

Local artists invited to enter juried contest

Columbia River Community Health Services in Boardman invites emerging and established artists to submit artwork for a juried contest and the opportunity to have their work exhibited in the new clinic facility when it is completed in the early summer of 2012. Additional artists will be awarded participation in other exhibits to follow.

Accepted works and mediums include but are not limited to: painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, photography, digital art and illustration. All creative culminations are welcome.

Submitted works are not required to conform to any particular medium, style, theme or concept; artwork dimensions may

be of any size. Submitted works will become property of Columbia River Community Health Services and will not be returned to the artist.

The contest deadline is February 29, 2012. For submission guidelines and to learn more, contact committee chair Gordon Lienau at 541-481-2008.

Oregon Arts Commission calls for art

The selection committee for the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) John Day Unit seeks artwork that reflects regional history and themes unique to eastern Oregon, as well as the mission of the Oregon Department of Forestry as determined by statute under the Percent for Art program.

The committee encourages the use of native

materials wherever possible, including but not limited to tools, wood, re-claimed materials and historically relevant narratives that consider the local community. Local, national and international artists are invited to submit qualifications.

Submissions must be received in person or by mail at the Arts Com-

mission offices by 5 p.m. August 5, 2011.

The approximate art budget for the opportunities described is \$9,000, which will include artist fees and fabrication, insurance, shipping, travel, installation, documentation, and all other project costs. These funds may be divided between multiple art projects.

Morrow County Fair season begins with horse show

Morrow County Fair officially started Saturday, July 16 with the 4-H horse show. Eleven 4-H horse members competed all day at the fairgrounds in Heppner. The divisions represented at the horse show were senior, intermediate, junior and beginner.

The horse show started in the Wilkinson Arena at 8 a.m. with showmanship.

Ribbons for the senior division were: Maggie Collins, blue and champion, and Hannah Jones, red.

For intermediate division: Lilly Sandford, Jenna Taylor and Miranda Taylor all received red ribbons.

In the junior division: Vizta Sifford, blue and champion; Alex Lindsay and Ivy Sandford, red ribbons and Emily Taylor, white ribbon.

For the beginner division: Ashley Price received blue and champion; Keegan Gibbs received a red ribbon.

The over-all grand champion award for showmanship went to Maggie Collins and her horse, Buster. Maggie and Buster will both be appearing at the fair in August, competing in the master showmanship contest on Friday, August 19. This is the first time in several years that a horse has been involved in the master showmanship contest.

The next event was equitation for both western and English. In western equitation class, the ribbons for the senior division were: Maggie Collins and Hannah Jones, both receiving red ribbons.

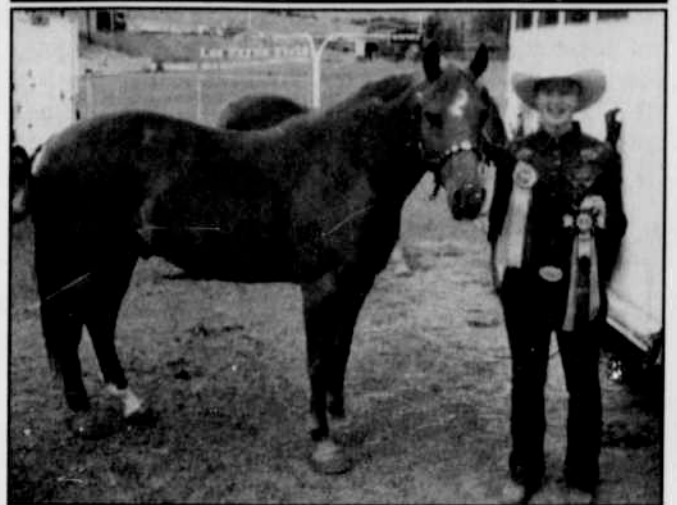
For intermediate: Lilly Sandford and Jenna Taylor, each receiving red ribbons.

In the junior division: Emily Taylor, Alex Lindsay and Vizta Sifford all received Red ribbons. Ivy Sandford received a white.

The Beginner class was: Ashley Price received blue and champion ribbons, and Keegan Gibbs received a red ribbon.

For bareback equitation, there were two riders: Hannah Jones and Alex Lindsay, both of whom received red ribbons.

For ground training with a yearling foal, Jenna



Top: Horse 4-H participants (L-R) Alex Lindsay, Hannah Jones, Ashley Price, Miranda Taylor, Vizta Sifford, Emily Taylor, Maggie Collins and Jenna Taylor. Not pictured are Ivy Sandford, Keegan Gibbs and Lilly Sandford. Bottom: Maggie Collins and her horse, Buster, pose with their grand champion showmanship ribbon. Maggie will be the first horse 4-H participant in several years to compete in the master showmanship contest during fair. -Contributed photo

Taylor received a blue ribbon.

For English equitation, Hannah Jones and Miranda Taylor both competed in their respected classes and received red ribbons.

