

## No chamber lunch this week Free Facebook workshop planned

There will be no meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce this week, Thursday, Oct. 18.

The next chamber lunch meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 25 at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.

Guest speakers will be Karen Pettigrew and Diane Wolfe, who will be giving an update on what is going on in Boardman.

Bill Kuhn will also spend a few minutes giving an explanation of the ballot measures and what a "yes" or "no" vote will mean.

Cost of lunch is \$9; Murray's Drug will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than Tuesday, Oct. 23, to accommodate enough food.

The Ione Public Library will host a free workshop on "Facebook Basics—Getting Started" on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the library.

Heidi Nelson, an Ione native representing her company, Media Ventures, will lead the class. Class members should bring a laptop, iPad or tablet device if they have one. (This class will not cover using Facebook on cell phones.)

The class is intended for beginning, reluctant or non-users of Facebook with the aim of increasing their comfort level with this runaway trend in social media.

This class may be helpful for those who are not sure if Facebook is worth their time or maybe don't understand why they would want to be on Facebook. Whether a new user or someone who hasn't even gotten started, many people probably have questions, and this class is designed to help, starting at the beginning.

Topics covered in the session include: Signing up, logging in, finding friends, how to post and share, commenting and sharing photos, messaging, controlling what appears in your news feed and terminology. There will also be time for questions and answers.

Space is limited for this class. Interested patrons must RSVP by either contacting Anne Morter at [amorter@hughes.net](mailto:amorter@hughes.net) or 541-422-7429, or getting their name on the list at the Ione Library.

## Children's theater to hold auditions

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *The Secret Garden* on Monday, Oct. 29, at the Heppner High School Cafeteria from 4-6 p.m. Those auditioning should arrive at 4 p.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are Mary Lennox, Martha Sowerbury, Dickon Sowerbury, Colin Craven, Archibald Craven, Ayah/Bilge Rat/Captain, Mrs. Medlock, Doctor Craven, Ben Weatherstaff, Robin Redbreast, the Bugs that Rock, the Canadian Geese, the Moor Folk, the Fireflies and the Secret Garden. All students, grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of the production.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. MCT tour actor/directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 4 to 8:30 p.m. each day.


The *Secret Garden* will be presented on Friday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Heppner High School Cafeteria. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Heppner is brought to you by Friends of the Heppner Library with support from Morrow County Unified Recreation District. For more information, call William J. Kuhn at 541-676-9141 (day), 541-676-5033 (evening).

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), the nation's largest touring children's theatre, has been touring extensively for 40 years now from Montana to Japan, and will visit nearly 1,200 communities this year.

with up to 47 teams of tour actor/directors. A tour team arrives in a given town with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play... except the cast. The team holds an open audition and casts 50-60 local students to perform in the production. The show is rehearsed throughout the week and two public performances are presented on Friday and Saturday. All MCT shows are original adaptations of classic children's stories and fairytales... a twist on the classic stories that you know and love. Also included in the residency are three enrichment workshops presented by the tour actor/directors. Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through the participation in this unique, educational project. MCT's mission is the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is based in Missoula, Montana, and also runs many local programs. These include musical theatre day camps and performing arts classes for local children, a summer residency Performing Arts Camp for students from around the world and the Missoula Community Theatre, which creates an arena for local talent of all ages to participate in large-scale productions and attracts audiences from western Montana. For students interested in a career in the performing arts, MCT has developed Next Step Prep—The Academy for Musical Theatre—providing high school students an affordable opportunity to train and study with well-known professionals in the field of music, dance and acting to prepare for college. For information, email [nextstep@mctinc.org](mailto:nextstep@mctinc.org).

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## FSA to issue CRP and DCP payments

Morrow County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kyle Carnine announced last week that FSA will issue Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) payments during the first few weeks of October.

"FSA will issue the payments timely as long as all producer eligibility requirements are met," said Carnine.

CRP and DCP payments could be affected if producers have not submitted the required Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) forms. Affected producers will need to submit the proper AGI forms before payments can be issued. In addition, producers who signed up for CRP emergency haying and grazing and did not pay in advance will notice that their annual rental payment was reduced by the acreage that was hayed or grazed.

"Producers who were affected by county office consolidations will not experience payment delays of this nature," said Carnine. "All county office payments, regardless of consolidations, will be generated at the same time as long as all other eligibility requirements are met," she said.

For more information on CRP and DCP payments, contact the Morrow County FSA office at 541-676-9011.

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