

## EOU offers student success scholarship

Eastern Oregon University is offering a new scholarship program available to returning students who have not been awarded any prior merit based scholarships from EOU.

Full-time undergraduates who have completed 45 credit hours at EOU in the 2008-09 academic year while maintaining a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA are eligible for awards ranging from \$750 to \$1,500.

Scholarships are available on an annual basis and students who meet the criteria are invited to reapply in the spring for a total of three years.

Applications are due by November 1 for the 2009-10 academic year. Forms are available online at [www.eou.edu/fao/schol2.html](http://www.eou.edu/fao/schol2.html) or at the Financial Aid Office in Inlow Hall, Room 201 at EOU. For more information call (541) 962-3550.

## American Legion Auxiliary monthly meeting held

The monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was recently held with a potluck, followed by a talk from the Girls State attendee. Each year the Auxiliary sponsors a girl who has completed her junior year. This year the attendee was Ashley Wolff.

Wolff talked of her week at Girls State, including meeting girls from all over the state; learning how government works; making, passing, or vetoing bills; how to get measures on the ballot for elections; and many other interesting points about how the government works.

In other business plans were made to have a bake sale at the Artfactory and getting gifts ready and taken to The Dalles Veterans Home for their Christmas gift shop. The gift shop is at all Veteran hospitals



Ashley Wolff

across the state where a veteran can get gifts for their families for Christmas free of charge supported by Auxiliary units all over the state.

The next meeting will be November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Methodist church. It will be the annual Thanksgiving dinner potluck. All Legion and Auxiliary members are welcome.

## Boardman plans for future development

Boardman is open for business; that's the message the city would like to convey. Boardman Mayor Chet Phillips organized a day-long workshop last month to bring the council and staff together to create a current working strategic plan.

The idea was born from state and federal stimulus funds being distributed to public entities in Eastern Oregon last August. Mayor Phillips wants the city to be ready when funding opportunities presents themselves. He said he has

"made it his personal agenda to bring more housing and amenities to Boardman to help our city grow".

The last time the city reviewed its strategic plan was in 2005. Mayor Phillips felt it was time to prioritize the city's goals and to provide a great foundation for accomplishing those goals. With the help of the workshop's facilitator, Paul Koch, city officials were able to agree that the completion of South Main Street was their number one goal. In all, 15 goals were identified including

## Smalley honored at Governors' Gold Awards Banquet



Pictured is Jillian Smalley with former governor of Oregon, Vic Atiyah. -Contributed Photo

Jillian Smalley, granddaughter of John and Pat Edmundson, joined her coaches and her 12 Oregon team members, who represented Team USA at the Special Olympics World Winter Games last February in Idaho, to be honored at the 2009 Governors' Gold Awards Banquet at the Convention Center in Portland.

The evening event included a dinner and auction to raise funds for Special Olympics Oregon. Jillian, as a cross-country skier on the Oregon Delegation of Team USA, proudly paraded across the stage to receive the "Shriver Greatness Award" named for Special Olympics founder, Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

Among the eight other Governors' Gold recipients was the 1977 Portland Trail Blazers NBA Championship Team. Jillian was able to speak briefly to Bill Walton while her sister Jordan asked for his autograph. Another high point of the evening was a visit by the mascots of Oregon State

University and University of Oregon. Bennie Beaver and the Oregon Duck set aside rivalries to support this special event.

Special Olympics provides sports competition to athletes with intellectual and physical disabilities throughout the year. Local athletes from Umatilla and Morrow County are currently involved in training for the Regional Bowling Competition that will occur at the Desert Lanes Bowling Alley in Hermiston on November 14.

Funding local programs is the responsibility of the local council. To help support the expenses of the bowling session the local Special Olympics program is currently selling tickets to a spaghetti dinner that will be on November 7 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall in Hermiston. Ticket cost is \$5 (\$3 for children 10 and under). Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or donating to the local program can contact Kristi Smalley at: 541-567-1546.

## Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on October 14 in Irrigon with Judge Tallman, Commissioner Grieb and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court reviewed and approved accounts payable, payroll payable and voids for a total of \$65,514.38.

Reviewed and signed the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Morrow County and Morrow County Employees Local 2479, and Sub-Local 002 (general employees). Reviewed and signed the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Morrow County and Morrow County Road Department, Local 2479, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO. Both agreements became effective on July 1, 2009 and will go through June 30, 2012. The primary changes to the agreements was a 3% COLA and a change in the health insurance increasing the deduct-

ible from \$300 to \$1,000. There will also be the establishment of Health Savings Accounts for all covered individuals. The insurance change will not occur until January 1, 2010. The COLA will be calculated retroactive to July 1, 2009. There was also a change which will tie mileage reimbursement to the IRS rate.

