

Portable "Fast Pyrolysis" equipment demonstration to be held at Kinzua Mill Site

The Umatilla National Forest, in cooperation with Morrow County, Rocky Mountain Research Station, University of Idaho and the University of Montana, is sponsoring a free public demonstration of fast pyrolysis equipment.

The demonstration on August 31 will be held at the Kinzua Mill Site, located two miles north of Heppner on State Highway 207. The equipment will be set up on site that morning for viewing with the presentation taking place at 1 p.m.

This demonstration investigates whether portable fast pyrolysis is economically feasible to decrease wildfire risk by reducing hazardous fuels.

Fast Pyrolysis is a thermal process that rapidly heats woody biomass to a controlled temperature



(500 degrees C), and then quickly cools the volatile products to yield bio-oil (~60%) bio-char (~20%) and syngas (~20%). The syngas can be collected and recycled into the combustion chamber to run the fast pyrolysis operation. The bio-oil and bio-char are collected and trucked off-site for later use. Bio-oil can be refined into #2 diesel

fuel or used for industrial heating while the bio-char can be used as a valued soil amendment.

For more information about the fast pyrolysis demonstration, please contact: Dave Powell, Forest Silviculturist Umatilla National Forest, at 541-278-3852 or Carrie Spradlin, Heppner RD Supervisory Forester at 541-676-9187.

American Legion and Auxiliary to host indoor picnic

The American Legion and Auxiliary will be starting off their year by having an indoor picnic at 6:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church basement. Hot dogs and the trimmings will be furnished. Members are asked to bring a dish to compliment a picnic.

Special guests will be the Girls and Boys State attendees and their parents. They will be giving a summary of what they learned while attending the week-long session. Also, new officers will be installed for the coming year, along

with several projects for the upcoming year in the making.

The Auxiliary is working on new memberships and is inviting eligible ladies to join the group. Membership costs are \$25 for adults and \$10 for juniors. The Auxiliary mission is to serve the veterans, their families and their communities.

The American Legion and Auxiliary support veterans and local active service men and women, sponsor girls to attend Girls

State, offer a \$250 scholarship to seniors, donate to the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles, and sell poppies for Oregon's disabled vets.

The Auxiliary will be busy the next couple of months working on getting items to send as care packages to some of our service men and women, and Christmas Gift Shop for the V.A. Hospital and Nursing Home.

For more information call 676-9483 or 676-5010.

MALs available for eligible farm/warehouse stored commodities

The Morrow County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office reminds eligible producers that Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) are available for eligible farm or warehouse stored commodities.

MAL's provide eligible producers interim financing at harvest or shearing time to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. This allows producers to store production at harvest or shearing facilitates more orderly marketing of commodities throughout the year.

To be eligible for marketing assistance loans producers must: 1. Comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements; 2. Report how they use their cropland acreage on the farm; 3. Have

beneficial interest in the commodity on the date the loan is requested and retain beneficial interest while the loan is outstanding; and; 4. Ensure that the commodities meet CCC minimum grade and quality standards.

Each county posts the loan rates that apply to their county. While all loan rates for Morrow County are available at the FSA office, or online, the August rates for specific crops are listed below:

Wheat (Hard Red Winter) - \$3.02/bu
Wheat (Hard Red Spring) - \$3.91/bu
Wheat (Soft White) - \$3.22/bu
Barley - \$2.19/bu
Canola - \$7.00/cwt
Corn - \$2.35/bu
Production from farms enrolled in the ACRE program receive 70% of the

posted loan rate.

The interest rate for August MAL's is 1.5%. Loans mature on the last day of the ninth calendar month following the month in which the loan is approved. A producer may settle an outstanding non-recourse loan during the loan period by repaying the loan; or upon maturity by forfeiting the commodity to CCC.

A producer may repay a marketing assistance loan any time during the loan period at the lesser of the: loan rate plus accrued interest and other charges; or alternative loan repayment rate CCC determines.

If you are interested in obtaining a Marketing Assistance Loan, or have questions, contact the Morrow County FSA office at 541-676-9011 extension 2.

Inland Northwest Musicians season rehearsals to begin

Do you play an instrument or love to sing? Inland Northwest Musicians has a place for you! Whether you're a beginner or a polished musician Inland Northwest Musicians has an ensemble that will fit your skill level.

Opportunities for Musicians with prior experience:

Inland Northwest

Orchestra will begin rehearsals on September 3 at Harris Jr. Academy in Pendleton at 7 p.m.

Inland Northwest Chorale will begin rehearsals on August 31 at Harris Jr. Academy at 7 p.m.

