

Boardman plans changes to urban renewal plan

The Boardman Urban Renewal Agency voted Sept. 4 to explore adding an Urban Renewal District and to make language changes to the existing Central Urban Renewal District.

The plan is to get costs from consultants to conduct a feasibility study for including property in the southwest portion of the city into a new West Urban Renewal District. Additionally, the Urban Renewal Agency will get costs for making language

changes to the existing Central Urban Renewal plan. These changes would include infrastructure improvements on property in which development is being proposed.

One of the property owners in the Central Urban Renewal District has proposed a conceptual development plan for 65 acres along South Main Street into commercial and residential developments. The conceptual proposal calls for two roads, eastern ex-

tensions to Kinkade Road and Willowfork Drive, and water and sewer line extensions. These infrastructure projects would need to be included in the existing Central Urban Renewal plan for the Urban Renewal District to pay for these improvements.

Urban Renewal Commissioners plan to review the consulting fees and to further discuss the changes to the district at their next meeting scheduled for Sept. 18.

Boardman Draft EIS available for public review

The U.S. Navy, in cooperation with the National Guard Bureau and the Oregon National Guard, has prepared the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) Boardman Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects related to ongoing and proposed military readiness activities associated with NWSTF Boardman.

The Navy and Oregon National Guard are seeking public involvement and input, which are fundamental parts of the EIS development under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As part of the public involvement process, the Navy and Oregon National Guard will hold two public meetings in Oregon to inform the public about the Proposed Action and alternatives under consideration, and provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the Draft EIS.

The Navy and Oregon National Guard propose to increase the types of training and testing activities, increase the number of training events conducted, accommodate force structure changes, and provide enhancements to training

facilities and operations at NWSTF Boardman and its associated special use airspace.

The Navy and National Guard say the proposed action is needed to provide a training environment at NWSTF Boardman, including ranges, training areas and instrumentation that is capable of fully supporting unit and personnel training requirements.

The military is seeking input on the NWSTF Boardman EIS, including the proposed action and alternatives, and the accuracy and adequacy of the document. Copies of the Draft EIS are available for public review online at www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com and at the Oregon Trail Library District branches in Heppner and Boardman.

The Navy is accepting comments throughout the 60-day public comment period, from Sept. 7 to Nov. 6. All comments must be postmarked or received online by Nov. 6 for consideration in the Final EIS. Written comments may be submitted via the project website at www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com, in person at the public meetings or by mail.

The public meeting in

Morrow County will take place at the Port of Morrow Conference Center Riverfront Room, 2 Marine Drive in Boardman on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Another public meeting will be held the day before, Sept. 25, in the Hermiston Conference Center Great Room.

Both meetings will include an open house information session starting at 5 p.m. During this time, Navy and Oregon National Guard representatives will provide information and answer questions about the proposed action and the Draft EIS. Following the open house information session, a presentation and public comment session will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. The public meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations, contact Liane Nakahara, Navy Region Northwest Public Affairs Specialist, at 360-396-1630 or liane.nakahara@navy.mil.

Visit the project website at www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com to download the Draft EIS, learn more about the project and submit comments.

ODFW releases report of wolf depredation in Wallowa County

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary, as of September 3 for Wallowa County, has been released as follows:

On September 3 in the general area of Jaynes Ridge-public land (U.S. Forest Service, ODFW received a report of an injured cow and calf on a USFS allotment in a forested area of the Imnaha Pack. Wolves were suspected and ODFW investigated the same morning.

The ODFW found that a wolf attack on the calf was confirmed and an attack on the cow was probable.

The injured calf

was found weeks after the injuries were inflicted, so there was no scene to search for wolf sign. This area has been commonly used by the Imnaha pack year-round. There is no GPS data indicating that OR4 was in the area at the time of depredation, according to ODFW.

ODFW said that the approximately 350-pound calf was alive at the time of the investigation. It had major injuries in the soft tissue between the hind legs (groin area) that were healing, but some were still open and draining. There were bite scrapes (some with scabs) on the lower hindquarters, groin and front legs near el-

bow. There are significant similarities between this calf's injuries (estimated to be two to three weeks old) and the calf found freshly injured on July 26 three miles away. The size, location and depth of the bite wounds are typical of wolf attack.

The cow had three small scrapes on the hindquarters that could have been bite scrapes the same age as the calf's injuries, said the report. The livestock producer reported a dramatic change in this cow's behavior, with the cow becoming very wild, more protective of her calf, and aggressive towards his dogs. The cow's injuries are classified as probable wolf, concluded the report.

Chamber Chatter

Heppner

Blue Mountain Community College Offers Retirement Planning and Investment Classes: The courses will help attendees gain the skills to estimate how much money they need to retire, learn how to create retirement goals, review investment basics, and more. The series is being offered in September and will meet at the PettyJohn Building, 430 West Linden Way in Heppner. The classes are from 7-8:30 p.m. and will be held on three Mondays: Investment Basics- Sept. 10, Retirement basics-Sept. 17, and Retirement Income Planning-Sept. 24. The instructor is Rita Van Schoick, a financial advisor who is owner of Blue Mountain Investment Management. The classes are free and include a workbook. Advance registration is required. Call Anne Morter at (41-422-7040 or e-mail her at amorter@bluecc.edu. Students may also register online at www.bluecc.edu.

Saturday, Sept. 15: First Annual Latino Expo at the Hermiston Conference Center from 5-10 p.m. Come celebrate and share in some culture and good food, and enjoy many activities and entertainment, as well as learning about many resources available in our great area.

