

## Friends Helping Friends 2010 Walk/5k Run held



Pictured are participants in the 2010 Walk/5k Run held on St. Patrick's Celebration Weekend in Heppner. -Photo by April Sykes

The Friends Helping Friends committee recently held the 2010 Walk/5k Run. Proceeds from the event went to the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living (WCVL) building fund in memory of Donna Schonbachler.

Nearly 170 people participated in the walk, 5k run, or made a financial donation to the WCVL.

The Friends Helping Friends committee consists of Patty Matheny, Peggy Fishburn, Kathi Dickenson, Susie

Hisler, Jan Stroeber, Janelle Healy, Mary Ann Elguezabal, Joyce Shepherd, Barb Orwick, Kelly Boyer, and Barb Watkins. The committee is open to suggestions to improve and continue the walk/run success for the year 2011.

## Veterans Benefits Conference to be held

Morrow County Veterans Services will be sponsoring the Veterans Benefits Conference & Health/Wellness Fair on Thursday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

On hand will be: State of Oregon Director of Veterans Affairs Jim Willis; Linda Adams from Oregon

Veterans Home; Elizabeth Scheeler, representative for Senator Merkley; Kelly Kerckhof - Eligibility, Walla Walla VAMC; ODS Dental Hygienists School - La Grande; Anthony Durrant - Veterans Rep. OR Employment Dept.; Veterans Education Benefits; Art McColville - CTUIR

Veterans Rep; Walla Walla VAMC- Chronic Disease Management & Diabetes; and OEF/OIF Veterans Coordinator.

Lunch will be served at this event.

Confirm your registration by calling 541-922-6420 and leaving your name and phone number.

## Dairy Farmers of Oregon announced academic all-state winter winners

Dairy Farmers of Oregon Academic All-State winter winners were recently announced. County recipients were:

Girls Basketball

Riverside (3.19 GPA), Irigoin (3.62 GPA), Heppner (3.66 GPA), and Lone (3.80 GPA).

Boys Basketball - Riverside (3.26 GPA),

Heppner (3.54 GPA), and Lone (3.65 GPA).

Wrestling - Heppner (3.23 GPA).

Cheerleading - Heppner (3.23 GPA).

## Backcountry Llama Association to hold annual rendezvous at Cutsforth Park

The Backcountry Llama Association's annual Pacific Northwest Rendezvous is being held this year at Cutsforth Park near Heppner June 25 and 26.

This event is a gathering of people and their working llamas to share information, good

food, participate in fun and educational activities, and teach interested parties what working with llamas is all about, with emphasis on wilderness packing and outdoor driving. 4-H, FFA, scout and other youth organizations are encouraged to

participate.

Visit <http://www.rattlesnakeridgeranch.com/rendezvous10.htm> for more information and to register for participation in the activities, or just drop by to see the llamas and ask questions.

## ACRE/DCP enrollment deadline approaching

June 1 is the deadline for the 2010 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program or the traditional Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP). This is a mandatory deadline for all participants and USDA will not accept any late-file applications.

ACRE was introduced in the 2008 Farm Bill as a revenue-based alternative to the traditional price-based counter-cyclical payment system within DCP. These tools administered by the Farm Service Agency help farmers in managing the complex production and

marketing risks inherent in agricultural operations.

All signatures of producers receiving a share in DCP/ACRE payments are required by the June 1 deadline. To reduce wait times, producers should contact their local offices now to set up appointments well in advance of the deadline.

For more information about the DCP/ACRE programs please visit your local FSA county office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

**FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event**

Accepted during the event:

- Used oil (containers less than 25 gallons), Oil filters, Spent Antifreeze, Automotive batteries, Alkaline & rechargeable batteries, Propane Tanks (smaller than 25 gal.) Oil based paints, Paint thinners and solvents, Roof and asphalt patch, Adhesives, glues and contact cement, Caulk sealers and joint compounds, Lawn and garden chemicals and fertilizers, Pool chemicals, Household cleaners (including bleach, ammonia, furniture polish, toilet bowl cleaners, carpet shampoo) Sludge (soil contaminated with oil smaller than 25 gal. containers) Mercury thermometers, Florescent lamps, All types of aerosol cans, Used cooking oil, Road flares, PCB ballasts, Organic peroxides (hardening agents)

**FREE**

Items not accepted: Empty containers, ammunition, explosives, biological waste, radioactive waste.

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Morrow County will be hosting another Household Hazardous Waste event FREE of charge to County residents held on April 24, 2010 at the North end transfer station, 69900 Frontage Ln., Boardman. Hours of operation 11:00 to 3:00.

## Missoula Children's Theatre to present King Arthur's Quest

The Missoula Children's Theatre will present King Arthur's Quest at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, at Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Guided by powerful research, directors of North Morrow Community Foundation have raised funds since 2002 to bring free enriching arts experiences to Boardman and Irrigon Schools.

