

Chamber Lunch Meeting to be held at John's Place

This week's chamber lunch meeting will be an All Entities Report. The meeting will be held at John's Place and the cost will be \$9.

Upcoming Events:
-February 12: Bill Hansell, Umatilla County Commissioner who also serves on the Oregon 150 Committee will be talking

about Oregon's birthday and about the statewide youth initiative.

-February 19: Wil-low Creek Valley Economic Development Group will be hosting the lunch meeting at the Senior Center. The lunch meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. to accommodate their annual meeting.

Special guests hosted at Ione American Legion Auxiliary



Pictured left to right are: Irene Holtz, Ione American Legion Auxiliary president, Cyndi Dahl, District #6 American Legion Auxiliary president, and Evelyn Sweek-Heppner American Legion member. -Contributed Photo

In December the Ione American Legion Auxiliary hosted a meeting with special guests Cyndie Dahl, Oregon District #6 president of the American Legion Auxiliary and Evelyn Sweek.

Cyndi Dahl is from Sherwood and Evelyn represented the Heppner American Legion Auxiliary.

Foster and Adoptive Parent Foundations classes offered

Foster and Adoptive Parent Foundations classes are being offered at the Boardman DHS Office on February 20 and 21, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a free class. Anyone interested in attending can register by calling 541-481-9482, ext. 224.

Port of Morrow holding legislative update sessions

The Port of Morrow holds legislative updates with Representative Greg Smith and Senator David Nelson every other Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. via video conferencing. The public is invited to attend. The next scheduled video conference is February 17.

NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged near normal during the month of January.

The average temperature was 34.1 degrees which was 0.2 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 41.1 degrees, which was 1.2 degrees below normal.

The highest was 62 degrees on the 14th. Low temperatures averaged 27.1 degrees, which was 0.8 degrees above normal. The lowest was three degrees, on the 26th.

There were 21 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were 11 days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 1.14 inches during January, which was 0.32 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation -at least .01 inch- was received on eight days with the heaviest, 0.38

inches reported on the 2nd. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 4.76 inches, which is 0.91 inches below normal.

Snowfall totaled 6.5 inches with at least one inch of snow reported on 4 days. The heaviest snowfall was 3.0 inches reported on the 25th.

The greatest depth of snow on the ground was five inches on the 25th.

The outlook for February from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation.

Normal highs for Heppner during February are 47.1 degrees and normal lows are 29.4 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 1.23 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

Eastern Oregon University to host FBLA Skills Conference

Eastern Oregon University will host the annual Oregon Future Business Leaders of America Regional Skills Conference on Thursday, February 5.

Approximately 500 high school students, advisers and teachers will be attending from 15 different schools in the region.

The top 10 competitors in the regional event will qualify for a spot at the state level where they can then vie for a trip to the national conference.

HES students participate in Plant the Promise week

This past October, students at Heppner Elementary School planted 200 red tulips that will bloom in April during National Alcohol Awareness Month.

The planting in October was done during the National Plant the Promise week which coincided with the National Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week was led by President Maddie Lindsey, Vice President Paige Grieb, Secretary Macy Gibbs, Treasurer Kelly Wilson, Publicity Director Mackenzi Hughes, and 4th grade representatives Rian Wizner and Logan Grieb.

Spray Rodeo to be held May 23 and 24

Spray Rodeo has been chosen as Independent Rodeo of the Year with a purse of \$900 in each event and no fair by the members and contestants of the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association.

Also chosen were B-D Rodeo's as Stock Contractor of the year, JJ Harrison as Barrelman of the Year, and Scott Allen as Announcer of the Year. These winners were all part of the 2008 Spray Rodeo and will be returning for the 2009 rodeo.

At a recent rodeo meeting election of officers were held: Earl Mortimore, president; Brad Smith, vice-president; and Joann

Griffith, secretary-treasurer elected. Directors are Jim and Zorieta Tankersley, Julie Smith, John and Don Griffith and alternate Rick Petersen.