Saturday, Sept. 22 - Sunday, Sept. 23: Heppner will be coordinating the inaugural ride of the designed State Bikeway on Saturday, Sept. 22. The bikeways committee is coordinating this event. If you are interested in participating, contact the Heppner Chamber for more information at 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

Tuesday, Sept. 25: Efforts are underway to improve the way health care is delivered to people who receive health coverage under the Oregon Health Plan In Umatilla and Morrow Counties, Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization, a newly formed CCO, will soon be serving OHP members utilizing this new model of coordinated care. Staff members from the Oregon Health Authority are conducting statewide presentations for providers, community partners and other stakeholders to learn about CCOs, including how to become involved in your local CCO and what the transition plan looks like for OHP members. Registration is now open to participate in the CCO presentations scheduled as follows: Sept. 25 from 1-3 p.m. in

Heppner; and Sept. 26 from 9-11 a.m. in Pendleton. To register, visit our website, <http://oregonhealthykids.gov/partners/training.html>. Seating is limited and is based on a first-come, first-served basis. A copy of the presentation and any additional materials will be provided to participants. Contact Colette Gillies, Outreach Coordinator at the Office of Health Kids/Oregon Health Authority, at 503-932-8601 with any questions. For additional information on CCOs, visit www.health.oregon.gov.

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Chamber Membership Lunch: The next chamber membership lunch will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 19. We will be taking a bus tour of the GreenWood Tree Farm. The lunch tour will be from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and the cost will be \$20, to include the bus tour and a box lunch from Boardman Select Market. This is your opportunity to learn more about GreenWood Tree Farm and get in the middle of the trees. We do have limited number of spaces available on the bus, so get your reservation in as soon as possible.

Rollin' on the River: The fourth annual Rollin' on the River will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Boardman Marina Park from 3-9 p.m. Two live bands have been booked for your listening and dancing pleasure. Rollin' on the River also includes a car show, dinner, and wine and beer. Call the chamber for more information or go online to www.rotfestival.com. Tickets are available for purchase at the chamber office or online.

Traeger Wood Pellet Barbecue: The Kiwanis Club of Boardman and the Boardman Chamber are selling tickets for a Traeger Jr. 055 Wood Pellet Barbecue. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. The drawing will be held at Rollin' on the River on Sept. 22; you need not be present to win. You can purchase your tickets at the chamber office or from any committee member. The Traeger was donated by Ranch & Home; they now have a new store open in Milton-Freewater.

Boardman Tillicum Club to host Cinnamon Roll Sale: The Boardman Tillicum Club is starting their fall fundraising by having a cinnamon roll sale. We will have 50 dozen rolls for sale at \$10 a dozen. Please stop by on Sept. 29 starting at 9 a.m. in the Chevron parking

lot to get your dozen before they are all gone. We will be there until the very last dozen is sold. All proceeds from our fundraisers go for scholarships, the Easter egg hunt, benevolence requests and other worthy causes.

Step Out Walk for Diabetes: ConAgra Foods-Lamb Weston challenges the businesses of our community to put a team together to participate in a fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association. On Sept. 29 they will host a 5K walk at the Boardman Marina Park, with registration at 8:45 a.m. and the walk to begin at 9 a.m. Each walker is requested to donate \$25; participants will receive a t-shirt at the end of the walk. Pre-register by September 18 by calling 541-481-2011 ext. 67310.

Clean up Day: Make sure you are gathering your team to help with the Boardman Clean-Up Day on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 8 a.m. till noon with the starting location at the Boardman City Park. We will be cleaning up trash at several locations around town. So find your work gloves, organize your team members and join us in making Boardman look much cleaner. The organization with the most volunteer hours will receive \$100, second place \$75 and third place \$50. Call the chamber if you have any questions.

Senior Breakfast: Saturday, Oct. 6, the Boardman Senior Center will hold their monthly community breakfast from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. Breakfast is \$5.

Boardman Quilt Show: The eighth annual quilt show will be held Oct. 12-13 at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.

Chamber New Email Addresses: Please note that we have new email addresses at the chamber office. Diane: diane@boardmanchamber.org; Amber: amber@boardmanchamber.org and Sue or general information: info@boardmanchamber.org.

Chamber Board Elections: The Board of Directors will have two positions open for terms serving from January 2013 thru December 2015. If you are interested and would like more information, let the chamber know. The election will be in November.

Facebook: Go to our Facebook page and like us. At Boardman Chamber you'll find up-dates on community events.

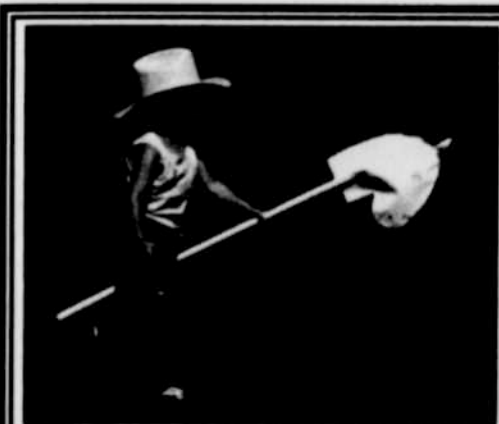
Morrow County Livestock Growers presents scholarship to Zech Hintz



Treasurer of the Morrow County Livestock Growers, Mark Rietmann presented newly elected Oregon FFA State Treasurer, Zech Hintz, Heppner, with a \$750 check to assist in his finances for his upcoming year serving as a state FFA officer. Zech was elected to his position to the 2012-2013 State Officer Team at the Oregon FFA Convention held this past spring in Hermiston. Zech has a very busy year ahead of him promoting FFA across the State of Oregon, teaching at leadership camps and preparing for the annual state convention, among many other activities. Readers can follow Zech on his journey this year on his online blog at: <http://www.oregonffa.com/LiveSoServe/Blog/ZechHintz>. "The Morrow County Livestock Growers was happy to assist such an excellent young person coming out of our county to promote a great program across our state," said Rietmann.

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)



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