

Webinars to address DA's Report ag uncertainty

Uncertainty, volatility and "The Speed of Change" are topics concerning agricultural producers today.

The "Ag in Uncertain Times Team," a committee of the Western Extension Committee, will present four webinar sessions on the topics on March 14, at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (all Eastern times).

Session A will begin with Dr. Gregory Gilpin providing a global view of financial and economic conditions with implications for U.S. Agriculture over the next 12-24 months.

The second speaker in the first session will

be Dr. Vince Smith, who will provide a review of policy issues from a global perspective and share some of the implications this will have for U.S. Agriculture over the next year or two. This session will set the stage and provide the context for the specifics to be addressed in the following three sessions.

Area farmers are invited to join all or selected sessions of this upcoming webinar conference providing current information with a near-future horizon in agriculture.

Go to <http://farmmanagement.org/aginuncertaintimes/> for additional details and to log in.

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

-Gilberto Garcia, 18, was found guilty of probation violation on the conditions of alcohol use and Boardman trespass. The defendant was sentenced to 30 days previously suspended jail time with no credit for time served. The defendant was also given a no-contact list. Total, fines, fees, assessments and restitution totaled \$637.50.

-Russell Lee Nolen, 32, pled guilty to an attempt to commit a Class A felony - unlawful sexual penetration, a Class B felony. He was sentenced to 36 months custody with the Oregon Department of Corrections with credit for time served, as well as 10 years post-prison supervision minus time actually served. Conditions of supervision include no contact with the victim or victim's residence, family or place of employment, and successful completion of an approved sex offender treatment program. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$2,123.

-Chester Brent Paradiso, 40, was convicted of aggravated theft in the first degree, a Class B felony, and burglary in the first degree, a Class A felony.

The defendant received 25 months jail time for count one and 19 months jail time for count two, to run concurrent, with credit for time served. The defendant was also given three years post-prison supervision on each count, including restitution as a condition. Fines, fees, assessments and restitution totaled \$44,004.88.

-Christian Hurtado, 20, pled guilty to unauthorized use of a vehicle, a Class C felony reduced to a Class A misdemeanor. Execution of 180 days incarceration was suspended and the defendant given 18 months bench probation. Defendant was also convicted of contempt of court - punitive; execution of 30 days of incarceration was suspended and the defendant given 180 months bench probation. Conditions of probation include 20 hours community service, no offensive physical contact with any of the victims, and completion of anger management evaluation and any recommended treatment. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$513.

-Juan Rodriguez Pacheco, 41, pled guilty to contempt of court, an unclassified misdemeanor. Execution of 30 days incarceration was suspended and the defendant given 12 months bench probation, including the condition of no direct or indirect contact with the victim or victim's residence or place of employment. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$280.

-Jose Luis Frias, 24, was found guilty of criminal mischief in the second degree, a Class A misdemeanor; execution of 180 days incarceration was suspended and the defendant given 18 months bench probation. The defendant was also found guilty of harassment constituting domestic violence, a Class B misdemeanor; 90 days incarceration was suspended and the defendant given 18 months bench probation. Defendant was also convicted of contempt of court - punitive; execution of 30 days of incarceration was suspended and the defendant given 180 months bench probation. Conditions of probation on each count included 20 hours of community service; no contact with the victim, victim's residence or victim's place of employment; and completion of anger management evaluation and any required treatment. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$1,396.

-Cory James Kertje, 30, was convicted of criminal trespass I, a Class A misdemeanor, and contempt of court, an unclassified misdemeanor. Execution of 180 days of incarceration on the first count was suspended and the defendant given 24 months bench probation to include 20 hours community service and no direct or indirect contact with any of the victims. Defendant was given 30 days jail time on the second count, with credit for time served. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$440.

-Cory James Kertje, 30, was convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class C felony. The defendant's license was

suspended and he was given 18 months supervised probation to include substance abuse evaluation, mental health evaluation and 3.75 custody units to be used for 60 hours of community service. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$580.

