

Phone recycle project to assist victims of domestic violence

Morrow County Victim Assistance Director Deona Siex and Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson have accumulated a total of 55 cellular phones to be donated towards the Domestic Violence Shelters Emergency fund. The proceeds will go to the Hermiston/Pendleton Domestic Violence Emergency fund.

Shelter Alliance is an organization that recycles cellular phones in 50 states and Canada. The cell phones will be recycled in an environmentally responsible, zero landfill manner. The Shelter Alliance pays

up to \$30 per phone, and the donation can benefit domestic violence shelters in your area. Anyone who wants more information on the Shelter Alliance programs available may contact 1-866-744-1003 or website: www.shelteralliance.net.

"Domestic violence is something that is in our communities and is affecting our children and families. Domestic violence is manipulation with the desire to control. Intervention programs for domestic violence are not treated with anger

management courses, but with batterer intervention programs. It is important to know that there are no miracle cures for the violence, said a Victim Assistance news release.

Domestic Violence shelters are available for people who feel they are in danger of abuse. Contact the crisis line 1-800-833-1161.

The Victim Assistance Office asks that people consider donating your cell phone today. A cell phone collection drop box is located at the Morrow County Courthouse, Victim Assistance office.

Producers urged to sign up now for Conservation Stewardship Program Applications accepted through January 7

Agricultural and forestry landowners have the opportunity to apply for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) through January 7, 2011, announced the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

CSP offers payments to producers who maintain a level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and non-industrial forestland. For this sign-up, applicants will compete for funding within state-identified ranking pools.

"CSP allows producers to meet their conservation objectives, while enhancing the sustainability of their operation" said Kacee Lathrop, district conservationist. "We encourage interested agricultural and forestry

participants to visit with us as soon as possible to begin the application process."

During last year's sign-up, NRCS in Oregon funded 371 CSP applications covering more than 830,000 acres and providing over \$7.5 million to help farmers, ranchers and private forest landowners implement additional conservation practices on their land.

Potential applicants are encouraged to use the CSP self-screening checklist to determine if this program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about eligibility requirements, contract obligations and potential payments. During the application process, applicant eligibility information needs to be completed, including both the establishment of Farm Service Agency (FSA) farm records and documented control of the land. For a full list of requirements review the self-screening

checklist at the county USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office or on the Oregon NRCS Web site at: <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov>.

CSP is a continuous sign-up and applications submitted by eligible producers after the January 7 cutoff will be considered during the next funding cycle.

For more information about the Conservation Stewardship Program in Oregon, please visit our website at: <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov>.

"NRCS is celebrating 75 years of helping people help the land. Since 1935, the NRCS conservation delivery system has advanced a unique partnership with state and local governments and private landowners delivering conservation based on specific, local conservation needs, while accommodating state and national interests," said a news release.

Sheepskin Scrip makes way back to Heppner

A sheepskin scrip used in a Heppner centennial promotion back in 1972, recently made a journey from California back home to Heppner, thanks to an Arcata, CA, man.

Gary Blickenstaff of Arcata found the scrip in a second hand store in Eureka, CA, and bought it for two dollars. Later he called the Heppner Gazette-Times and asked if we would like the scrip. Blickenstaff was good enough to mail the scrip, which is about the size of a dollar bill, to the Gazette along with the following note:

"I am very happy this made its way back home after almost 40 years. While in the Army I was at Camp Hanford at the atomic works from May 1, 1954, till Dec. 1, 1955.

"While there I visited your area twice -



An Arcata California man found this Heppner sheepskin scrip in a second hand store in Eureka, CA. He sent it back "home" to Heppner.

nice country! Might see you in the spring or summer."

Originally sheepskin scrip was made and distributed in Heppner during the Great Depression because of the lack of currency. The banks and businesses honored the scrip. On the back of the Commemorative Scrip it says: "Heppner Sheepskin scrip negotiable until September 29, 1972, at Heppner banks. Issued by the Businessmen

of Heppner, Oregon, the scrip was issued in commemoration of Heppner's centennial celebration in 1972.