Several years ago, Ben Cameron, formerly head of Target Charitable Giving Division, shared the following remarks in his keynote speech to participants at meeting of the Oregon Cultural Trust: "Shirley Brice Heath, of Stanford University, a researcher but not an arts researcher, provided these findings. Shirley was engaged to study all after school activities for kids. She studied sports, she studied Girl Scouts, she studied arts after-school programs, and more, work-

ing with high risk kids in inner-city Palo Alto California, an economically and culturally distressed area. After several years of gathering information she came back and said, "I have to tell you, it's the arts kids that have blown everybody else out of the water. It's the Arts kids who do 80 to 120 points higher on their SATs, than the non-arts kids in the very same schools. It's the Arts kids who subsequently become four to eight times more likely to participate in math and science fairs, eight times more likely to run for class office, show a dramatic drop in disciplinary infractions and absenteeism, and are exponentially more likely to graduate from high school than their non Arts-involved peers."

This 2010 Missoula Children's Theatre residency is brought to Boardman by North Morrow Community Foundation with support from: Community Women's Club,

Pastor Paul Berthelot, Barb and Wayne Huwe, Susan Russell, Boardman Foods, American West Properties, Kathy and Gary Neal, A+ Storage, Portland General Electric Co., Taylor Transfer, Inc., Lynn Prag, Wheatland Insurance Center, Inc., Eric Miller, Banner Bank, Columbia River Community Health Services, Boardman Health Mart Pharmacy & Hardware, Anna and Kenneth Browne, Columbia River Processing, Inc., Doug and Jane Pope, Irrigon Moose Lodge #2486., Mary Lou and Dan Daltoso, Carol and Ray Michael, Wilcox/Daltoso Family, Greenfield Grange #579, Boardman Main Street Shell, Umattilla Electric Cooperative, Irrigon Chamber of Commerce, Morrow County Cultural Coalition, Morrow County Unified Recreation District, and Boardman Tillicum Club.

For more information, contact Kim Finley at 541-481-2852.

## Local group travels to Mexico

Recently a group of Heppner and Arlington residents returned from a Mexican Riviera group cruise. The trip was coordinated by Jodi Chapa.

The group of 21 travelers flew from Portland to Los Angeles, stayed a night in Long Beach, and then left on a seven night cruise to Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas. In Puerto Vallarta nine of the 21 travelers went on a Zipline Jungle Canopy Tour where they soared over 700 feet high over the jungle and the river. Many other travelers went on tours of neighboring towns with views of the ocean and mountains. In Mazatlan, snorkeling and touring Old Town Mazatlan were the favorite tours and Cabo San Lucas allowed travelers to enjoy the beach and shopping.

"Jodie did a great job on taking care of all of us on the Mexican cruise," said Sharon Jones. "Everything was provided. I look forward to traveling with her again. Don't miss your chance for a great time."



Pictured is the group that went on the Mexican Riviera group cruise. -Contributed Photo

Chapa came up with the idea of a group trip after planning the New York City Drama Tour in 2007. She was able to secure pricing below the retail cost of the cruise and flights and also gave the opportunity for travelers to pay over time. Group reservations provide other benefits like better placement of cabins, tickets that are transferable, lower prices for travel and the fun of traveling with friends.

Chapa is currently planning two trips for 2011. The first is in June 2011 and will be a land tour of Europe focusing on Germany and traveling to Paris, France and London, England. The second will be an Alaskan Cruise in August 2011.

An informational group travel meeting will be held on March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Sweet Productions Ice Cream Parlour and Diner for anyone interested in traveling in groups.

## HHS March Students of the Month announced

Heppner High School recently announced the Students of the Month for March. This month's character trait was diligence. Pictured left to right are the recipients: Paige Grieb (7th grade), Mallorie Jones (8th grade), Taylor Gould (10th grade), and Chris Lien (12th grade). Not pictured were Kyle Harrison (9th grade) and Kelsi Putman (11th grade). -Contributed Photo



## Free workshop on support for children with behavior or learning issues for parents, educators coming to UMESD

Many school districts are trying to address student behavior and learning issues before they escalate into bigger problems. In response to this, the Um-

attilla-Morrow Education Service District, Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Parent Training and Information Center will host a free workshop April 6 to talk about how schools are using research-based interventions to help all students, including those with academic or behavioral challenges.

In addition, the workshop will take a look at statewide assessments, of which every child in public school must take in

reading and math beginning in 3rd grade. The goal is to help parents understand the different options for their students, and how to work with a team to choose the option that will work best for their children.

Child care for ages 3 and up will be provided during the workshop. Registration is required for child care and to ensure enough materials will be available for everyone, so please register early for this free workshop. If you need

assistance in a language other than English, please contact the OrPTI main office at least two weeks in advance (1-888-505-2673).

To register, please contact Stacy Shown at 541-786-3420 or 1-888-505-2673, ext. 200, or e-mail [sshown@orpti.org](mailto:sshown@orpti.org).

The workshop will run from 5-8 p.m. on April 6 at the Umattilla-Morrow ESD's Ponderosa Room, 2001 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton.

## Art show to be held at Lone 4th of July Celebration

The annual 4th of July Celebration in Lone will have a new activity this year. The first annual Lone Community Art Show will be held in conjunction with

the 4th of July festivities. Local artists are invited to enter their art pieces for the community to view. This will be a show, not a

sale. All types of artwork can be entered.

For more information contact Terry Felda at 541-256-0277.

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