

Wind, weeds and wildlife topics of MCLG and Morrow SWCD annual Town & country program

On Thursday, January 15, the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association and Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District will sponsor an afternoon of wind, weeds and wildlife at their 22nd annual joint program celebrating town and country in Morrow County.

The program is open to the public and will begin at 1 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner. Dennis Newman, Morrow SWCD habitat technician, will begin the program with a review of previous

activities and future plans for the Upland Bird Habitat Program.

Travis Schultz, ODFW District wildlife technician, will present the agency's Mule Deer Initiative. Lisa De Bruyckere, coordinator for the Oregon Invasive Species Council, will give a presentation on invasives in Oregon - it's not just weeds.

Carel Dewinkel, Oregon Department of Energy, will provide information on wind energy options for landowners and communi-

ties. Dewinkel will also brief the audience on wind turbine effects on birds, bats and wildlife. Tim O'Rourke, an attorney from Pendleton will give an introduction into wind farming and the processes on how to get started.

The Morrow SWCD will hold their regular board meeting beginning at 10 a.m. with a brief annual meeting to follow. MCLG will hold their annual meeting at approximately 3:30 following the afternoon program.

Grant funds available through the Umatilla-Walla Walla-Willow Creek OWEB Small Grant Team

The Umatilla-Walla Walla-Willow Creek OWEB Small Grant Team, consisting of member from the Morrow SWCD (541-676-5452), Umatilla Co. SWCD (541-276-8131), Umatilla Basin Watershed Council (541-276-2190), Walla Walla Watershed Council (541-938-2170), Tiicham SWCD and CTUIR (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation) (541-966-2325), announces the availability of Oregon Watershed Enhancement

Board (OWEB) funding for small grants.

Private landowners and others eligible for regular grants are eligible for OWEB Small Grants. The grant applications must enhance watershed conditions, improve water quality and quantity while meeting the needs of all beneficial uses; flood plain and upland improvement and enhancement; and reduce erosion, sedimentation and nutrients. Projects will also be consid-

ered dealing with invasive plants and noxious weeds.

OWEB Small Grant information is available on their website at www.oregon.gov/OWEB/index.shtml. Interested landowners can also contact a team member in their area. A two week signup for small grants will be held January 12-23 with funding decisions being made in February. Contact Morrow SWCD for application materials and requirements.

Annual Holiday Playday held by Four Corners Snowmobile Club

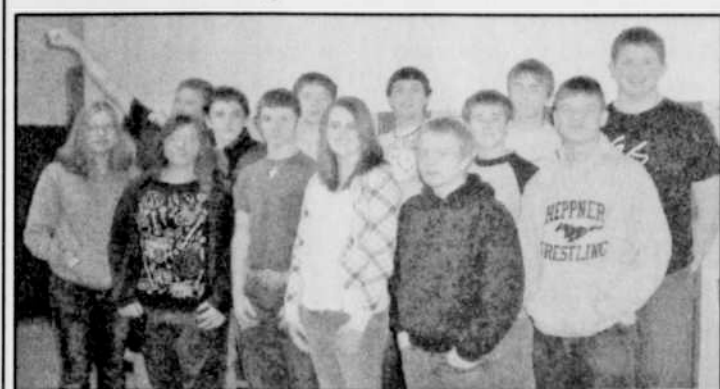
The Four Corners Snowmobile club held their annual Holiday Playday at Kelly Prairie Sunday, December 28. Many snowmobile enthusiasts and their families were there to enjoy the fresh powder snow on the prairie, the groomed trails from grooming extraordinaire Ron Carlson and the annual poker run that paid out 100% of the entry fees.

A two dollar entry fee and a good running sled around about a 10 mile poker course gave three lucky snowmobilers a cash return.

Mary Jane Heideman took first with a flush, Mike Gorman came away with second sporting a full house, and Amanda Rea took a strong third with three aces.

After the poker run, chefs Gene Orwick and Pat Dougherty served hot dogs and chili for the riders to enjoy while they warmed up next to the bon fire. The club will have other events this winter, for information about the club contact Mike Gorman at 541-676-9623 or Cliff Dougherty at 541-676-5491.

HHS writing class members enter essay contest



Jean Collins' freshman writing class entered the state Garden Club essay contest. The theme was Nurture the Earth - Foster our Environment. The class was sponsored by Heppner Garden Club. -Contributed Photo

Jones graduates from Basic Training

Army National Guard Pfc. Beau M. Jones has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

He is the son of Kenneth and Tiffany Harrell, and grandson of Don and Sandy Obrist, all of Hermiston, Ore.

Jones is a 2008 graduate of Hermiston Senior High School.

