

First free spray day a success ADMINISTRATORS HONORED

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service hosted the first annual "Free Spray Day" on Friday, June 17 at the Heppner City Park.

The turnout was good, as 73 individuals lined up for the pre-mixed herbicide Speedzone[®], labeled for control of broadleaf weeds in turf and ornamental areas.

Dennis Newman, a licensed pesticide applicator, volunteered to mix and distribute 170 gallons of the herbicide. All the participants were entered in a drawing to win a backpack sprayer donated by Wilbur Ellis; the lucky winner was Becky Doherty.

Also available was information on weed identification, conservation programs, Morrow County A and B list weeds, and



Above: Residential landowners ready to receive herbicide at Heppner's Free Spray Day on June 17. Below: Hitch-Hikin' Spike invites community members to attend 1st Spray Day in Heppner. -Contributed photos

other educational handouts. Aside from getting free herbicide to jumpstart their weed-control efforts, those who attended learned how weed control is important to watershed health and water quality.

Funding for the project was provided by Morrow County Grain Growers and Morrow SWCD.



designee to apply and sign on grants and contracts; George Mendoza, assistant superintendent, designee to apply for and sign on grants and contracts, special ed coordinator; Joel Chavez-director of ELL program; Julie Ashbeck-personnel director/executive secretary, designee to apply and sign on grants and contracts; newspapers of record-Heppner Gazette-Times and East Oregonian; district legal counsel-Doug Hojem of Corey, Byler, Rew, Lorenzen & Hojem, LLC, Hungerford Law Firm; insurance agent of record-Nancy Snider, Wheatland Insurance; depositories for district funds-State Investment Pool, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Banner Bank, Wells Fargo, U.S. National Bank, Bank of New York; auditors for 2010-11-Oster Professional Group of John Day.

-approved the following extra duty non-coaching contracts (Heppner only): Heppner Elementary: Jannie Allen and Pam Dowdy-Talented and Gifted program coordinators; Karen Smith-Griffith-DART coordinator; Mary Ann Elguezabal-English Language Learner site coordinator; Heppner High School: Jeremy Rosenbalm-annual; Joe Lindsay-half time band; Virginia Grant-half-time rally advisor; Jolene Stensland-drama (one play only); John Flaherty-Talented and Gifted program coordinator, DART.

-approved the 2011-12 board meeting calendar as follows: July 2011-no meeting; August 8-district office; September 12-Heppner High School; October 10-Sam Boardman Elementary; November 14-Morrow Education Center; December 12-Irrigon Elementary; January 9-Heppner Elementary; February 13-Riverside High School; March 12-A.C. Houghton Elementary; April 9-Windy River Elementary; May 14-Irrigon High School; June 11-district office.

-approved the following organizational details: designated Dirk Dirksen as superintendent/clerk, co-custodian of funds, co-designee to set fidelity bonds at \$75,000, facsimile signatures-checks, budget officer, designee to apply and sign on grants and contracts; designated Andy Fletcher as deputy clerk/business manager, co-custodian of funds, co-designee to set fidelity bonds, facsimile signatures-checks,

nutrition content of meals served, use and control of commodity foods, accuracy of reimbursement claims, food safety and sanitation inspections.

-approved a successor contract with the Morrow County Unified Recreation District for 2011-12.

-ratified a successor contract with the Morrow County Education Association.

-ratified a contract adjustment for insurance cap with steps for the OSEA for the 2011-12 school year

-approved 2011-12 substitute teacher pay rate at \$162.25 per day.

-approved the Human Sexuality Curriculum, "My Future, My Choice."

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Chamber Chatter

Boardman

4th of July Parade - register your business or organization to be in the 4th of July parade. Registration forms are available at the chamber office. Parade begins at 11 a.m. NOTE - the parade route has changed slightly; it will begin at Main Street and Boardman Avenue.

Tim Alexander Magic Show will be July 4 at 3:30 p.m. with D.J. music by Your Way Sound and Lights at 6 p.m.

