

Morrow County Tippage Fee Award Applications Available

Morrow County is kicking off its annual Needs and Issues Inventory process that will result in the selection of projects to receive Tippage Fee Awards. The County Court has set aside \$350,000 to be allocated in the 2009 funding round.

Eligible applicants include cities, special districts, ports, non-profit organizations or other groups that provide services that benefit the people of Morrow County. All projects seeking financial assistance from the Morrow County Tippage Fees must be listed on this inventory.

To be included on the inventory, sponsors must submit an application for each proposed project. The Morrow County Economic Development Committee, with representation from throughout the county, will evaluate all proposals and make a funding recommendation to the County Court.

Categories of projects include capital expendi-

tures, such as infrastructure or equipment; non-profit organization operating expenses; and multi-year projects for which the sponsor needs more than one year to accumulate sufficient funding to implement a larger project.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, September 18, to be included on the 2009 Needs and Issues Inventory. The meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be held on October 13. All applicants are invited to give a brief oral summary of their projects at this meeting.

Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) is facilitating this process for Morrow County. Program Guidelines, applications, and other information are available by calling Sondra Lino, GEODC, at 541-575-2786, via e-mail at slino@centurytel.net or they may be downloaded from www.geodc.net.

Upcoming Child Care Resource and Referral classes announced

The Umatilla-Morrow Head Start, Inc will be holding Child Care Resource and Referral classes. The classes are as follows:

-Child Care Provider Networking Group, a free monthly "girls night out" meeting is being held. Call for locations, times and dates.

-Family Child Care Overview will be held September 14 from 6-9 p.m. in Hermiston in both English and Spanish. One on one sessions can be set up upon request. The cost is free. This class is required by the Child Care Division for anyone wishing to become a Registered Family Child Care Provider, and for individuals that want to learn more about Oregon's laws governing child care. CCD Certifiers will be on hand to talk about the rules and regulations and to explain the on-site Health and Safety Review process.

-Though the Day

the Literacy Way, with Chris Hildabrand will be held September 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Hermiston. The cost is \$5. Free books will be available for those attending.

-Creating Opportunities - Out of the Box will be held September 26 in La Grande. Steven Foster will be the keynote presenter. His focus will be guiding behaviors. Conference time will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at La Grande Middle School. Call 541-963-7942 to register.

-Medic First Aid and CPR will be held October 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Hermiston. This class will be taught in Spanish and will cost \$45. This class will provide a two year certification. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required as there are only 12 slots.

For more information or to pre-register for classes, call Child Care Resource & Referral at 1-800-559-5878 or 541-564-6878.

Ione Middle School Volleyball and Football Schedule

Sept. 18 - Sherman (VB/FB) at Moro, 2 p.m.
 Sept. 25 - (VB/FB) at Dufur, 2 p.m.
 Sept. 26 - Heppner Tourney (VB) at Heppner, 9 a.m.
 Oct. 2 - (VB/FB) at Condon, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 3 - Arlington Tourney (VB) at Arlington, 9 a.m.
 Oct. 8 - South Wasco (VB/FB) at Ione, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 10 - Echo Tourney (VB) at Echo, 9 a.m.

Iron Stop Wind Spinners

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 Wind Powered
 Drink Specials

White Raspberry Mocha
 Raspberry Italian Soda

Wedding Tables

Madison Bailey &
 Jeremy Rosenbalm
 Saturday, August 29th

Chris Peck &
 Angela Munkers
 Saturday, September 5th

Lacey Matteson &
 Sam Mackenzie
 Saturday, October 24th

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Community Appreciation Barbeque held in Boardman



Columbia River Community Health Services in Boardman held their annual Community Appreciation Barbeque on Thursday, August 13. This is the fifth year CRCHS has held its Community Appreciation Barbeque, in conjunction with the National Association of Community Health Centers, Community Health Center Week. Nearly 250 people were in attendance as Judy's Chuck Wagon cooked up hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings. Devon Oil contributed several bags of ice to keep the soda chilled. Desert Springs Bottled Water donated a water cooler and several bottles of water. The food and drinks were served by the staff and health care providers of Columbia River Community Health Services. DJ Kora provided music and Panaderia Yasmin provided the bouncy house, a favorite with the kids as was Sofia the clown. To top off the event there was a cake decorated festive balloons to mark the occasion. -Contributed Photos

Wells Fargo donates \$1,500 to Symphony's music education project

A gift from Wells Fargo to the Oregon East Symphony (OES) will literally be music to the ears of local youths.

