

Chamber Chatter

Boardman

The Boardman Senior Center is looking for volunteer bus drivers. If you are interested in helping this active group out please contact the Senior Center at 541-481-3257.

Cascade Specialties is working on a program to give employees the opportunity to enhance their Spanish skills, and English as a second language employees to enhance their English, from home or the public library...or learn any one of the many other languages offered. All you have to do is be a member of your local library. Cascade Specialties is coordinating the effort to raise funds to offer this program to Morrow and Umatilla Counties. For more information contact John Boufford at john@cascapec.com

Help support the Kiwanis Club and feed your family by purchasing local potato and onion crops donated by your local businesses. Funds raised will help the Kiwanis Club continue the services to the families of the Boardman and Irrigon communities all year long. Contact any Kiwanis member for an

order form or for more information, or stop by the chamber for an order form or order on line at <http://www.boardmankiwanis.org>

The Boardman Senior Center will have the monthly community breakfast on Saturday, November 5 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. Breakfast is \$5 per person.

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce Community Enhancement Committee is organizing a community workshop on Tuesday, November 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Port of Morrow. At this workshop, we hope to bring together ALL the people of the community to discuss the major projects that we would like to see happen in Boardman. We feel so much more could be accomplished if the organizations, businesses and residents worked together and tackled one project at a time. Don't miss out on this opportunity. For more information or questions please call the chamber at 541-481-3014.

The Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) of Morrow

County has concluded an assessment of the health needs of Morrow County and three areas of focus have been established based on the results. The CHIP will be proposing strategies to address the needs identified locally. The first program will be CHIP's "Biggest Winner." Details will be coming soon about the 12 week weight loss competition, including healthy lifestyle support. The program will run from January 9 - April 2, 2012. For more information please contact Andrea Fletcher, 541-989-8232.

Boardman Senior Center will hold a Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$10 per table rental. New and handcrafted items only, some collectibles. For information and table space call Marge at 541-481-3633.

The Kiwanis Club of Boardman will hold the annual Halloween Trick or Trick at Riverside High School on Monday, October 31 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for children up to age 12. Hot dogs, chips and drink will be available for \$1.

Cultural coalition awards Oregon Cultural Trust funds

Morrow County Cultural Coalition announces the distribution of Oregon Cultural Trust funds for 2011-2012. The total amount available for Morrow County projects is \$7,845.

Cultural Trust awards must follow state application guidelines, including project description and goals; timelines, participants and budget information. Only in very rare instances will more than 50% of a project be funded. Projects funded must submit a brief financial report at completion.

The following applications were funded: Boardman quilt group-expenses for annual quilt show: \$500; Buttercreek Artists, western art show

"In the Company of Cowgirls"-\$250; Windy River Elementary School Writing Festival-\$1,686; Columbia River Community Health Services art committee-\$1,274; North Morrow Community Foundation, Missoula Children's Theater Workshop & Hampstead Stage Co., Robin Hood Assembly-\$2,535; Morrow County Ford Leadership Program, Morrow Co. Fair Grounds Covered Picnic Shelter-\$500; Boardman Park & Recreation District, Kids Just Wanna Have Fun Summer Program, five-week mosaic art project-\$ 500; Heppner Elementary School Reading Enrichment-\$600.

To be considered, applications addressed one or more of the following

goals: Build economic development by integrating arts, culture and heritage into county development efforts; Provide financial support for cultural activities for families and youth; Increase awareness and respect of our history; Improve Building preservation; Build cultural bridges through partnerships with other cultural commissions to enhance heritage programs, expand outreach and accessibility and showcase opportunities that encourage cultural expressions.

Morrow County Cultural Coalition will be accepting proposals for fiscal year 2012-2013 until August 1, 2012. For more information, call Susan Russell at 541-481-4277, or smasel@hotmail.com.

Community calendar coming

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce is embarking on implementation of one of its 2011-2012 goals, the creation of a comprehensive community calendar.

Heppner TV's Channel 3 provided, for many years, an excellent method of sharing community information. The demise of Channel 3 leaves the community without a central way to share information. A strategy meeting including representatives from a number of entities resulted in a plan to organize, implement and maintain the calendar.

The primary goal of the community calendar is to gather and publish events that are scheduled each month. The calendar will initially include events scheduled by the following: elementary and high

schools, churches, civic groups, lodges, clubs, city and county government offices and facilities, including 4-H and Morrow County parks and fairground activities, and chamber. Coordinating with Heppner Gazette-Times and North Morrow Times will be vital to the project.

A list is currently being compiled of all the different groups in Heppner, Ione and Lexington. The list will be completed and organizations contacted both by mail and phone to explain the goals of the calendar and request contact names and information. Letters are expected to be mailed by the first week in November; the calendar events and activities will be added as quickly as possible.

The community calendar can be found un-

der the "Community Calendar" tab on the Heppner Chamber's website: www.heppnerchamber.com. We will be getting the calendar updated as quickly as possible; be watching for future announcements.

This is an ambitious project whose success will be completely dependent on gathering information and sharing it in a manner that meets a community need. The initial plan is for Sandy Matthews, 541-676-5490 to be responsible for scheduling school events and Shirlee Sweigart, 541-676-5554 responsible for entities, etc. Sheryll Bates is the prime mover behind this project and is available at 541-676-5536 to answer questions, receive suggestions and facilitate community use of the calendar.