Thunder over the Columbia fireworks will be held July 4 at dusk.

Energy Productivity and Operations Productivity Workshop will be held at the Port of Morrow on Thursday, July 14. The cost is \$55 per person. Seating is limited; register today at <http://tinyurl.com/boardmanworkshop>.

2nd Annual Scorchin' Summer Rib Cook Off-Application packets will be available at the fire station May 16; the event is open to all interested parties, not just amateurs. Boardman City Park will be staked out for 20 teams to vie for first, second and third awards for barbecued, smoked or sauced pork ribs. The standard entry fee is \$80 per

team, which includes four racks of ribs. An additional two racks may be requested with a \$100 submission. All proceeds support specialized training and supplies for fire district volunteers and community public education and safety awareness materials. For more information contact Tim Paquin at 541-481-3473 or stop by 300 SW Wilson Lane for an entry packet.

Music in the Park will be Monday, June 27 at the Boardman Marina Park at 7 p.m. Bram Brata will be there; it is also Honor our Veterans night.

The Farmer's Market will be Monday, June 27 from 6-8 p.m. at the Boardman Marina Park.

The second annual Columbia River Bow Fishing Tournament will be held on August 6 and 7. For more information, go to <http://www.columbiariverbowfishing.com>.

The Kiwanis Club of Boardman is planning weekly Saturday night dances beginning June 25. Each evening will include a dance lesson from 7-8 p.m. and open dancing from 8-10 pm. Open to all individuals, but children under 14 will be required to have an adult present. Cost is \$2 per person.

Musical theater camp still has space

There is still space available in the musical theater camp taught by Cherisse Lemmon.

The schedule is as follows:

Tuesdays July 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 4-5 p.m. Cost: \$40. Production: "King of New York" (Newsies).

Wednesdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 3-4 p.m. Cost: \$40. Production: "When Will My Life Begin" (Tangled).

Wednesdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 4-5 p.m. Cost: \$40. "We're All in This Together" (High School Musical).

Please call Cherisse at 541-989-8338 for more information or to sign up.

Robinson elected Lions Club president



Dean Robinson was elected Heppner Lions Club president at the club's annual meeting last Wednesday night. Also elected were Steve Rhea, secretary/treasurer; Molly Rhea, taitwister; Joyce Shepherd, membership chairman and Jimmy Fitcher, lion tamer. In addition to new officers, the club also discussed its annual fireworks sales, rifle raffle and rodeo program sales, all projects the club uses as fundraiser to aid people needing sight and hearing help, and to fund other community projects. Justin Nelson was also sworn in as a new member. The meeting was held at Steve and Molly Rhea's home. -Photo by David Sykes

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:

June 2: -Henry Erwin Zitterkob, 46, Umatilla and Lisa Ann Offill, 40, Hermiston.

June 9: -Donald Eugene Ford, 36, Boardman and Jolyn Rose Case, 32, Boardman.

VA Tele-Health coming to Morrow County

An informational meeting regarding Tele-Health for rural veterans will be held July 6 in Boardman and Heppner. The meetings will be in Boardman at 9:30 a.m. at the Port of Morrow Conference Center and in Heppner at 1:30 p.m. at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Tele-Health changes the location where health care services are routinely provided. Meeting attendees will see a short video explaining Tele-Health for rural veterans and will be able to visit with local care provider Daniel Nalepka. They will also get the chance to discuss local

opportunities for veterans needing medical care close to home or in their own home.

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Controlled hunt draw results now online

Hunters who applied for a 2011 fall controlled hunt can find out if they drew the tag online at ODFW's My Hunter Information page.

Hunters will need to enter their Hunter/Angler ID (ODFW ID#), last name, date of birth, and then click My Hunter Information and Draw Results. A postcard

with results was also mailed to all hunters who applied for a controlled hunt.

Hunters need to purchase their tags no later than the day before the earliest hunt period begins. Sports Pac license holders also must pick up their correct tag no later than the day before the hunt begins.

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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)