The financial services company donated \$1,500 to OES to support its "Playing for Keeps" music education program. The program gives young people a chance to participate in music activities by providing scholarships for lessons, instrument rental and purchase and music competition entry fees and two preparatory orchestras.

"Wells Fargo has supported the Oregon East Symphony since 2002," said OES Executive Director Lisa-Marie Patterson. "We appreciate its ongoing partnership in bringing music education to our region's children."

The symphony started the *Playing for Keeps* program in 2001. Last year 89 youths participated.

"More than 152 years ago, Wells Fargo's stagecoaches transported actors, musicians and other

performing artists to communities throughout the West, including Oregon," said Kara Taylor, Manager of the Wells Fargo Bank in Pendleton. "Today, we're proud to continue that tradition by helping to bring arts to our community through grants such as this one."

Wells Fargo has repeatedly been named one of the most generous companies in America. The company gives more than \$1.1 million each year to schools and nonprofit groups in Oregon. The Oregon East Symphony has been called "the best small-town symphony orchestra in North America." For more than 20 years it has provided Pendleton and its surrounding rural region with high quality musical experiences and events.

For more information about the OES "Playing for Keeps" youth music education project, its season concerts or other activities, contact the symphony office by phone at (541) 276-0320 or email at info@oregoneastsymphony.org.

Greased Pig Contest winners announced

The Greased Pig Contest winners from this year's Morrow County Fair are:

4-6 year olds - Kenneth Troxell
 7-9 year olds - Alex Lindsay
 10-13 year olds - Maggie Collins
 14-16 year olds - Tim Nelson.
 Alex Lindsay and Tim Nelson took a weaner pig home to raise, and Kenneth Troxell and Maggie Collins took \$50 each in prize money.

Ione Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 5 - Dufur Jamboree (V) at Dufur, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 10 - Heppner (V/JV) at home, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 12 - Summit Springs Tournament (V) at Condon, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 15 - Condon/Wheeler (V/JV) at home, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 18 - Cove (V/JV) at home, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 19 - Joseph Tournament (V) in Joseph, noon.

Ione High School Football Schedule

Sept. 4 - Crow (Dufur Classic), at Dufur, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 11 - at Touchet, 3 p.m.
 Sept. 18 - McKenzie at home, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 25 - at Dufur, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 2 - at Condon, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8 - South Wasco at Ione, 7 p.m.

Senior Center Menu

Christian Life Center members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, August 26. The menu will include pork roast, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, apple-sauce, hot rolls, and pie.

Robert C. Byrd Oregon Scholars announced

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission announces eighty-five Oregon students as Robert C. Byrd scholars for 2009-10. This prestigious scholarship program rewards students who demonstrate the highest levels of academic achievement. The eighty-five students were selected from among 475 applicants. Students are selected from each of the five U.S. Congressional Districts in Oregon.

Maggie Armato of Heppner was the only recipient named out of Morrow County.

Recipients receive an annual award of \$1,500 that is renewable for up to four years (\$6,000 total) and contingent upon continued academic performance and funding. Scholarship recipients must have a minimum GPA of 3.85 (based on a 4.00 scale) and a minimum of 29 on the ACT exam, or 1300 on the combined math and reading/verbal score of the SAT exam. GED students must have an Oregon GED score of 3300. Applications are reviewed by a panel of academic officials to ensure outstanding graduates are selected to receive the scholarship award.

The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program is a federally funded program to promote exceptional achievement in

students who show promise of continued academic excellence. The Oregon Department of Education collaborates with OSAC for administration of the awards. "The Commission's relationship with various college and university administrators provides an excellent framework for administering the Byrd Scholarship program," says Vicki Merkel, OSAC's Scholarship and Access Director.