Rodeo dates are May 23 and 24 with the timed slack events being held May 22.

The Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon will be held May 23. Queen tryouts are March 21. The Rocky Goodell family will be the grand marshals. Also, the Cowgirl Way drill team from central Oregon will be making their first appearance.

For more information call 541-468-2442.

Morrow County Parks to meet

The Morrow County Parks meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, at 6 p.m. at Columbia Basin Electric conference room at 171 Linden Way in Heppner. The public is invited to attend.

Agenda items include updates on the three county parks, Anson Wright, Cutsforth, and Morrow-Grant OHV Park; election of officers for 2009; scheduled events for this year, and grants update.



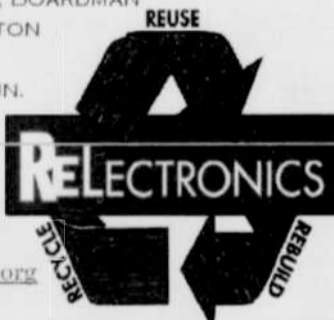
Students at HES plant tulip bulbs during Plant the Promise week last October. -Contributed Photo

The tulips were purchased with money from the Morrow County Mental Health. The Heppner Garden Club supplied tools and potting soil.

Morrow County Public Works

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LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

February 10th, 11th and 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, Boys ages 5-12 and Girls ages 5-16 are eligible to enroll to play.

T-Ball, Minors and Majors Baseball and Softball.
Fee is \$30.00 per participant \$60.00 per family.
After the February 28th deadline the fee is \$40.00. No exceptions.
All participants will need a CURRENT copy of three documents showing your physical address. Any questions or comments contact Sandi Putman 541-989-8469 Home 541-240-1761 Cell.

Real Estate
By DAVID SYKES
REALTOR

HOME INSPECTION

Whether you are buying a condo, an existing home or a newly constructed home, you should consider having a professional home inspection. These do cost money, but they are worth every cent. Do not feel embarrassed, assuming that you will hurt the seller's feelings by having the home professionally inspected. This procedure is very commonplace today. A qualified home inspector (look for membership in the American Society of Home Inspectors) will crawl all over the place. They know about major systems and can spot problems (if there are any) that you can't see. A home inspector can find problems that could be expensive repairs later. You should accompany the inspector when he makes his inspection, but he will provide you with a written report when he is finished. In many cases, he can estimate the costs to make any repairs he has suggested.

Property listings are available at www.sykesrealestate.net
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HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main
Ladies Night- February 12th
Chefs- Lorrie Fox & Cindy Doherty
Menu- Parmesan chicken, potato casserole, salad, desert
Elks Annual- February 21st
Ladies Tea @ 2:30, Lodge @ 3:00, Dinner @ 6:30
Dinner- Baron of beef & Pork tenderloin

New ATV Safety Laws FREE online certification

New safety laws are now in effect for operating quads and three-wheel ATVs (Class I ATVs) and off-road motorcycles (Class III ATVs) on lands open to public use. (See chart below for age-related timelines.) In order to make training as convenient as possible, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department now offers this free safety and education program and certification online on the website www.rideATVoregon.org.

SAFETY TRAINING EXEMPTION: Safety training isn't mandatory for riders using an ATV or off-road motorcycle for farming, agriculture, forestry, nursery, Christmas tree growing operations or when riding on private land.

MANDATORY TRAINING AGES

Year	Mandatory Safety Training Age
Jan. 1, 2009	Youth 15 and under and adults supervising youth
Jan. 1, 2010	30 and under
Jan. 1, 2011	40 and under
Jan. 1, 2012	50 and under
Jan. 1, 2013	60 and under
Jan. 1, 2014	All riders must have an ATV safety education card

Morrow County OHV Park is active in these changes and do offer the hands on training. ATV Safety Institute and the MSF Motorcycle safety foundation do have instructors on site. Any questions or concerns please contact Morrow County 541-989-9500.