

BEO employees celebrate Halloween



Deluxe servings of great customer service, platters of delicious banking products overflowing with convenience and for dessert? Sweet Car Hop tellers! Bank of Eastern Oregon employees celebrated Halloween once again with employees dressing up for the occasion. -Contributed Photo

Applications for United Nations Education Pilgrimage for Youth available

Morrow County students ages 16-17, are eligible to apply for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth.

The United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth Program is an oppor-

tunity for students observe the United Nations and listen to behind-the-scenes briefing conducted by specialized U.N. agencies and departments. Selected students will also tour New York City, as well as an education tour. The trip is

all expenses paid.

Applications can be picked up from the local Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges.

For more information contact a local Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge.

ODOT expands chain regulations

ODOT has amended the state's chain regulations to add a new snow zone condition. When the above sign is posted, you must use chains on any single drive axle vehicle rated over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW), such as a delivery truck; and you must use chains if your vehicle is towing, regardless of GVW (such as a pickup towing a boat). Chains must also be used on the trailer or vehicle being towed.

"There are times when large multi axle trucks might not need to put on chains, but single drive axle trucks over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or vehicles towing trailers will need to chain up," said ODOT District 12 Manager George Ruby. "The new chain condition is another tool for ODOT to use during inclement weather condition and we expect it will help keep traffic moving with fewer truck tie-ups."

Winter weather conditions can occur almost any time of year in Oregon's varied climate.

"It's a good idea to carry chains whenever you travel, especially in fall and winter months," said ODOT Maintenance and Operations Engineer Luci Moore, "and Oregon law requires you to carry chains in snow zones, regardless of

the weather conditions." In very bad winter road conditions, all vehicles may be required to use chains regardless of the type of vehicle or type of tires on it. This is known as a conditional road closure and may occur on any of Oregon's highways.

"Regardless of whether the chains required signs are posted, it is every driver's responsibility to maintain control of their vehicle at all times," said Ruby.

Drivers who disobey signs requiring chains or traction tires are subject to a class C traffic violation, carrying a fine of at least \$190 and \$544 for failure of a commercial vehicle to use chains. New condition beginning winter 2009 applies when chains are not needed for tandem-drive axle trucks but are needed for other trucks. When you see a "Snow Zone" sign as you drive along Oregon's highways, you'll want to pay special attention: these signs provide valuable information during the winter months.

New Condition: "Chains Required on Vehicles Towing or Single Drive Axle Over 10,000 GVW" When this new message is displayed, you must use chains if your vehicle is:

* a single drive

axle vehicle rated over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW), such as a delivery truck; OR

* any vehicle that is towing, regardless of weight, such as a pickup towing a boat, AND

* chains must also be used on the trailer or vehicle being towed.

"Chains Required on Vehicles Towing or Over 10,000 GVW"

When this message is displayed, vehicles towing or rated for more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight must use chains. Chains must also be used on a trailer or vehicle being towed if it has a brake that operates while in tow.

"Chains Required - Traction Tires Allowed on Vehicles Under 10,000 GVW" Vehicles towing or rated over 10,000 pounds GVW must use chains. Vehicles rated 10,000 pounds GVW or less and that are not towing must use chains or traction tires.

Chain and traction tire information including minimum chain requirements and diagrams are posted on Oregon's travel information Web site, www.TripCheck.com. Road condition information is also available by phone. Inside Oregon, call 511 or 1-800-977-ODOT (6368). Outside Oregon, call 503-588-2941.

HES celebrates Red Ribbon Week

It was a very busy week at HES learning about staying healthy and making good choices during Red Ribbon Week. Students

made stickers, received an activity book, daily prize drawings, participated in a 30 minute reading party, and cheered on their classmates

during the sack races.

Tiah Sanderson of Community Counseling Services spoke at an assembly where the student council members played a true or false game about tobacco. The week ended at a carnival with a Red Ribbon booth headed up by Mrs. Gibbs and the student council members.

Students also look forward to seeing the red tulips; that were planted last year, bloom again this spring as a reminder of our commitment to being healthy.

Red Ribbon Week was sponsored by Community Counseling Services, HES Parent Teacher Club, and the HES Student Council.

Holidays start at Murray's Drug

- Hallmark Ornaments
- Thanksgiving & Christmas Decorations
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- Thanksgiving & Christmas Centerpieces

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2009 Morrow County Tipping Fee Awards announced

At their regular session on Wednesday, October 28, the Morrow County Court made the 2009 Tipping Fee Awards to sponsors throughout the county. The court had set aside \$250,000 to be used for these community enhancement projects.

The projects receiving funding were those recommended by the Morrow County Economic Development Committee following their meeting on October 13. At that public meeting, all applicants had the opportunity to briefly address the committee about their projects. Following all presentations, the committee developed the list that was forwarded to the county court with a recommendation for funding.

A total of 38 sponsors submitted 59 applications requesting a total of \$1,132,885. Twenty-eight projects were selected to receive an award, with grants ranging from \$550 to \$30,000. A complete list of awards is available at www.geodc.net/Morrow-needsandissues.htm.

