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Heppner Chamber announces lunch schedule for October

Next week's Chamber Lunch Meeting on Thursday, October 1, has been cancelled. The "All Entities Report" will be moved to Thursday, October 8.

The schedule for October is as follows:

Thursday, October 8 - All Entities Reports will be held from 12-1 p.m. at the Senior Center dining room. The Stable of Youth will be the caterer for this lunch meeting and will be serving lasagna, salad and pumpkin bars. Coffee, iced tea and water will be provided. RSVP's are needed by end of business day on Monday, October 5.

Thursday, October 15 - Daye Stone will be presenting the graduation requirements that are being implemented for Heppner High School.

Thursday, October 22 - Jerod Broadfoot will be here to speak on safe building codes.

Thursday, October 29 - Rachel Dagley and Meghan Snow from

Community Bank will be speaking on the services they offer.

Community Activities:

Saturday, October 3 - "Rollin On The River" - wine and beer Tasting at the Boardman Marina Park will be held from 4-7:30 p.m. Entertainment will be Brady Goss - The Piano Man and Badger Mountain Dry Band. Tickets \$15 (include two free tastes and music, additional taste tickets - \$3.50. Must be 21 and older - ID required. Food will be available for purchase. Contact the Boardman Chamber at 541-481-3014. This event is hosted by Boardman Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club of Boardman.

Thursday, October 8 - Tiller's Folly will be performing at the HHS Gym from 7-9 p.m. John and Ann Murray are sponsoring this event and donations will be taken at the door to help support the St. Patrick's Wee Bit O' Ireland event.

M.C. Fair & OTPR Court applications available

Applications for the Morrow County Fair & OTPR Court are now available at the fair office in Heppner.

This year applicants are not required to have a horse. Requirements include being a resident of, or reside closely to, Morrow County and be between the ages of 16-21 by August 1 of the year which the fair and rodeo will be held.

Applications must be received by 11 a.m. on October 30, at the fair office. Late applications will not be considered. Tryouts and interviews will be on November 22 at 1 p.m. in Heppner at the fairgrounds.

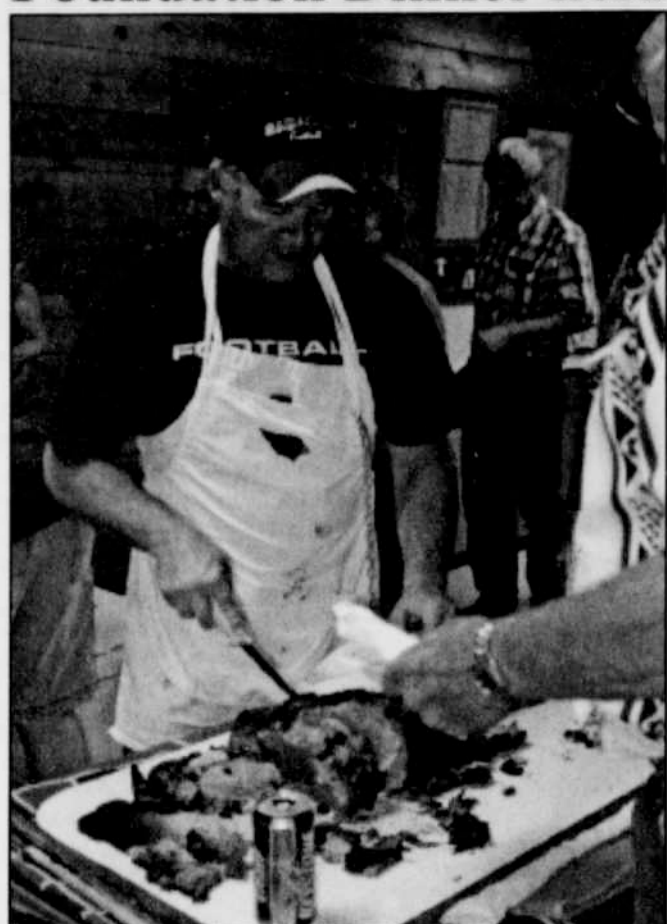
For more information, call Fairgrounds Manager Ren'ee Yocom at 541-6376-9474 or e-mail mcfair@co.morrow.or.us.