Sign up for 2010 crop losses

Enrollment for 2010 crop losses under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program will begin November 14, says Farm Service Agency (FSA) administrator Bruce Nelson.

Sign-up for the 2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) will begin January 23.

"Eligible producers who suffered losses during the 2010 crop year are encouraged to visit

their local FSA office to learn more about the SURE program and how to apply," said Nelson. "Because the 2008 Farm Bill does not authorize advance direct payments for 2012, the 2012 DCP and ACRE sign-up will begin on January 23, 2012. This will allow county office employees to expedite disaster assistance sign-up this fall."

Numerous resources are available to help producers make informed decisions on program eligibility. FSA county of-

fice staff can answer many questions on program rules, application procedures and possible benefits. Calculators and decision tools can be found on some land grant university websites and can assist with potential payment calculations. FSA also has SURE and DCP/ACRE information available at www.fsa.usda.gov and www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp, respectively.

Information on the disaster programs can be found at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Power Marathon October 22

The Columbia River Power Marathon will be held Saturday, October 22.

In only its fourth year, the Columbia River Power Marathon has grown into a four-event fitness festival for runners, trail runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. The Power marathon includes an 8K Walk/Run, Half Marathon and marathon relay. All four events start and finish at the Desert River Inn in Uma-

tilla. Participants descend to the waterfront and traverse the Columbia River to Washington via McNary Dam. Marathon day is the only time each year that the dam is open for such an event.

There were over 300 participants in last year's event. Participants came from all over the United States; past participants have traveled from New York, Tennessee, Indiana and Alaska and many

other states. This year is no exception, as people join the race from Oklahoma, Minnesota and other parts of the USA.

There will be a potato bar and live music greeting participants once they reach the finish line.

For more information and registration, go to www.columbiarivermarathon.com or call the Hermiton Chamber of Commerce at 541-567-6151.

Bake sale to raise funds for Skaggs

A bake sale will also be held at Heppner Family Foods on Friday, October 21 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to raise money for Darrin Skaggs' medical expenses. All proceeds will be deposited in the Darrin Skaggs medical fund at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Anyone interested in donating baked goods or making a donation to his account can contact Kelly Boyer at 989-8510, Rhonda Winters at 676-9294 or Shelli Britt at 676-5478.

SWCD holds free movie screening

The Umatilla County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), CAPECO, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Oregon Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society invites members of the public to a free screening of "DIRT! The Movie" on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. The movie will be shown in the theater room of the Prodigal Son.

Inspired by William Bryant Logan's book, "DIRT: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth," the movie takes a look into the history and current state of the living organic matter beneath our feet. For more information go to www.dirtthemovie.org.

Fair board seeks to fill vacancy

The Morrow County Fair Board now has a vacancy.

Anyone interested in learning how the board functions, the time commitment required, or with other questions or concerns, contact Shirlee Sweigart at 541-676-5554.

Those who are already familiar with the board and would like to apply for appointment can mail a request for appointment letter to The Morrow County Board of Commissioners, c/o Karen Wolff, PO Box 788, Heppner, OR 97836.

OWGL meeting scheduled

The Oregon Wheat Growers League Morrow County workshop and dinner will be held Tuesday, October 25 at 5 p.m. Topics include industry highlights by Blake Rowe, OWGL CEO; marketing perspective; fertilizer update; and an FSA/NRCS update

Check www.owgl.org for more details.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:

- Thomas Andrew Gregg, 28, of Boise, ID and Amber Lene Peck, 30, of Boise, ID.
- Jon Michael McLachlan, 67, of Boardman and Susan A. Stanhope, 67, of Boardman.
- Jose Francisco Villegas, 28, of Boardman and Dalia Ayala, 25, of Irrigon.

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)

3,500 Morrow acres opened for hunting

As part of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Access and Habitat Program, the Daly Ranch in Morrow County has opened 3,500 acres for hunting on a by-permission reservation basis. The Daly Ranch access area is open from October 1 to December 31, 2011.

Hunters can hunt for mule deer, pheasant, chukar, gray partridge, valley quail and predators as part of the program.

The Daly Ranch owners are among six property owners who have made cooperative agreements with the ODFW to open

another 33,233 acres of private lands in eastern Oregon to public hunting access. Hunting opportunities available include deer, elk, pronghorn, upland game birds and predators on private land in Baker, Grant, Harney, Morrow and Wheeler counties.

Public access period varies by property. Additional information and the location of the properties can be found at OregonHuntingMap.com

Call Travis Schultz, ODFW Heppner Field Office, (541) 224-3182 to arrange permission to hunt this property.

DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's office has released the following report:

-Toby Dale Rodriguez admitted to two allegations of probation violation. For each allegation, the court ordered that probation continue with the original terms and conditions with the addition of 15 days of previously suspended sentence in the Umatilla County Jail, sentencing in both cases to run concurrent. The defen-

dant is to receive credit for time served since arrest on the original warrant. Total money judgments for each instance were \$175.

-Amy Jeanette Tolar, 38, was convicted of three counts of theft in the first degree, a Class C felony, and sentenced to two years supervised probation for each count, including 120 sanction units with 60 jail units. Fees, fines, assessment and monetary restitution totaled \$8,108.50.

Community lunch menu

United Methodist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, October 26 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include worms in sauce, purple people eater salad, witch's fingers and devil's food cupcakes. Menu is subject to change.

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541-989-9300

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