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Bank of Eastern Oregon offers scholarships

Bank of Eastern Oregon will again offer 20 \$500 Agriculture/Business scholarships for graduating seniors in Heppner, Ione, Arlington, Condon, Boardman, Irrigon, Spray, Fossil, Burns, Crane, John Day, Monument, Long Creek, Dayville, Moro, Prairie City, Enterprise, Wallowa, and Joseph," announced Jeff Bailey, president and CEO of Bank of Eastern Oregon.

This marks the 19th year the bank is sponsoring the \$500 scholarships to students. "Through the years we have awarded approximately \$76,000 in scholarships. We are proud of our graduates and pleased

to continue offering the scholarships to the talented and deserving recipients in our market area," continued Bailey.

Applicants must plan to enroll in college in either agriculture or business. Selection will be based on scholarship, leadership, and citizenship.

Applications can be picked up from school counselors or at a branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon or by going online and downloading the application at www.beobank.com (Community Commitment link). The deadline to submit applications is May 2, 2011.

MCGG makes donation to Ione Schools



Craig Holland of Morrow County Grain Growers (left) presented Ione Community School Principal Jerry Archer (right) with a check for the months of September through December 2010 in the amount of \$502. The donation came from their "Fueling the Future Program." MCGG donates \$1 for every propane fill. MCGG also matched the concession earnings for the games played on February 12. Serving in concessions was the Paris Club members Joe Doherty, TJ Patton, Daniel Holtz, and Oskar Peterson. -Photo by Paula Emmel

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event

Morrow County will be hosting another Household Hazardous Waste event FREE of charge to County residents

Saturday April 23, 2011
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Lexington Road Dept.
365 W. Hwy 74, Lexington, OR

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 paint, Paint thinners and solvents, Roof and asphalt patch, Adhesives, glues and contact cement, Caulks sealers and joint compounds, Lawn and garden chemicals and fertilizers, Pool chemicals, Household cleaners (including bleach, ammonia, furniture polish, toilet bowl cleaners, carpet shampoos) Sludge (soil contaminated with oil smaller than 25 gal. containers) Mercury thermometers, Fluorescent lamps, All types of aerosol cans, Used cooking oil, Road flares, PCB ballasts, Organic peroxides (hardening agents)

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

Morrow County Public Works
mcpubwork@co.morrow.or.us
P.O. Box 428
Lexington, OR. 97839
541-989-9500



Arbuckle Nordic Club holds weekend outing



The Arbuckle Nordic Club had seven skiers for this past weekend. About five inches of snow came earlier in the week but it has settled and some has melted. After skiing last weekend on ice and crust, the group stayed off the roads and trails and set their own trail through forest openings and along ridge tops. There is no scheduled ski trip for next weekend due to the holiday. Regular skiers who have not paid the \$5 family membership are asked to bring it on February 26. -Contributed Photo

AARP Defensive Driving Course to be held

There will be an AARP Defensive Driving Course on March 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heppner Senior Center.

To sign up visit the Heppner Senior Center. For more information contact Ron Dowse at 541-575-4268 or 541-792-0587. The cost is \$12 for AARP member with cards and \$14 for non members. The instructor will be Ron Dowse.

Ecumenical youth group take part in "Souper Bowl of Caring"



The Hope Lutheran, All Saints Episcopal, United Methodist, Baptist churches ecumenical youth group recently took part in a "Souper Bowl of Caring" outreach project and gathered cans of soup for the Heppner Neighborhood Center. The group appreciates the employees of the Bank of Eastern Oregon for their generous contributions. Pictured (L-R) are Tessa Gould, Ali Lovgren, Joslynn Troxel, Larissa Gray, Brett Harrison, Drew Brannon, Axel Lofgren, and Taylor Gould. Sitting in front are Tom Gould and Robanai Disque. -Photo by April Sykes

The boots are back for St. Patrick's Celebration weekend

The Welly Toss, also known as Throw the Boot will again be played this year during the annual St. Patrick's Celebration in Heppner.

The location is the same, at Willow and Main. Play for teams will be from 10-12:30, with the championships at 3:30 p.m. Individual play is from 1:30-3 p.m. with the championship round to begin at 3.

Team competition has been added to this year's event and all families, merchants, clubs, churches, friends, etc. are welcome to play. Each team will be asked to pay a registration fee of \$5 to offset cost of materials and prizes for the games. A team consists of four players and

the competition will take about 15 minutes. As in the individual competition, each team member will have three tries to throw as far as they can. The three teams with the top over-all scores will compete for the championship.

