

HHS Math Students of the Quarter announced



Heppner High School math teacher Troy Morgan recently announced the Math Students of the Quarter for his classes. Pictured left to right are: Bella Sanchez, Joe Schmidt, Romana Pofkova, Cassi Day, Anne Gokesch, Earl Propheter, Cade Arbogast, and Jeff Dowdy. -Contributed Photo

Red Hat no-host luncheon planned

The Red Hat no-host luncheon will be held at Sweet Productions on Thursday, November 18, at noon. All interested ladies are welcome to attend.

Wells Fargo donates to symphony's music education project

A gift from Wells Fargo is a high note for the Oregon East Symphony (OES) and its music education program.

The financial services company donated \$1,500 to OES for its "Playing for Keeps" program. The program gives young people a chance to participate in music activities by providing scholarships for lessons, instrument rental and purchase and music competition entry fees and two preparatory orchestras.

"Wells Fargo has supported the Oregon East Symphony since 2002," said OES Executive Director Lisa-Marie Patterson. "We appreciate its ongoing partnership in bringing music education to our region's children."

The symphony started the Playing for Keeps program in 2001. Last year 96 youths participated.

"More than 158 years ago, Wells Fargo's stagecoaches transported actors, musicians and other

performing artists to communities throughout the West, including Oregon," said Shelley Whitney, manager of the Wells Fargo bank in Pendleton. "Today, we're proud to continue that tradition by helping to bring arts to our community through grants such as this one."

Wells Fargo has repeatedly been named one of the most generous companies in America and one of the strongest supporters of arts and culture in Oregon.

The Oregon East Symphony has been called "the best small-town symphony orchestra in North America." For 25 years it has provided Pendleton and its surrounding rural region with high quality musical experiences and events.

For more information about the OES "Playing for Keeps" youth music education project, its season concerts or other activities, contact the symphony office by phone at (541) 276-0320 or email at info@oregoneastsymphony.org.

Justice Court Report

Justice Court Judge Charlotte Gray has released the following Justice Court Report:

-Wayne William Schiller Jr., 45, La Grande, Careless Driving - Motor Vehicle Accident, \$289 fine.

-Mark Joseph Wunderlich, 53, Heppner, Violation of the Basic Rule by driving 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$142 fine.

**ALL NEWS AND
ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:
MONDAYS AT
5:00 P.M.**

Morrow County Health District is Offering Free Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Assistance

Morrow County Health District will hold Free Medicare Part D consultation appointments to help you determine the best prescription plan for your specific needs. **Plans change each year so it's important to review your coverage every year!** We will be scheduling appointments for the following locations on the following dates:

HEPPNER	
November 16, 22, 23	
December 1, 2, 7, 9, 15, 16, 20, 21, 28, 30	
IONE	
November 18	
December 14	
IRRIGON	
November 17	
December - Will Depend on Appointments Scheduled	

Call 676-9133 or 1-800-737-4113 Mon. - Fri.
9 am - 5 pm to schedule your consultation appointment.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR MEDICARE CARD &
A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS.
List should contain name of medication, dosage and how often
taken - or bring medication bottles.**

NRCS announces local EQIP and WHIP application cutoff

Local farmers and ranchers interested in financial and technical assistance for conservation measures on their working lands have until December 15 to apply for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) funding for Federal fiscal year 2011.

"EQIP and WHIP are voluntary conservation programs to help farmers and ranchers improve and enhance the condition of water, soil, wildlife habitat, and other natural resources on private working lands," says Kacee Lathrop.

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) accepts applications for EQIP and WHIP year-round. Fund-

ing decisions, however, are made at cutoff points during the year, with the current ranking period closing on December 15 for the following counties: Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Grant and Wheeler.

Applications that address local conservation priorities are evaluated and ranked for funding. The number of applications accepted will be based on ranking and available funding. Conservation priorities in Morrow County include practices that address rangeland health, such as grazing management, stock water developments, cross fencing, herbaceous weed control of annual grasses and broadleaves, rangeland seeding, and wildlife habitat improvements. For

AFOs funding is targeted for management plans. On Private forest lands funding is for practices that target forest health and wildfire prevention, such as thinning and slash treatment. The wildlife habitat improvements focus on habitat improvements related to the ODF&W Mule Deer Initiative.

