

HOUSING FORUM

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 a report on research she had done about towns most affected by the North Dakota oil production boom. She gave a presentation showing some of the benefits and difficulties experienced by small towns that have tripled in size over a short period of time because of the oil drilling. While Morrow County does not expect quite as large an influx of workers, some of the problems due to lack of housing could be similar.

Also as part of the program, Boardman businessman Lee Docken gave a talk on the man camp that was built in Boardman during construction of the

coal-fired plant. The camp was developed by his father and brother and housed workers building the plant. It was later converted to an RV park after construction was completed. The morning session was moderated by WCVEDG member Jeff Bailey.

After lunch was served, the afternoon session saw a panel discussion by members of state government, including Grant Young from the Department of Land Conservation and Development. The panel discussed state housing regulations and how locals can deal with them when planning for the expected influx of workers. Scott Fairly of the

governor's office moderated the afternoon panel.

Following these discussions participants broke up into five table groups to further discuss the issues and come up with a plan of action. The table discussions were moderated by WCVEDG members. Guidelines, and contact information for someone to head up the housing planning effort, will be developed and sent to everyone who attended the meeting. WCVEDG will also discuss and further work on these guidelines at its next meeting Nov. 28 at 8 a.m. at Heppner City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Morrow County DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Scott William Foster, 48, was convicted of one count of Rape in the First Degree, a Class A felony, based on a jury verdict of guilty. He was sentenced to 300 months prison time with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections with credit for time served, no consideration for sentence reduction and post-prison supervision for life.

Foster was additionally convicted of one count of Sexual Penetration in the First Degree, a Class A felony, based on a jury verdict of guilty. He was sentenced to 300 months prison time with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections with credit for time served and to run concurrent with previous sentences, no consideration for sentence reduction and post-prison supervision for life.

Foster was additionally convicted of two counts of Sodomy in the First Degree, a Class C felony, based on a jury verdict of guilty. He was sentenced to 300 months prison time with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections for each count with credit for time served, one count to run consecutive and one count concurrent to previous sentences, and with no consideration for sentence reduction and post-prison supervision for life.

Foster was additionally convicted of four counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a Class B felony, based on a jury verdict of guilty. He was sentenced to 75 months prison time with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections for each count with credit for time served, with one count to run consecutive and three counts to run concurrent to previous sentences, no consideration for sentence reduction and 10 years post-prison supervision for each count minus time actually

served. Further counts were disposed with no conviction. Total fines, fees and assessments for all of the above were \$4,856.

-Hector Montez Jr., 29, was convicted of two counts of Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer, a Class C felony. His driver's license was suspended for six months and he was sentenced to six months jail time with credit for time served, time for second count to run concurrent with first, and one year post-prison supervision for each count. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$590.

-Neal Gutleben, 38, was convicted of Burglary in the First Degree, a Class A felony, and sentenced to 24 months prison time with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections with credit for time served, to run concurrent with the below sentence, and three years post-prison supervision. He was additionally convicted of Theft in the First Degree, a Class C felony, and sentenced to 18 months prison time with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections with credit for time served, to run concurrent with the below sentence, and one year post-prison supervision. Fines, fees, assessments and restitution totaled \$5,996.

- Neal Gutleben, 38, was convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, a Class C felony, and sentenced to 18 months prison time with the Oregon Dept. of Corrections with credit for time served, to run concurrent with the above sentences, and one year

post-prison supervision. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$530.

-Ruperto Crisostomo-Aparicio, 35, was convicted of Harrassment Constituting Domestic Violence, a Class B misdemeanor, and sentenced to 90 days jail time with credit for time served, with 60 days of that sentenced suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$60.

-Howard Joel Larson, 55, was convicted of Failure to appear in the Second Degree, a Class A misdemeanor, and sentenced to 30 days jail time with credit for time served. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$520.

-Lisa Rachelle Kenney, 44, was convicted of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII), a Class C felony, and sentenced to driver's license suspension for life and two years supervised probation. Sixty days jail time was made a condition of probation, with credit for time served, to run consecutive to the following count. Kenney was further convicted of Criminal Driving While Suspended or Revoked, a Class A misdemeanor, and sentenced to 180 days jail time; however, 150 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to two years bench probation with 30 days jail time as a condition of probation, with credit for time served, to run consecutive to the previous count. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$845.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, Nov. 15, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. Guest speaker will be Tiah DeGroff, Community Relations from

Wildhorse Resort and Casino; Susan and Yolanda from Saga City Media will give a 10-minute update on the 2013 Eastern Oregon Visitor's Guide.

Cost of lunch is \$9; Sweet productions will cater.

Lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than noon the Wednesday before to accommodate enough meals.

Chamber Chatter

Heppner

United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties: United Way's Kick-Off Campaign is now underway. Win your choice of a 2012 Honda Metro scooter; a red and blue tribal pattern Pendleton blanket; weekend getaway for up to six people for Dec. 21-22 at Seaside Worldmark; \$25 Visa Gift Card, with the proceeds to benefit United Way of Umatilla and Morrow counties. Drawing will be Dec. 1 but you need not be present to win. There will be a maximum 2,000 tickets to be sold, so call the United Way office at 541-276-2661 and purchase some tickets, or they can also be purchased at Columbia Bank or Banner Bank in Hermiston; Sterling Bank and White Elephant on Main in Pendleton.