Dick Sargent and his wife Lynnea owned the local hardware at the time and he remembers the local businesses producing and distributing the scrip. The Gazette-Times printing shop did the printing on the commemorative sheepskin scrip.

Wildhorse Foundation donates \$10,000 to OES

The Oregon East Symphony has received a grant of \$10,000 from the Wildhorse Foundation to support the production of its 25th Anniversary, 2010-11 concert season.

"We are so happy that Wildhorse has once again shown their commitment to keeping our musical arts community strong in a time of economic uncertainty," said a spokesperson. "Competition for grant funding has been very tough this year. The Wildhorse grant will help us to successfully complete our anniversary season."

OES has been a recipient of financial support from the Wildhorse Foundation since 2001. Funded activities include concerts, summer music camp, music lesson scholarships and general operating expenses.

Grower meeting set for January 11 at Ione Legion Hall

This year's Grower Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Legion Hall in Ione.

The meeting is sponsored by the Morrow County Wheat Growers League and the Oregon State University Extension Service. Shannon Rust and Larry Lutchter have organized a meeting that will focus on a variety of important agricultural issues now being faced by local wheat producers.

Of special note, is a presentation by Steve Petrie, superintendent of CBARC. He will discuss budget cuts to the College of Agricultural Sciences and what that means for

the Columbia Basin Ag Research Center (CBARC) stations.

Another issue that will be discussed in depth is the potential establishment of a new executive position that would jointly oversee the operation of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) and the Oregon Wheat Commission (OWC). The OWGL Executive Committee would like to have Morrow County farmers "weigh-in" on this important topic.

Lunch will be provided by Anne Morter. All are welcome to attend. Call Shannon Rust, 541-376-8202, or Larry Lutchter, 541-676-9642 for more information.

Oregon East Symphony Receives \$5000 grant

The Oregon East Symphony was presented with a grant check in the amount of \$5000 from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation.

The presentation took place December 11 at the Oregon East Symphony "Messiah" Concert at the Vert Auditorium. Oregon East Symphony Board members John Wilson, Cathy Muller, and Michelle Day, as well as executive director, Lisa-Marie Patterson, were on hand to accept the check from Bank of America Pendleton Banking Center Manager Kara Taylor and Assistant Manager Julie Courson.

"We're thrilled with Bank of America's support of the OES and their commitment to keeping our local arts community strong in a time of economic uncertainty," said Patterson. "We have been it hard this year by increased competition for grant funds, so receiving this gift now is really encouraging." OES has received several grants from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation since 2008.

Funds will be used to support operating expenses for the 2010-2011 concert season. OES is now halfway through its season, with two more spring concerts on the program.

More information about the Bank of America Charitable Foundation may be found at www.bankofamerica.com/foundation.

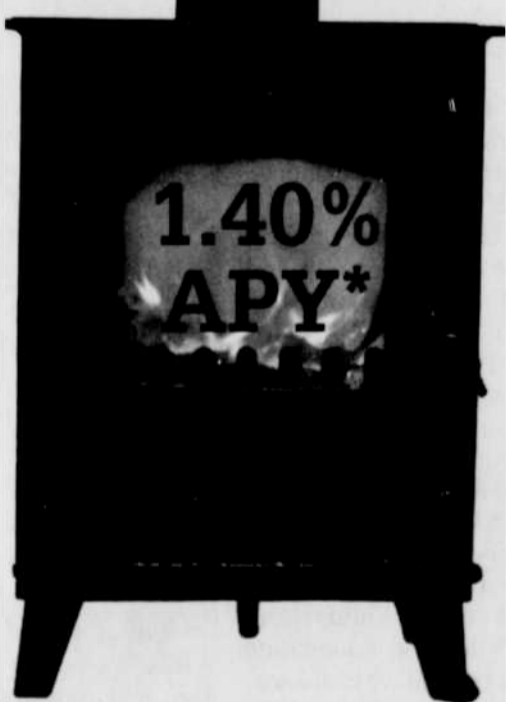
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Morrow County Health District is Offering Free Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Assistance

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:

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

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