In dressage, Hanna Jones was the only competitor, and she received a well-earned blue ribbon.

After a potluck lunch, the horse show moved to the outdoor arena, where hunt-seat over fences, trail course, and 4-H gaming events were held.

For the hunt-seat over fences competition, Hannah Jones received a red ribbon. Miranda Taylor was excused due to a fall during the competition, but both horse and rider are fine.

The trail course was set up as an intricate course where both horse and rider had to work together.

For the senior division: Maggie Collins received a blue and champion ribbon.

For intermediate division: Jenna Taylor received a red ribbon.

In the junior division: Vizta Sifford received blue and champion ribbons, and Alex Lindsay received

blue and reserve champion ribbons. Emily Taylor was excused due to a fall, but both horse and rider are fine.

In the beginner division: Ashley Price received blue and champion ribbons. Keegan Gibbs was excused due to a fall; both horse and rider are fine.

For in-hand trail class with a yearling: Jenna Taylor received a blue ribbon.

As the gaming began, the skies opened up, forcing the games to be delayed and then moved to the Wilkinson Arena, where the fun continued. The events were: key hole race, pole bending, flag race, figure eight, and barrels. Due to the short arena space, the 4-H members were cautioned to go slowly for the safety of both horse and rider. All competing members received white ribbons in all events except for barrels, where Hannah Jones received blue and champion ribbons, and Alex Lindsay received a red.

Both judges and audience members said they were impressed by the 4-H kids, who showed poise, elegance and integrity and did a great job in all of their events.

Host families needed in Heppner

In August, Academic Year in America (AYA) is looking for Heppner families to host high school exchange students from all over the world.

AYA will assist families in finding the ideal student for their home. The hoped-for result is an enriching, lifelong relationship with a young person from abroad as well as a way for American families to learn more about a specific culture or language without leaving home.

Students are ages 15 to 18 and arrive with full medical insurance, spending money and the hopes of

experiencing life in America through the eyes of a caring host family. The students stay with their host for five or 10 months and attend the local high school.

According to AYA Director Melanie French, an important aspect of the AYA program is that there are many types of people who can host.

"Just as there is no typical American family, there is no typical host family," states French. "Retirees, single parents and young couples are all able to give an international student a good home. Some host families may not even

have children of their own. Bringing a student into your home can mean giving the gift of culture to yourself, your family, your community... whomever would benefit from exposure to a new culture."

To learn more about hosting an exchange student with AYA, call Stella at (800) 322-4678, ext. 5164, or email aya.info@aifs.org. Visit AYA on the web at www.academicyear.org.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

May 20 (cont.): -MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her dog was attacked by the neighbor's pit bull and she said she took the dog to the vet. She reported that the pit bulls were out again and she requested deputy contact.

-MCSO received report of two male subjects outside of a van on Bombing Range Rd. MCSO arrested Pedro Macedonio Mateos, 32, for DUII. He was also cited for No Operator's License.

May 21: -MCSO called a ranch in response to an audible fire alarm. Owners advised it was the oven; it had something in it they were unaware of.

-MCSO received a report of a dispute between two people. They were throwing water and cursing at each other.

-MCSO arrested Stephen Jeremiah Bowles, 33, on a Umatilla County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear/DUII.

-MCSO deputy was out with subjects who had a large dog in their yard.

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July 29 deadline for SURE application

Morrow County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kyle Carnine announces that the deadline to apply for assistance for 2009 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program is July 29, 2011.

"The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or

quality losses during times of disaster," said Carnine. "All producers who have experienced crop production and/or crop quality losses must apply for SURE program benefits by the July 29 deadline."

To meet program eligibility requirements, the farming operation must be physically located in a county that was declared a primary or contiguous disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a 2009 secretarial disaster designation.

Producers located in designated disaster counties must have suffered at least a 10 percent loss on a crop of economic significance and purchased crop insurance through the Federal Crop Insurance Act

or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

However, an operation located in a county that did not receive a primary or contiguous disaster designation can still qualify for SURE benefits if the actual farm production was less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to the a qualifying disaster event.

Producers and legal entities collectively cannot, directly or indirectly, receive more than \$100,000 in SURE and other FSA disaster assistance payments. FSA disaster programs include SURE, Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP).

Producers or legal entities whose non-farm income is more than \$500,000 are not eligible for SURE program payments.

For questions regarding the SURE program, contact the Morrow County FSA office at 541-676-9011, ext. 2.



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Fireside room, Hermiston Terrace. If you can't come, she would appreciate a card.

980 W. Highland Ave Room 151 Hermiston OR 97838 Questions 541-289-3340

Volleyball Camp

7/26, 7/27, & 7/28 at HHS

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Morning camp from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm for \$20 OR

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HIGH SCHOOL begins at 3 p.m.

Registration on morning of 1st day of camp, includes mustang T-shirt

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