

Historical society meeting held

The annual meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society was held Oct. 7 at the Stokes Landing Senior Center in Ir-rigon. North-end members prepared a sumptuous ham dinner that was accom-pañied by an array of potluck dishes.

Following the dinner, President Don Eppen-bach introduced the guest speaker, Sam Pambrun of Adams, president of the Frenchtown Historic Founda-tion. This foundation has been actively engaged in preserving a 27-acre site west of Walla Walla and College Place, once home to Hudson Bay Company employees and their Indian wives. Around 1855, war between the Indians and settlers raged in that area. The Battle of Walla Walla, also known as the Battle of Frenchtown, was the deci-sive fight that determined control of the Walla Walla Valley. To date, the restored area boasts trails, parking areas, interpretive signage, and an overlook shelter. A stone monument and cross mark the site of the French

Town/Saint Rose cemetery were lie the settlers, their wives—many of whom were tribal members—and their descendants. A church, called St. Rose of Lima, once stood adjacent to this cemetery.

At the ensuing meeting, members reviewed events of the past year, made plans for next year and elected new board members. The date of the annual meeting was changed to the third Sunday in September, with the 2013 meeting to be held in Heppner.

One of the major func-tions of the Historical So-cietý is to preserve the his-tory of the county. A major project that has recorded family histories and his-torical places through the years has been the annual publication of the Morrow County Chronicles. This year's project was headed by Andrea Nelson, and she was selected to again head this project for the coming year. Everyone is invited to contact historical society members to submit stories for next year's publica-tion.

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ness to the area. The city works very closely with the economic development groups in the area; I would hope that continues."

John A. Bowles is run-ning for re-election in City Councilor Position #2. He is running uncontested.

Bowles, 40, moved to Heppner in 2001 from For-est Grove, where he was a general contractor. He says he made the move because he really liked Heppner, de-cided it would be a great place to raise children and made Heppner his home.

Bowles has been employed by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office since Feb-ruary of 2002 and has more than 1,400 training hours, as well as having received schooling and certifications in communications, marine patrol, and patrol and parole/probation. He received Patrol Deputy of the Year in 2005 and the Victor G. Ati-yeh Award from the Depart-ment of Public Safety Stan-dards and Training in 2011. Bowles' prior government experience includes his current stint as a Heppner City Councilor since 2006, as well as positions on the Utilities Commission, Per-sonnel Commission and the Police Commission.

He and his wife, Kris-ten, have three children, Latosha, Alex and Jake, all graduates of Heppner High School.

He says he believes the biggest challenge fac-ing Heppner is the lack of employment and housing. "This has a lot to due with

the current economy the nation is facing, from bud-gets being cut, businesses shutting down and families trying to make ends meet. We all know the numbers and how everyone has been affected." Bowles says. "The City of Heppner has been working on these is-sues and we will continue. We have been working with the citizens, cham-ber of commerce, neighboring cit-ies, county and our state government to address the issues we are facing.

"Heppner City Council has made decisions that have created a foundation to draw business, housing and residents to Heppner," continues Bowles. "As a council member, I will continue to work to better the City of Heppner to improve livabil-ity for its residents. I look forward to working with the City of Heppner, striving to reach our goals and see our projects completed."

Corey P. Sweeney is running uncontested for City Councilor Position #3. The position was previously held by Cody High.

Sweeney, 39, was born and raised in Hep-pner. He spent two years at Blue Mountain Com-munity College studying human resources and was a 1999 graduate of Northwest Lineman College. He and his wife, Brandi, have two sons, Kane and Jorden, who attend school in Heppner. Sweeney says he be-

lieves the biggest challenge facing Heppner is how to develop and increase the economic stability within the city.

"Over the years, Hep-pner's declining popula-tion and closure of businesses has made it difficult for our town to grow. I will work with city council members on supporting the current businesses while helping the chamber and Port of Morrow to promote new businesses in Heppner," Sweeney says. "With the new upgrades and improve-ments the city is facing in the future, we need to in-crease revenue sources be-cause the current path we're on is leading to further rate increases."

Dale Bates is running for City Councilor Position #4, previously held by Keith Lewis. Bates is running uncontested.

Bates, 57, was born in Heppner but raised in Condon, returning to Heppner for a job oppor-tunity with CenturyLink. He holds an associate's degree in electronics from United Electronics Insti-tute, as well as "35 years of live experience working." He has no previous govern-ment experience but says his isn't running for city

councilor naively.

"I know there's always more to it than there seems. I work with the city folks quite a bit and understand a lot of the problems they face," says Bates. "I won't go in there with any rose-colored lenses on my glasses be-cause I think I can solve every issue. It takes time to look at issues and re-solve them."

He and his wife, Sheryll, have several children who live outside the area, but he says his parents remain in Condon, where they have ranches for several decades.

He says the biggest challenge he sees Heppner facing is maintaining its infrastructure and keep-ing up with present laws in reference to the sewer systems, etc.

"They are passing high-er and higher regulations that we smaller munici-palities have to meet, and which become harder and harder to meet." He adds that he, like anyone else, would have to do research into ways to deal with such requirements, as well as look for grant money to help with projects.

Ballots will begin to go out in the mail this Friday for the Nov. 6 general elec-tion.



John Bowles



Corey Sweeney

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SURE sign-up for 2011 losses opens

Farm Service Agency Morrow County Execu-tive Director Kyle Carmine announced the sign-up pe-riod for the 2011 crop year Supplemental Revenue As-sistance Payments (SURE) program will open Oct. 22, 2012 and end June 7, 2013. The SURE program autho-rizes assistance to produc-ers who suffered crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through Sept. 30, 2011.

"Any eligible producer who suffered losses during the 2011 crop year is en-couraged to contact the FSA office to learn more about the SURE program and how to apply," said Carmine.

Production losses due to disasters occurring after Sept. 30, 2011, are not eli-gible for disaster program coverage.

To be eligible for SURE, a farm or ranch must have:

- At least a 10-percent production loss on a crop of economic significance;
- A policy or plan of

insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for all economically signifi-cant crops;

-Been physically lo-cated in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a Secre-tarial Disaster Designation. Without a Secretarial Dis-aster Designation, individual producers may be eligible if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or ranch-er, or a limited-resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.


For more information on the 2011 SURE pro-gram, visit any FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov/sure.

Poker tournament planned

Creative Care Preschool will host a Texas Hold 'Em tournament Oct. 20 at the American Legion Hall in Ione.

Sign-up for the tournament begins at 5:30 p.m. with play to begin at 6 p.m. Buy-in costs \$40; no late buy-ins will be allowed.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four players. The evening will also feature a no-host bar by Route 74 restaurant and barbecue pork sandwiches and fixin's by Ione Market.



BURNING BAN LIFTED

As of October 5, 2012, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner has lifting the burning ban

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