Town & Country tickets on sale

Town & Country tickets are available for sale and may be purchased at Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner Chamber, Heppner TV, and Murray Drugs. The cost is \$20 and the event will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on Thursday, January 15, to accommodate

more seating.

The evening will begin with a "no host" social hour at 6 p.m. with dinner, entertainment, and presentation of awards starting at 7 p.m. Also, four centerpieces will be available for purchase by silent auction with the opening bid of \$50.

Senior Center Menu

United Methodist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, January 14. The menu will include chicken enchiladas, rice and refried beans, green salad with tomatoes, mermaid salad, and flan.

Red Hat luncheon to be held

A Red Hat no host luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, January 15, at Sweet Productions. You do not have to be a member to attend. All interested ladies are encouraged to join in for the first activity in the New Year.

Civics Club steer raffle to be held

Heppner High School's Civics Club will hold the steer raffle on Saturday, January 10, during the basketball games. Also, a silent auction will be held for gift baskets prepared by the Civics Club.

FFA Alumni to hold taco feed

The FFA Alumni will hold a taco feed on Saturday, January 10, from 3-6 p.m. The feed will be held during the home basketball games against Weston-McEwen.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

Dec. 4 cont.:

-MCSO, Irrigon Ambulance received report of a 70-year-old man staggering and dizzy, who possibly lost consciousness.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman of a threatening e-mail with very personal information included.

Dec. 5: -MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that she received a call from a man who spoke very low and asked her some sexual questions. Her phone number is unlisted.

-MCSO received report of a trespass in progress in Irrigon with people four-wheeling on private property.

-MCSO arrested Serafin DeLaCruz Zuniga, 40, on an Irrigon Justice Court report for Failure to Pay Fine.

-MCSO cited Russ John Hickerson, 51, for Violation of the Basic Rule, driving 71 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-Boardman Police Department cited a 17-year-old juvenile in Boardman for Violation of the Speed

Limit, driving 49 mph in a 25 mph zone.

-Irrigon Ambulance responded to a report of a 53-year-old cancer victim having difficulty breathing and a stabbing pain. He was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-Boardman Ambulance responded to a report of a 58-year-old female going in and out of consciousness. There was no transport

Dec. 6: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office cited Ruben M. Ceballos, 39, for driving 82 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO contacted a Boardman subject who said he left the previous day to walk to the Heppner/Ione I-84 junction and was walking back home.

-MCSO cited Robert Riley Neal, 46, for driving 83 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO cited Rebecca Lynn Wadekamper, 41, for Violation of the Basic Rule, driving 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO cited Lyle Aylett, 49, for Failure to Use Seatbelt, and Wilynda Wardinski, 46, for Failure to Use Seatbelt.

-MCSO, Boardman Ambulance received report of a black vehicle going 5 mph on the highway. A 66-year-old man had a possible heart attack or a stroke.

He was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-MCSO cited Carrie Joyce Litteral, 36, on a circuit court warrant for Failure to Appear.

-MCSO cited Dailene Nicole Sampson, 23, for No Operator's License and Open Container.

-MCSO received report of four shots fired in the Meadow Loop area of Boardman.

-MCSO arrested Maria Cochran, 30, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Providing False Information to Police on a citation. She was lodged at the Multnomah County Jail with \$10,000 bail.

-MCSO arrested Abel Muniz Navarrette, 22, for Failure to Carry and Present. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$1,500.

-MCSO received report of several subjects running around yards in Lexington. The same thing occurred the previous night with two people wearing green shirts.

-MCSO received report at 10:54 p.m. from a subject in Heppner who said his mother went out to do the laundry at 7 p.m. and hadn't returned. She returned at 6 a.m. the next day.

-Boardman Police Department cited Petra Ledesma Almonte, 39, for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

-BPD cited Robin Lee Graff, 45, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 56 mph in a 35 mph zone.

-BPD arrested Samuel Benjamin Huchin UC, 22, for DUII, Driving While Suspended-misdemeanor, Eluding a Police Officer and Hit and Run-property damage. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail. The officer requested medical assistance.

-BPD cited Isidro Perez Reyes, 56, for Violation of the Speed Limit 40 mph in a 25 mph zone, and No Operator's License.

-BPD received report of two males dressed in red at a Boardman gas station.

-BPD received request for police officers from a Boardman motel concerning loud disruptive guests. BPD arrested Edward Joseph Waugh, 23, for Furnishing Alcohol to a

Minor and Interfering with a Police Officer. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$12,000 bail. Nikole Morgan Kauffman, 20, was cited for MIP-alcohol; Miguel Sepulveda, Jr., 28, was cited for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor; Edson Rafael Torres, 20 was cited for MIP-alcohol; Sean Daniel Shoemake, 22, was cited for Furnishing Alcohol to a

Minor. A juvenile female was also cited for MIP-alcohol.

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