MORROW/GRANT COUNTY OHV PARK SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT

SECOND SEASON, SPIKE ONLY
NOVEMBER 7 - NOVEMBER 15, 2009

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN AT THE MORROW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE, 365 W. HWY 74, P.O. BOX 428, LEXINGTON, OR. 97839. APPLICANTS MUST BE A MORROW OR GRANT COUNTY RESIDENT. A HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED. APPLICANTS SHOULD BE 12 TO 17 YEARS OLD. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MORROW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE BY OCTOBER 21, 2009 BY 4:00 P.M. APPLICATIONS WILL BE DRAWN AT MORROW COUNTY COURT ON OCTOBER 28TH DURING THE COUNTY COURT SESSION. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE AT 541-989-9500.

Annual Ione Education Foundation Dinner held



Gregg Rietmann serves prime rib during the annual Ione Education Foundation Dinner held on Saturday, September 26. Pepsi of Pendleton donated all of the pop, including delivery and pickup.

The Ione Education Foundation announces a new donor to the foundation - 2Morrow Energy. A partnership between Diversified Wind and Gamesa Energy USA, are working together in an effort to bring economic development to the area by developing a commercial wind energy project in the Ione Area. The Ione Education Foundation has received a letter pledging \$35,000. They recognize the importance of the Ione School to the community and wish to be a sustaining member.

October 8 is Oregon's Day of Culture

October is National Arts and Humanities Month and Thursday, October 8, the anniversary of Oregon's unique cultural tax credit, is Oregon's Day of Culture.

Culture is an every day experience in Oregon. Whether it's a visit to the library, family research, at an historical society, strolling through a museum, hiking a heritage trail, meeting in an historic building, volunteering at a school art class or attending a performance, culture is everywhere. On October 8, the best way to celebrate Oregon culture is by participating in it.

The Oregon Day of Culture celebration starts October 1, with hundreds of events leading up to October 8. Events such as: Boardman Fall Quilt Show, October 2 and 3, Boardman; Rollin' on the River, October 3, Boardman; and Morrow County Historical Society Annual Meeting, October 4 in Heppner, are

examples of events found at www.oregondayofculture.org.

The heritage, humanities and arts nonprofits in every Oregon county serve the community in countless ways. The people who work or volunteer there are our friends and neighbors. They deserve our financial support. When you give to a cultural nonprofit (you can find more than 1,200 at www.culturaltrust.org), you can double your cultural support at no additional cost by matching your gift with a contribution to the Oregon Cultural Trust. The State of Oregon allows a 100% tax credit for gifts to the Trust, as long as they are matched by equal or greater donations to cultural nonprofits.

Oregon is the only state in the nation that allows its citizens to create the money for cultural funding themselves.

Heppner Garden Club celebrates 40 years

An open house is planned to celebrate 40 years by the Heppner Garden Club on Tuesday, October 6, at City Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Displays and scrapbooks will show the work that the Heppner Garden Club has been doing the past 40 years to help beautify the city.

The public is invited to attend.

Willow Creek Park District to meet

The Willow Creek Park District will hold a meeting on October 6 beginning at 5 p.m. at Heppner City Hall.

FFA alumni meeting to be held

An FFA alumni meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, at 7 p.m. in the Heppner High School Ag room. Everyone is invited to attend this first meeting of the year.

Public invited to attend HHS Ag class presentations

The Advanced Ag Leadership Class at Heppner High School invites the public to listen to presentations/papers that students have put together about various agricultural commodities here in southern Morrow County on Thursday, October 1 from 11-11:40 a.m. and Tuesday, October 6 from 11-11:40 a.m. Topics may include wheat, mint, hay, sheep, cattle, goats and more.

Booster Club Steak Feed & Auction is in 11 days!

And we have got some great items-- Like concert tickets to the dueling pianos (Billy Joel and Elton John) and 4 club seats to Portland Timber Soccer!!

Keep checking the paper for more items and mark your calendar for **October 10th starting with dinner at 6pm** with the auction and other events to follow!!!

Leitrim Family honoured in Oregon, USA

Editor's Note: The following article ran in the 1994 edition of the Leitrim Guardian, an annual magazine published in Ireland. The article was written by Ciarán Mollahan.

