

## Bank of Eastern Oregon announces winners of backpacks and school supplies



(Left) Ione winners Carter Eynetich and Calvin Rietmann with Ione BEO teller Josie Miller. (Right) Heppner winners Ty Boor and Cara Arbogast with Heppner BEO teller Amber Fritz.

Tricia Rollins, branch manager at the Heppner branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, and Sharon Rietmann, branch manager at the Ione branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon, drew the names of some lucky students who won brand new backpacks filled to the top with new school supplies.

Ty Boor and Cara Arbogast were the lucky winners in Heppner. Carter Eynetich and Calvin Rietmann were the winners in Ione. All branches of BEO are having similar drawings, giving away backpacks at each branch and/or donating the supplies they purchased and collected

from staff and community to the school.

"Bank of Eastern Oregon always looks forward to making this an annual event. BEO appreciates the donations and hopes you'll join them in supporting the drive for school supplies next year, too," said a bank spokesperson.

## Columbia River Community Health holds barbecue

Columbia River Community Health Services, Boardman, held their annual Community Appreciation Barbecue on August 11.

This is the seventh year CRCHS has held its community appreciation barbecue, in conjunction with the National Association

of Community Health Centers, Community Health Center Week. Nearly 250 people were in attendance as the clinic staff cooked up hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings.

Devin Oil contributed several bags of ice to keep cold the soda donated by Michael's Catering.

Desert Springs Bottled Water donated a water cooler and several bottles of water. Tienda El Sol II provided the cake decorated to mark the occasion. The food and drinks were served by the staff and health care providers of Columbia River Community Health Services.

## County Court holds August 10 meeting

The following is provided by Commissioner Leann Rea. The Morrow County Court met on August 10 in Irrigon with Judge Terry Tallman and Commissioner Ken Grieb in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the account payables and the July 2011 retirement taxes in the net amount of \$224,691.83.

**Sheriff's Report:** Sheriff Ken Matlack provided and reviewed the monthly report for July and stated that there are currently 88 clients in the Parole and Probation (P&P) program. Sheriff Matlack reported that they are looking for a work crew supervisor for P&P. He also reported that \$1,513 in supervision fees had been collected, adding that 45.1 percent of the offenders have paid their supervision fees.

There will be more pressure put on the offenders to pay their fees in a timely manner. The sheriff reported that the Irrigon work crew brought in \$631 and the south end crew brought in \$500 for the month of June. On the recommendation of Undersheriff Steve Myren, the court declared a 2009 Dodge Charger with 92,500 miles as surplus and recommended the vehicle go to the state surplus for disposal.

**Commission on Children & Families:** The court reviewed and approved the funding recommendations made by the

Morrow County Commission on Children & Families for the 2011-2012. The funding recommendation covered 11 different areas of services.

**Contracts:** The court reviewed and approved grant funding for a project entitled "Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant" in the amount of \$2,015.71 quarterly, effective Oct. 1, 2011, through Sept. 30, 2012. The court accepted the donation of a permanent easement from Dave Molony;

-reviewed and approved an agreement with Joseph Bradshaw to perform necessary services for indigent defense counsel in both delinquency and dependency matters at a rate of \$75 per hour with a maximum of \$750 per appointment;

-reviewed and approved an agreement for service between Morrow County Emergency Management and J.L. Brandt Electric, Inc., amending the previous agreement;

-reviewed and approve a resolution in the matter of acknowledging Morrow County's Policy for procurement of goods and services.

**Umatilla County Housing Authority:** Umatilla County Housing Authority Director Stan Stradley and Deputy Director Don Skeen stated their agency has been operating since 1949 and serving

Morrow County since 1976. They recently learned that there is no intergovernmental agreement (IGA) authorizing them to serve Morrow Co. residents. An IGA will be developed for the commissioners' consideration.

The court conducted the following business: The court approved presenting one lunch certificate at the 4-H Snack Shack to each of the Fair Board members as a token of appreciation for all of their hard work. The court reviewed a draft of the new Morrow County, Oregon Aggregate Material Depletion Fee. The court approved a tax refund to Cascade Specialties in the following amounts: 2007-08 year in the amount of \$1,094.92; 2008-09 year in the amount of \$944.51; 2009-10 year in the amount of \$823.98; and 2010-11 year in the amount of \$682.62. The court reviewed a letter from Pablo R. Flores offering to purchase six vacant lots in Irrigon for the sum of \$500 for each lot. After checking market value and foreclosure policies, it was decided to decline the offer as the amount did not meet the minimum offer threshold. The court reviewed miscellaneous correspondences and discussed upcoming meetings.

Anyone who would like to be placed on the list to receive county minutes may contact Karen Wolff at (541)676-5620.

