fees. Maybe it's better to live with the zig.



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