In an effort to make the funds stretch as far as possible, many of the projects were funded at a reduced level than that requested. Whenever possible, the committee gained the concurrence of the sponsoring entity before recommending a reduced funding level.

With the exception of larger projects receiving multi-year funding, all monies are to be expended

by December 31, 2010.

Members of the 2009 Economic Development Committee were Betty Gray representing Ione, Barb Huwe representing Irrigon, George Kofler representing Heppner, Karen Pettigrew representing Boardman, John Renfro representing Lexington and Tom Wolff serving at-large. Morrow County Commissioner Leann Rea attended the meeting as a non-voting observer.

Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) facilitated this process for Morrow County. Additional information is available by calling Sondra Lino, GEODC, at 541-575-2786 or via e-mail at slino@centurytel.net.

Boardman to sponsor fall clean up

The City of Boardman will sponsor a community-wide clean-up the month of November.

The city has garbage vouchers available, with a \$50 limit, to residents of the City of Boardman. The vouchers are valid during the month of November at Finley Butte Landfill and the North Morrow Transfer Station.

The garbage voucher program encourages citizens to clean up their residences by disposing of yard debris. City residents may pick up their vouchers at Boardman City Hall at 200 City Center Circle beginning November 2.

For more information on this program, call Boardman City Hall at 481-9252.

M.C. Fair Board to meet

The November Morrow County Fair Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, at 6 p.m. in Heppner at the fairgrounds fair office.

Morrow County Historical Society accepting 2010 memberships

The Morrow County Historical Society is currently accepting membership dues for 2010. Membership dues are \$5.

Member benefits include: early notification of Historical Society tours such as the recent Ice Age Floods Geological Tour; notification of the early October annual meeting program

Horticulture class on clean-up duty



Erin Heideman's horticulture class at Ione School is working to clean up the community garden in Ione. So far they have harvested and cleaned up the garden. Next spring they will be planting and seeding. Pictured are: Back Row (L-R) - Micah Stillman, Mason Haguewood, Zac Orem, Jeremy Coleman, and Adam Collin; Middle Row (L-R) - Shannon Metcalf, Makenna Ramos, Robbi Johnston, and Mary Rietmann; and Front Row (L-R) - Steven Holland and Jordan Peterson. -Contributed Photo

All Entities Report to be held at chamber lunch meeting

This week's chamber lunch meeting will be an "All Entities Report."

Dino's Delectable Catering Services will be serving Greek meatballs over rice, Greek salad with feta cheese, hot bread with garlic butter and baklava for dessert. The lunch expense is \$9 and will be held in the Senior Center dining room.

Wheat Growers League annual fall meeting held

Area farmers and guests met last week for the annual Wheat Growers League fall meeting held at the Morrow County fairgrounds. It was a full evening of information shared by speakers, Paulette Pyle with Oregonians for Food & Shelter, Raleigh Curtiss with Mid Columbia Grain, Jeff Newton Oregon Wheat Growers League president, Tammy Dennee OWGL executive director and Darcy Vial, FSA Morrow County executive director.

Paulette Pyle gave an overview of the 2009 Oregon legislative session. She shared what bills were headed off and what bills made it through legislature and how they will affect the natural resource sector.

Attendees were entertained by Raleigh Curtiss whose talk was titled "Farming for a Profit".

Jeff Newton and Tammy Dennee had a lot to share with regards to league activity. They asked for input/feedback concerning several issues facing the industry. A smoke management plan was discussed, an issue that the league would like each county to address. If anyone has input on this matter, contact Morrow County President Shannon Rust.

Attendees were encouraged to attend the Bi-State Wheat Conference in Coeur d'Alene, ID, December 1-3.

Vial wrapped up the evening talking about CRP, SURE and concerns

about direct payment deposits.

Rust shared how well the state-wide marketing meetings are going held monthly at the Extension Office. She also told her audience what a nice crowd there was at the extension office last month for the honoring of the Morrow County Conservation Award winners celebration put together by Betty and Louis Carlson and Larry Lutchter.

The dinner menu included pork loin, baked potatoes, Caesar salad, homemade French bread and pie for dessert was catered by Shannon Rust. The Heppner FFA Chapter led off the evening with the Pledge of Allegiance and then served the meal.

Sheriff's Report

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

August 11: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a verbal dispute between a male and female. The caller said

he wanted to return the female's belongings and requested a deputy to escort him because the neighbor may attempt to have a physical confrontation with him. The deputy gave the reporter a courtesy ride.

-MCSO received report of nylon rope webbing tied between two trees with a ratchet in the parking lot area above the Mustang

statue. The caller requested a deputy to secure the property. The property was located and it was waiting to be picked up at the sheriff's office.

-MCSO deputy reported he was making a home visit for two subjects in Heppner.

-MCSO cited Doris Irene Hofstetter, 79, for Violation of the Basic Rule,

79 mph in a 55 mph zone. -MCSO received report of a verbal dispute in Irrigon that is an ongoing problem.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her children's bikes were stolen out of their front yard.

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