Youth/Intermediate opportunities include:

Willow Creek Symphony - Youth/Preparatory Orchestra will begin

rehearsals September 1 at Irrigon High School at 6 p.m.

Willow Creek Singers - Youth/Preparatory Choral Group will begin rehearsals September 1 at Irrigon High School.

For more information call Inland Northwest Musicians at 541-289-4696 or email to inwm@mach-media.

Fall League Bowling scheduled to begin

Fall League Bowling will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at The Stable of Youth. League bowling will begin on September 1 at 6:30 p.m. with registration to be held that evening.

For more information contact John Breidenbach at 541-980-8280 or The Stable at 676-5053.

Oregon East Symphony receives \$5,000 grant

The Oregon East Symphony has received a \$5,000 grant from the Trust Management Services, LLC to support youth scholarships. These funds will be used to fund Music Lesson Scholarships, which will include individual scholarships in the two youth orchestras, the regular orchestra and the youth chorus, "Young Voices of Eastern Oregon." The OES will also have funding for individuals who need musical instruments for the year and cannot afford the monthly fees.

Trust Management Services, LLC (TMS) funds non-profit organizations throughout Oregon, by region. Six regions comprise the 36 counties in Oregon. Three regions are funded annually and each county is funded bi-annually. TMS actively seeks

grant applications with emphasis on Education, Community Service, Cultural, Youth Activities and Historical Preservation. For more information, contact TMS at (541) 563-7279 or by email to MaryL@trust-managementservices.net.

For more information about the Oregon East Symphony's regular concert season, youth musical opportunities, lessons and scholarships or instrument rentals, contact the OES at (541) 276-0320, view our web site at www.oregoneastsymphony.org or by email at info@oregoneastsymphony.org.

Marriages

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

-August 20: Jeremy Jacob Rosenbalm, 23, Heppner and Madison Shay Bailey, 22, Heppner.

-August 24: James Hubert Dvorak, 49, Pablo, MT and Tammi Maria Baer, 36, Pablo, MT.

-August 24: John Phillip Stover, 25, Vancouver, WA and Samantha Peay Cappuccino, 23, Reseda, CA.

Morrow SWCD/MC Weed Advisory Board to meet

A Morrow SWCD Board and quarterly Weed Advisory Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 1, at the Ag Service Center in Heppner.

Agenda items include, June 2, meeting minutes, treasurer's report, written staff report, CPR/First Aid Training, OACD Convention, USDA lease, Weed Supervisor report, Weed Management Plan re-

view, Partnership reports.

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Janet Greenup at 541-676-5452, extension 109.

Ladies Play Day results

Ladies Play Day was held on Tuesday, August 18, at the Willow Creek Country Club. Fourteen players participated in the String Tournament. Results are as follows:

August 18

Low gross of the field were Lorrene Montgomery and Pat Edmondson. Low net of the field was Jan Paustain. Least putts of the field was a three way tie between Loa Heide-man, Jackie Alstott, and Luvilla Sonstegard.

Flight A winners were: low gross, Virginia Grant; and low net, Corol Mitchell.

Flight B winners were: low gross, Betty Christman and Lynnea Sargent; and low net, Joanne Barbee and Jean Strange.

Flight C winners were: low gross, Burul DeBoer; and low net, Ann Elgin.

K.P.: Pat Edmondson on #4.

Chip-ins: Lorrene Montgomery on #4.

Longest Putts: Jan Paustain on #6.

Participants in the Club Championship can sign up at the club house or by calling Virginia Grant at 676-5257 or Jackie Allstott at 676-5509.

Sheriff's Report

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

June 11 cont.:

-MCSO responded to assist Umatilla Police Department on a fight in progress.

-MCSO received report of loud music at an Irrigon residence.

-MCSO received

report of issues with a dog that looks like a coyote that the reporter had issues with before. It was back in the Irrigon High School area.

-Heppner Ambulance received a request for a lift assist for a 74-year-old male on the floor. Heppner Ambulance responded.

-Boardman Ambulance received request for an ambulance for a 5-year-old female with back pain and unable to get out of bed. She was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

June 12: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a text about some kids at the tennis courts in Heppner after curfew.

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Wedding Tables Lots of back to school specials on

Madison Bailey & Jeremy Rosenbalm
Saturday, August 29th

Chris Peck & Angela Munkers
Saturday, September 5th

Lacey Matteson & Sam Mackenzie
Saturday, October 24th

Adam Neiffer & Lauren Stender
Saturday, November 21st

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Saturday Night- Full Menu

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