-Cory James Kertje, 30, was convicted of criminal trespass I, a Class A misdemeanor, and contempt of court, an unclassified misdemeanor. Execution of 180 days of incarceration on the first count was suspended and the defendant given 24 months bench probation to include 20 hours community service and no direct or indirect contact with any of the victims. Execution of 30 days jail time was suspended and the subject given 24 months bench probation to include 20 hours community service and no direct or indirect contact with any of the victims. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$490.

-Cory James Kertje, 30, was convicted of criminal mischief II, a Class A misdemeanor; 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant given 24 months bench probation, to include 20 hours community service and no direct or indirect contact with any of the victims. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$440.

-Cory James Kertje, 30, was convicted of criminal mischief II, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant given 24 months bench probation to include 20 hours community service and no direct or indirect contact with any of the victims. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$440.

Builders association offers scholarship

The Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association (NEOHBA) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to help educate and train an individual in a field related to the building industry. The scholarship recipient will be selected on the basis of potential to succeed. Application deadline is April 25.

Anyone interested in learning more about building trade career opportunities or an apprenticeship program can go online to the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council website.

Application forms for the scholarship are available online at www.neohba.com or by mail at NEOHBA, PO Box 436, Hermiston, OR 97838.



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**Morrow
Pacific**
project

Bringing new jobs and opportunity to Morrow County

The Morrow Pacific project is being developed to provide a coal export route to U.S. trade allies in the Asia-Pacific market. With your support, it will also provide new jobs and economic opportunity in Morrow County.

Creating Jobs

The project, which is being developed by Ambre Energy, will bring an estimated 25 jobs to Morrow County. It will also create 25 jobs in Columbia County and 55 jobs in the transportation of coal - for a total of 105 local jobs overall. These will be family-wage jobs with benefits, in the range of \$50,000 to \$90,000 per year.

Supporting Morrow County

The local economy will benefit in other ways as well.

- The project will pay an estimated \$750,000 in property taxes to Morrow County annually and \$850,000 in annual fees to the Port of Morrow, based on initial shipping estimates of 3.5 million tons.
- In addition, Ambre will make an annual voluntary contribution of approximately \$350,000 to schools in Morrow County, based on a 10-cents-per-ton contribution.

Show Your Support

These jobs and benefits could begin as early as mid-2013. Community support is crucial during the public comment period to make this opportunity a reality. Please visit www.MorrowPacific.com and click on **Show Your Support**. It's easy and quick - and it will make a difference in bringing jobs and opportunity to Morrow County. ■

Morrow Pacific Project Fact:

Every aspect of the project has been designed to meet Oregon's high standards. All facilities will be enclosed, barges will be enclosed and all operations are designed to eliminate dust and spillage.

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Ione students in regional honor band



Four Ione Community School students joined nearly 170 other area musicians from 18 schools for the Mid-Columbia Honor Band held in Hood River on March 4 and 5. Ione music teacher Jordan Bemrose was the section leader for flutes and oboes. Students chosen were Rachel Holland, flute; Charlette Burghard, flute; Kaytee Burghard, clarinet and Oskar Peterson, trumpet. Two days of intensive workshops culminated in a well-attended public concert of challenging pieces on the evening of March 5 under the direction of guests conductors Charles Bolton and Robert Rink. Pictured are (L-R): Rachel Holland, Oskar Peterson, Charlette Burghard and Kaytee Burghard. -Contributed photo

CRP signup to begin

FSA Morrow Executive Director Kyle Carnine announced a four-week CRP general signup beginning March 12 and ending April 6. This marks the 25th year of CRP.

"Producers with environmentally sensitive cropland should take a close look at this program to protect habitat and waterways," said Carnine. "CRP is an important program for protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater and waterways."

Carnine notes that there is usually strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and he urges interested producers to act now.

Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers also are encour-

aged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, signup basis. Producers with expiring CRP contracts are not guaranteed offer acceptance but are advised to maximize environmental benefits in their offers to be competitive.

Currently, about 30 million acres in the U.S. are enrolled in CRP. Contracts on an estimated 6.5 million acres will expire on Sept. 30.

Offers for CRP contracts are ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). FSA collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers and selections made from that ranking.

For more information, visit a local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.