As part of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Oregon, people with Irish connections congregate in the large town of Heppner. Each year a family is honoured at these celebrations and 1993 was the turn of the Mollahan Family who originated from the townland of Leganomer in Aughavas, Co. Leitrim. Bob Mollahan, grand-son of John Mollahan and Ann McNamee, was selected to be the grand marshal of the parade for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in which the Mollahan family was honoured.

Seven of the ten children born to John Mollahan and Ann McNamee in Leganomer between the years 1885 and 1907, emigrated to the USA.

Between the years 1905 and 1920 the seven eldest members of the Mollahan family emigrated to the United States. Established fellow Leitrim neighbours such as the Cartys or Kilkenny's took these immigrants under their wings in Oregon until they found a firm footing. The eldest and first to leave, Jim, tall and athletic like his brothers, served in the US Army in Europe in World War I and then returned to Portland, Oregon to run a ranch. He married Loretta Modrell, and they had one child, Colleen. Next to leave for Oregon was Matthew whose stay was curtailed when he suffered a serious illness after an injury incurred after falling off a horse. He was sent home, where after one year died, on 19th December 1908 at the tender age of nineteen years. Pat Mollahan arrived in the USA next. He went to Heppner, Oregon where he settled. He was town marshal of Heppner for over a decade where he also farmed and owned a filling station. He married

Elsie Owens and they had four children including the fore-mentioned Bob. Bridget (or Bea) worked in Connecticut after emigrating circa 1910 at the age of sixteen. She later moved to Oregon where she married John F. Kenny whose father Michael was born in Aughavas, Co. Leitrim. They lived in Heppner and had seven children. Mary Ann arrived next and she married John Keegan who was born about three miles from the Leganomer homestead in Rossan, Co. Leitrim. They had nine children one of whom, Rose, married Peter Tighe, a Leitrim man. Mary Ann and Pat were the only two of the children to return to Ireland on a visit, Pat in 1932 and Mary Ann in the 1950's. John and Bernard arrived in Oregon together around 1920. John, after marrying Katherine Fitzpatrick, a Cavan woman, in New York returned to Heppner. They left Heppner to live in Ontario, Oregon where they raised seven children. Their eldest, Patrick Joseph is a member of the Ontario City Council. Bernard, the youngest of the family to emigrate after spending some time in Oregon, moved to New York to make a living. He married a Sligo girl, Anna Kenny and they lived in the Bronx New York. They raised three children who are also proud of the Leitrim roots.

In all, the St. Patrick's Weekend in March 1993 proved to be a time of great pride, joy and entertainment for the Mollahan, Keegan, Kenny and McNamee families who all come together for the celebrations in Heppner. The honoured family for the 1993 St. Patrick's Weekend was a great achievement for the Mollahan family and for a Leitrim family to receive in Oregon, USA. The conclusion we can draw from this is that Leitrim can take great pride in her people, not only those at home but also those who emigrated to the different parts of the World.

Reception acknowledges Conservation Farm of the Year Award recipients



Louis and Betty Carlson worked with the Oregon Wheat Growers League and Oregon State University to organize a reception to acknowledge local farmers and ranchers (pictured above) who received the "Conservation Farm of the Year" award. The reception, held at the Morrow County Extension Office on Sunday afternoon, included a display of awards, plaques, and photographs. There were multiple speakers at the event including Larry Lutzer, Tammy Dennee of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, Representative Greg Smith, Alan Feves, Shannon Rust, and Louis Carlson. Louis Carlson talked about the history of the award and conservation efforts that were developed and utilized by innovative producers in the county. -Contributed Photo

Heppner FFA selling apples

The Heppner FFA Chapter is currently selling apples. The 18-20 pound boxes come from Davis Orchards in Milton Free-water. The cost for each box is \$13 per box. Choices include Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Cameo, Granny Smith, and Galas. The apples will be available for pickup during the volleyball game on Thursday, October 15, or at the football game on Friday, October 16.

Checks can be made payable to Heppner FFA and sent to HHS attention Beth Dickenson.

For more information contact Heppner Ag advisor Beth Dickenson at dickene@morrow.k12.or.us.

Senior Center Menu

Heppner Christian Center members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, October 7. The menu will include catfish, red beans and rice, spinach, apple salad, hush puppies, and cookies.