"This program is highly competitive, and applicants must submit applications that show a promise of continued excellence through superior academic credentials, leadership qualities, and service to their community," Merkel said.

Scholarships are awarded each year on the basis of merit and may be used at any accredited two- or four-year postsecondary institution that participates in federal Title IV student financial aid programs. (U.S. military academies are not eligible). The scholarships may be used for undergraduate study only. Availability and dollar amount of scholarships are dependent on federal funding for each of the four years, but will not exceed \$1,500 per year, pending official notification from the U.S. Department of Education. Funding is subject to change at any time.

Open Class winners from Morrow County Fair announced

Sweepstake winners:

Winners in each department received a gift certificate to use at any Morrow County business. Adults receive \$25, kids \$15.

Fruits - John Murray; Flowers - Carol Allison; Clothing - Babette Wall; Needlework - Bonnie Campbell; Quilts - Sandra VanLiew; Canning - Tina Palmer; Food - Loran McPherson; Arts - Virginia Wilkinson; Photography - Lindsay Orem; Crafts - Linda Voltz; Kids 3-6 - Malychi Wenberg; Superkids 7-9 - Shayna Osmin; Juniors 10-13 - Lily Sandford.

People's Choice Art: Bob Harrison.

Morrow County Creative Arts Award: Art - Brian Roth; Crafts - Linda Voltz.

Flowers: Best Horticulture presented by Heppner Garden Club - Terry Tallman; Best Arrangement presented by Heppner Garden Club - Carol Allison; Most Blue Ribbons presented by Heppner Garden Club - Carol Allison; Jane Rawlins Memorial presented by Morrow County Fair Board - Carol Allison.

Baking Contest: "Make it with Morrow County" (Chocolate Espresso Cake) sponsored by the Morrow County Wheat Growers was won by Jan Stroeber and the "Mike Armato Bread Baking" contest, sponsored by the Armato family, winner is Ann Spicer for her Herb Focaccia Bread.

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Talent Show: Michelle Stone won 1st place in the Adult division for singing You're My Reason,

she received \$75; Mike A. White received \$50 for 2nd, singing Lovesick Blues. In the Youth division ((10-17) Maggie Collins received \$30 for 1st place, she played the Ragtime Annie on the fiddle, 2nd place was Patrick Collins who sang Please Remember Me by Tim McGraw, he will receive \$20, and 3rd place went to Andrew Bara for playing The Night of the Eternal End on keyboard, he will receive \$10.

The winners of the Prettiest and Ugliest Pet Show were: Emily Pappas for the Prettiest pet and Kody Fletcher for the Ugliest.

Open Class Animals:

Beef: Gracie Orem - heifer calf.

Sheep: D e v a n Case - spring ewe; Reagan Davis - lamb; Ethan Greer - ewe lamb; Azlinn Lehner - ewe and ewe lamb; Cady Lehner - spring ewe.

Goats: T a y l o r Gould - Lamanche Pack; Amanda Haselbusch - Alpine yearling; Amy Lesperance - Lamanche yearling, Lamanche mature doe, Alpine Nanny (Grand Champion); Kellie Nelson - Wether Pack.

Small Animals: Champion Chicken - Emily Taylor; Cavies - Cara Arbogast, Tyler Carter, Alex Lindsay; Champion Rabbit - Shayna Osmin.

Barbara VanArsdale Awards: Most Attentive Exhibitor - Tyler Carter.

Youngest Exhibitor: Sallie Orem

Most Unique Exhibitor: Cara Arbogast

Ed Rollins and his team won the Painted Hills Natural Beef Backyard Grilling contest, 2nd place was Mark & Lisa Pratt and 3rd was Daye Stone. Team Rollins will be going to the Oregon State Fair on Sunday, August 30th. 1st place won a Traeger Lil Tex Wood Pellet Grill, 2nd won a Kershaw Knife Set and 3rd won a Grill accessory set.