Individual kids will compete based on age - adults will be divided by male and female. Each player gets three throws. The Championship round will include the top three throwers in each bracket.

Prizes will be awarded to the championship teams and to the individual competition winners. All those in the championships will win a Leprechaun.

Christensen to speak at Chamber lunch meeting

This week's Chamber lunch will be hosted by Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) and will incorporate their annual meeting and guest speaker Kurt Christensen from Renewable Ag Energy. The meeting will be held at noon on Thursday, February 17, in the Senior Center dining room.

Christensen will give a status update of the purchase and operation of the Power Plant at the South Morrow County Industrial Park (old mill site).

This week's meal will be free and will be catered by Sweet Productions.

Anyone planning to attend Chamber lunch meetings is asked to RSVP by Wednesday morning of each week so seating and meals can be accommodated.

Elks Annual to be held Feb. 19

The Heppner BPOE #358 will hold their Elks Annual on February 19. The theme for the 114th Elks Annual will be Hollywood Bash.

The day's events will begin with ladies tea and social at 3 p.m., lodge at 3 p.m., and dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be roasted pork loin. Music and dancing will follow at 9 p.m. featuring Travelin' Jones. Dress for the evening will be Hollywood Bling Attire.

He showed us the money

Editor's Note: The following article was sent to the Gazette-Times from the Morrow County District Attorney's office. The article was published in the Oregon Department of Justice Weekly Memo on February 4.

a passport. The employer ended up loaning the obligor money so he could pay his arrears and release the passport. Last Friday the obligor walked into the DCS Capital City Business Center office with a payment of more than \$9,000 in cash. Arrears paid, passport released and off to work.

The employer of a father-obligor was withholding child support from his paychecks but not making the payments on a regular basis, and arrears were owed on the case since 2006.

Debbie Peck has worked as the support enforcement employee at the Morrow County District Attorney Office for almost three years and is a valuable asset to this office and the community. Debbie's work is showing the state that small counties can effectively handle a child support program. This payment is the direct result of an effective enforcement policy at the federal and local level.

Enforcement Officer Debbie Peck from the Morrow County DA's Child Support office had taken enforcement action as a result of the delinquency, including passport denial. Things recently came to a head when the obligor had to travel out the country for work and needed

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Traffic- There were four traffic stops, one resulted in a citation.

A juvenile was warned about not wearing a bicycle helmet.

Code Enforcement- Eight animal complaints were reported, resulting in one citation; one dog was transported to Pet Rescue; four found dogs were reported; two residences had unlicensed vehicles, and were warned; two noise complaints were received from apartments.

Theft Complaints- A juvenile was arrested for burglary.

An attempted burglary was reported.

A deputy investigated possible theft of Social Security checks. It was determined no crime was committed.

A person reported a theft of a credit card, which occurred in Montana. The person was referred to the authorities in Montana.

A cell phone was stolen from the high school.

A person reported a theft of Gatorade. It was determined the caller's son gave permission for the people to take it.

A credit card was taken from inside of a residence, and used.

A person reported a theft of camping equipment over the past three or four months.

MCSO received a report of a fuel drive-off from the Chevron station. The driver returned and

paid for the fuel. **All other-** MCSO assisted an outside law enforcement agency with an investigation.

MCSO received a call regarding a domestic dispute. It was determined to be a verbal altercation.

A deputy investigated harassing phone calls.

MCSO received a report of a MIP party. It was unfounded.

MCSO received a report of child toys being shot with a BB gun.

MCSO received a report of a disoriented female. The female was not located.

An intoxicated person entered a residence when the resident opened the door. The person was removed from the residence.

People were reported to be living in a van at the Mountain Glen Apartments. The occupant was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

A person was contacted regarding urinating in a parking lot.

A citizen called and reported a company had called stating they were going to put siding on the caller's residence. Resident refused the service, and they showed up at the residence to put up the siding. A deputy responded and contacted the company, who was advised they were not going to do anything without permission.

A person reported that a threatening message was left on their answering machine.

A person reported one or two juveniles ran through his yard. Some juveniles were contacted and denied going through the caller's yard.

A juvenile was arrested by a MCSO Deputy for probation violation and the juvenile was lodged at NORCOR.

Two juveniles were issued citations for curfew violation.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

FEBRUARY 15TH 5 - 7 pm
FEBRUARY 16TH & 17TH 5 - 8 pm
Neighborhood Center
Boys ages 5-12 & Girls ages 5-16 are eligible to play
Please bring 3 proofs of residency & birth certificate
Fee is \$35.00 per participant or \$70 per family