First Friday Friends of Jesus will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for children from four to 12 years of age; lunch is included.

Monday, Nov. 26-Dec. 20: Collect the local rewards cards when you shop local for the opportunity to win some great prizes donated by merchants. Receive \$10, \$20 and \$50 denominations, depending on how much your local purchase is. Shop local and plan on coming to Heppner's Celebrate Christmas Community Event on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Thursday, Nov. 29: Mark your calendar for the upcoming Merchant Holiday Open House and Parade of Lights starting at 5:30 p.m., to include hanging of homemade ornaments on the tree outside of the post office by Heppner Day Care and HES students, and local carolers. Pick up your parade entry at the chamber office and participate in this great "wintery" event. Plan to stay and shop downtown and get a head start on the Christmas presents.

Sunday, Dec. 2: Christmas Is community program held at the Methodist Church with two performances, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold; more information at a later date.

Thursday, Dec. 20: Heppner's Celebrate Christmas Community Event will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, starting at 6 p.m. with dinner, and drawing of the rewards cards winners, raffle and penny board items starting at 7:30 p.m. Plan to come and spend a great evening with the rest of the community. Pictures with Santa will also be available.

Boardman

Thanksgiving Day Dinner: Free Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 22. Worship begins at 1:30 and dinner served from 2-4. This event is sponsored by the area churches.

Main Street Laundry: Steve Doherty and Don Russell have opened a new Laundromat in town. Main Street Laundry is now open

at 106 S. Main Street adjacent to the Car Wash. The laundry is equipped with a variety of sizes of washers and dryers to handle any need, from small loads to the large bed spreads or sleeping bags that are too large for most home machines. Stop by and take a look; there will be a grand opening at a later date.

Arts Impact Youth Program: North Morrow Community Foundation is requesting community support for the Arts Impact Youth Program. This 12-year old program enriches the existing arts curriculum in Irrigon and Boardman schools. Help us reach our goal with a generous donation, which is immediately put to work on behalf of Irrigon and Boardman students. Support us by mailing your check to: North Morrow Community Foundation, PO Box 573, Boardman.

Coat Drive: Be an Angel—Give your extra winter coats to those who need them. Bring your good used winter coats to the clinic at Columbia River Community Health Services at 405

Tatone Street.

Chamber Lunch: The chamber membership lunch will be Wednesday, Nov. 21 with guest speaker Justin Nelson, Morrow County District Attorney. The lunch will be catered by Sunrise at Boardman Cafe and is \$10 per person. RSVP by Monday, Nov. 19.

Senior Breakfast: The Boardman Senior Center will hold the community breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the senior center. Breakfast is only \$5.

Boardman Fall Clean up: The City of Boardman is sponsoring a community-wide clean-up the month of November. Contact the city for a \$50 garbage voucher. For more information, call 541-481-9252

A Very Poplar Run: At the Boardman Tree Farm on Saturday, Nov. 17. Online registration available at <http://www.averypoplarrun.com>.

Christmas Tree Lighting: The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center.

NOAA issues Heppner monthly climate summary

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, OR, temperatures in Heppner averaged slightly warmer than normal during the month of October.

The average temperature was 51.7 degrees, which was 0.4 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 63.3 degrees, which was 0.9 degrees below normal. The highest was 82 degrees on the 2nd. Low temperatures averaged 40.2 degrees, which was 1.8 degrees above normal. The lowest was 30 degrees, on the 21st.

There were five days with a low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 1.41 inches during October, which was 0.27 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation of at least .01

inch was received on 11 days, with the heaviest, 0.37 inches, reported on the 16th.

Precipitation this year has reached 12.78 inches, which is 1.70 inches above normal.

The outlook for November from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner fall from 57 degrees at the start of November to 45 degrees at the end of November. Normal lows fall from 35 degrees to 28 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.60 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court Report.

-Daniel Pryor, 43, of Heppner, pled no contest to Violating the Basic Rule 76/45. He was fined \$260.

-Kassey Ann Wilson, 21, of Albany, OR pled no contest to Driving While

Suspended - Violation. She was fined \$435.

-Elizabeth M. Pettibone, 45, of Heppner was found guilty of Failure to Use a Seatbelt and fined \$110.

-Jason Vetler, 42, of Fairview, OR pled guilty to Wildlife Law Violation; he was fined \$720.

HES students of the month



Heppner Elementary School has announced the students of the month for October; the positive action subject was healthy body and mind. Top (L-R): Hayden Hyatt, Evan Kollman, Olivia Schmidt, Marlee Mitchell, Keegan Gibbs, Claire Grieb and Cody Fletcher. Bottom (L-R): Kylie Boor, Trevor Nichols, Katie Wilson, Caden George, Zandra Masterson, Jackson Coiner and Keeley Nairns. -Contributed photo

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Medicare Part D Open Enrollment is October 15th - December 7th

Morrow County Health District will conduct free Medicare Part D Workshops from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the following locations:

- Nov. 15th - Hospital, Heppner
- Nov. 27th - Ione Market
- Nov. 29th - Hospital, Heppner

Additional dates will be announced soon.

Please call 541-676-9133 or 1-800-737-4113 to make an appointment.

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