## Students to represent Morrow County at statewide spelling championship

Olivia Schmidt of Heppner and Ryan Ibarra of Boardman will be representing Morrow County this year at the Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship. The spelling championship will once again take place at the Oregon State Fair in Salem on Saturday, September 3.

After 33 years of being directed by the Oregon Department of Education, this year's spelling championship will be sponsored by Oregon Spellers, an all-volunteer group funded solely by donations. The group was formed in 2009 in response to the ODE's budget-driven decision to eliminate their state-level spelling contest. For more information, visit the Oregon Spellers' website at <http://oregonspellers.org>.

David Walker of KAVL TV News will be emceeding the statewide spelling contest this year. He will pronounce each word, use it in a sentence and then interview the contestants while judges score the test papers.

The Oregon Statewide Spelling Championship is not an oral spelling bee but rather a written contest, all spellers in the same Division will receive the same words. It is not affiliated with the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Students compete at the elementary, middle and high school levels. First, second, and third place winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds. The audience is also invited to test their skill by spelling the contest words along with the students.

## Insurance requirement expected for Crop Disaster Assistance

USDA Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Lynn Voigt advises farmers and ranchers to anticipate that the next set of agricultural disaster assistance programs will likely include an insurance requirement for eligibility. "With crop coverage closing dates fast approaching, producers can anticipate that the next set of disaster programs enacted by Congress will require that crop insurance or NAP be purchased on all crops on the farm," said Lynn Voigt, state executive director for the Farm Service Agency in Oregon.

August 31 is the 2012 sales closing date for several Oregon crops for both NAP and multi-peril crop insurance applications. Other crops for 2012 have later application and sales closing dates. Farmers are

advised to check with their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office for NAP dates and local crop insurance agents for insurance dates.

Ad hoc disaster programs enacted prior to the 2008 Farm Bill have historically had a requirement to obtain multi-peril crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on individual crops. Recent disaster programs like the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) created in the 2008 Farm Bill require crop insurance coverage or participation in NAP for all crops on the farm.

For more information on disaster assistance and insurance requirements, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) and see Disaster Assistance Programs.

## Over the Tee Cup

Following are the results for the August 23 play day at the Willow Creek Country Club:

Low gross of the field: Pat Edmundson.  
Low net of the field: Virginia Grant.  
Least putts of the field: Jan Paustian.  
Low gross: Flight A-Corol Mitchell; Flight B-Lorene Montgomery; Flight C- Betty Carlson.  
Low net: Flight B-Bernice Lott; Flight C-Laura Rogers.  
Least putts: Flight B-Ann Elgin; Flight C-Luvilla Sonstegard.  
Long drive: Flight A-Corol Mitchell; Flight B-Ann Elgin; Flight C-Betty Carlson.  
K.P.: Pat Edmundson.  
Chip-ins: Jan Paustian, #14.

## Garden Club potluck changed

The Garden Club potluck has been changed to Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick Senior Center.

## Town of Lexington receives \$20 thousand Wildhorse Foundation grant

The Town of Lexington has received notice that the Wildhorse Foundation has awarded a \$20,000 grant to the town's fire garage project, reports town recorder Dee Burch.

The old garage needs to be torn down as part of a larger FEMA grant project to move critical services out of the flood way.

"These funds will go a long way in getting the project out of the planning stages and into construction," said Burch.

## Morrow SWCD Board meeting to be held

The Morrow SWCD Board will meet on Tuesday, September 6, at 6 p.m. in the USDA building, 430 W Linden Way in Heppner. The regular meeting agenda includes the June 7, 2011 meeting/treasurer's report, the 2010-2011 budget vs. actual report, a written staff report, ODA Grant application material, OWEB grant applications, the 2011 OACD annual meeting, an

NRCS agreement update, and partnership reports.

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to: Janet Greenup, 541-676-5452 X109.

## First Fridays Friends of Jesus program to begin

The First Fridays Friends of Jesus program, presented by All Saints Episcopal Church and Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner returns on Friday, September 2, at All Saints Episcopal Church.

The program is held every first Friday of each month during the school year from 8 a.m. to noon. All children ages four to sixth grade are invited for a morning of Bible stories, games, crafts and songs. Snacks and lunch are included.

This free program

is sponsored by the by the shared ministry of All Saints Episcopal Church and Hope Lutheran Church. All sessions are held at All Saints, corner of Church and Gale streets in Heppner.

"The teachers are ready for another year of Bible stories, activities and games," said a church spokesperson.

For more information, to register or arrange a ride for your child, call the shared ministry office at 676-9970.

**We will be closed Labor Day  
Monday, September 5**

*Wedding Tables*

**Shanna K. Rietmann &  
Michael J. Sallee**  
*Saturday, September 10th*

**Marcy Miller &  
Jimmy Walton**  
*Saturday, October 22nd*



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