The court reviewed and approved a "Certificate of Appropriation of Funds" for the extension services which stated that the county will transfer to the OSU Extension Service \$26,241 each quarter for a total distribution of \$104,964.

Reviewed and approved a couple of agreements and contracts for the Emergency Management Department.

Reviewed and signed the IGA for the distribution of the community service fees from the Caithness Shepherds Flat wind farm.

Reviewed various correspondences and meeting notices.

## M.C. Creative Arts and Crafts to sponsor watercolor class

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will be sponsoring a watercolor class on November 13 and 14. Class hours will be six hours on Friday and four hours on Saturday. Teaching the class will be Mary Corp who teaches at Blue Mountain Community College.

A list of colors and items needed can be obtained by calling Sharon Harrison at 989-8496.

Those planning to attend are asked to sign up as soon as possible so that the final class cost can be

determined. The cost will depend on the number of people signed up. The class must be paid for by October 31 and will be somewhere between \$32 and \$50. To sign up contact Sharon at 989-8496 or Betty at 676-5546.

The October meeting will be held on October 22 at 1 p.m. at The Stable. On the agenda will be the watercolor class and fall sale. There will be two choices for dates for the sale. Those planning to sell items are asked to attend the meeting.

## Sheriff's Report

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

**August 1:** -MCSO received report of a single vehicle parked sideways in the slow lane, blocking in Boardman.

-MCSO received report of a large water leak at the boat launch area at Willow Creek Lake in Heppner.

-MCSO received report that two subjects had an accidental meeting in Irrigon without incident and went their separate ways.

-MCSO deputy reported someone flagged him down to speak with him on theft issues.

-MCSO received report that a subject driving to Irrigon caused four vehicles to get off the road and then he pulled into an address.

-MCSO received report of a gas line cut on a motor home that was in storage in Heppner and the caller wanted the deputy to contact his mother who was in town attempting to move the motor home.

-MCSO received report that the Irrigon annex fuel pumps were no longer working.

-MCSO received report from a caller that people were going to get a boat, however the owner of the boat had been arrested.

-MCSO received report of a commercial burglar alarm at a Heppner business.

-MCSO deputy advised he assisted lost citizens before the Boardman/Portland junction.

-MCSO received report of a verbal dispute in a vehicle. A deputy made contact; the subjects were okay and returned to the vehicle.

-MCSO received

report of a dog barking all day in Irrigon. The caller asked a deputy to check on it because of the heat.

-MCSO received report of a possible restraining order violation in Heppner. A deputy responded and made contact with the male who advised he was camping.

-MCSO arrested Heriberto Pinto Ramirez, 30, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving While Suspended. He was cited and released with \$648 bail.

-MCSO received report of a possible fire around Ruggs or Hardman.

-MCSO deputy reported he made contact with a male subject for a field interview.

-MCSO received report of several vehicles at the Irrigon Marina.

-MCSO received report that Oregon State Police arrested Mark A. Mills, 35, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for DUII. He was lodged at Grant County Jail with \$6,000 bail.

-Boardman Police Department officer advised he came up on a group of juveniles and they all took off running. He was unable to locate any of the juveniles.

-BPD received report from a subject that his son was not home at 1:53 a.m. and he was out looking for him.

-BPD cited Rogelio Ramirez Gutierrez, 43, for Driving Uninsured and Careless Driving.

-BPD cited Higinio Garcia Mercado, 32, for Driving While Suspended.

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## Support group for parents of disabled children started in Irrigon

Irrigon is starting a support group for parents of disabled children. The first monthly meeting of the support group will be held October 26 at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

open to all Morrow and Umatilla County residents. An abundance of information will be available, the group will be scheduling trainings, and a representative from Morrow County Behavioral Health is expected to attend as well.

For further information contact Amy Sandy at 922-2361 or e-mail me at [aesandy@hotmail.com](mailto:aesandy@hotmail.com)

## Behavior and IEP workshop to be held at HHS

Community Counseling Solutions Developmental Disabilities Services will be hosting a free workshop on "Behavior and the IEP: Supporting Students, Understanding Systems" on Thursday, November 12, from 6-8 p.m. at Heppner High School. Oregon Training and Information Center will be conducting the workshop.

The workshop is open to the public. Attendees will learn about the discipline process as it relates to students on IEPs, Functional Behavioral Assessments and writing positive behavioral intervention plans as part of the IEP.

To ensure enough materials will be available, those planning to attend are asked to register by calling Barb Orwick at 676-9161 or email to [barbara\\_orwick@class.oregonvos.net](mailto:barbara_orwick@class.oregonvos.net).

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