Interested parties should contact the Heppner USDA-NRCS service center located at 430 Linden Way.

For more information about EQIP, including local ranking information, enrollment requirements and program payments, please visit the Oregon NRCS web site at: <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Veteran Services honored for donation



Left Photo: Dave DeMayo, Heppner City Manager, presents a certificate of recognition to Linda Skendzel, Veteran's Services Officer for Morrow County. The City Beautification Commission honored the Veteran Services for donating a bench placed in the Main Street Park. A plaque on the bench states "We honor the brave men and women who have served our country... Morrow County Veterans Services". Skendzel states that there are over 1,000 veterans in Morrow County. Her office also placed benches in honor of veterans at the marinas in Boardman and Irrigon.

Right Photo: Seated - Joe G. Bursleson, Gunnery Sargent USMC, WWII and Korean War; Grace Baker, Airman 3C Korean War. Back row - Billy Adams, SSgt USMV, Korean War; Jonathan Enz, Captain US Army, JAGC 1966-75; Paul Denlinger, Sgt E-5 US Army, 1969-70; Jodi Chapa, Sgt US Army, Gulf War, 1986-95; and Shirley Adams, Seaman, US Navy, Korean War 1950-55. -Photos by Kay Proctor



Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on October 27 in Heppner with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court approved the minutes of October 20, 2010.

The court reviewed and approved accounts payable, Columbia Basin Void and Reissue, 4-H Premium,

and 3rd quarter SUTA for a total net of \$60,109.27. The court also reviewed the pooled cash report.

County Surveyor

Judd Coppack, county surveyor presented a re-plat of Carigg Heights for the court's signature. The court and Coppack reviewed and discussed a policy regarding the placement of monuments in the county's paved roads.

Public Hearing

The court held a public hearing regarding a Comprehensive Plan Amendment which will include the Heideman II Aggregate Site (AC-043-10, AC (M)-042-10). The court upheld the recommendation of the Planning Commission and directed staff to prepare the necessary documents for signatures to add the referenced site to the Comprehensive Plan.

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Planning Department

Carla McLane, planning director, provided the first ordinance reading, by title for the Zoning Ordinance Amendments to

the General Industrial Zone (MG), the General Commercial Zone, the Rural Service Center Zones and the Flood Hazard Overlay Zone. McLane presented a copy of the ordinance adopting the minor amendments to the county's Transportation System Plan for 2010. The court reviewed and signed an order regarding a land partition for the Loves Travel Stops & County Stores. The order guarantees the existence of legal access to the property.

County Assessor

Greg Sweek, county assessor, provided the court with the certification of taxes and special assessments. The certification shows that the total taxes of \$5,359,017.86 and special assessments of \$126,207.98 for the 2010-2011 tax year adds up to a total of \$5,485,225.84 for the taxing districts. The court reviewed a list of 15 different properties that are now listed as being in the foreclosure process due to

failure to pay their property taxes. In the near future, the court may need to address the need to take action on some of the properties.

The court conducted the following business: Reviewed and approved the holiday schedule for 2011. Reviewed and approved the refund of \$3,147.12 to Hale Farms, LLC due to an over estimate of property taxes at the time of a land action. The court reviewed and signed a letter of support for CAPECO to pursue a grant to assist Morrow County homeowners that are struggling with paying their home mortgage.

The court reviewed other miscellaneous correspondences and upcoming meeting notices. The court then adjourned before all agenda items were addressed in order to attend a meeting with representatives from the Navy regarding the scoping meeting held later at the Port of Morrow.

Morrow County Leadership program seeking participants

Ford Institute for Community Building is sponsoring Morrow County Leadership and is looking for community members who can be a part of this program. There are four sessions, two will be held in Boardman and two will be held Heppner, starting with January 21 from 1-8 p.m. and January 22 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Participants will be involved in developing a project to benefit the county.

For more information contact the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536. Online applications are due by December 10.