

Chamber Chatter

Next week's Chamber Lunch meeting will be "All Entities Reports" and will be held at the Senior Center Dining Room from noon-1 p.m. Lunch is \$10 per person. Merilee McDowell will also spend a few minutes promoting the upcoming Eastern Oregon MS Walk in Heppner on Saturday, April 20.

Alvin Liu/Cornerstone Gallery will be catering lunch and will be serving: Crusted Parmesan Chicken, seasoned Basmatir, fresh garden salad, dinner rolls and cookies. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday morning to guarantee a lunch.

Help us welcome two new chamber members: Welcome Boylan Design owned by Michael and Melissa Boylan offering Web Site Design, Graphic Design and Marketing. Boylan Design is committed to meeting the individual needs of each business by identifying cost-effective traditional and online marketing services. They specialize in helping small businesses establish or enhance your image! Check out their website at <http://www.boylan.com>. Please contact them at 541-289-9322.

Welcome Finley's Fresh Produce owned by John and Chris Finley. They were last week's speaker for the Chamber Lunch and introduced their company and services to us. They offer the opportunity to purchase locally grown produce on a weekly basis and at a discount rate by

joining the CSA. There is an information sheet and pull tabs to sign up posted on the bulletin board at the post office. Please check out their website: www.finleysfreshproduce.com to find out more information and find out how to get signed up. The produce can be picked up at Alive and Well in Hermiston. Please contact them at 541-571-2515.

Announcements and Upcoming Events: On April 4 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Morrow County Fairgrounds Pavilion - Heppner FFA fundraising dinner: Menu is BBQ ribs, baked potato, green salad, homemade rolls and dessert. Tickets are \$12 if prepaid and \$15 at the door for adults; \$8 prepaid and \$11 at the door for children 6 and up; children five and under are free. Joe Lindsay will provide the music, a dessert auction will be held and there will be door prizes. Come out and support our local FFA!

Saturday, April 6, 9 am. at City Hall - Willow Creek Gardeners: if you are interested in volunteering to help with gardening around town, please come and get more information. This group will replace the Garden Club and Master Gardeners role previously. Volunteers are needed to make this happen; contact JoAnne Bursleson if you have questions at 541-676-8981.

Saturday, April 20th - 2013 EO Walk MS in Heppner: Plan now to participate in this local walk to help MS. Registration is at 9 a.m. Walk begins

at 10 a.m. - Meet at All Saints Episcopal Church. Register online at www.walkMSoregon.com. Questions, contact Merilee McDowell at 541-571-5853 or meri012@gmail.com.

June 29-30, Morrow County Relay for Life: Mark your calendars for the upcoming local Relay for Life event which is scheduled for June 29-30, from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. You can create a team, be a sponsor, volunteer or participate in some way. Look for the table which will be set up in front of Willow Creek Realty/Farmers Insurance on Saturday, March 16. Stop by and register your team or get more information.

The Morrow County 4-H program is looking for any 4-H memorabilia: (Morrow County and Non-Morrow County alike) to share in a display at this year's Centennial of the Morrow County Fair, held August 14-17, 2013. Photos, ribbons, trophies, pins, exhibits you made or your grandparents made when they were in 4-H, or anything you might have would be a great addition to this year's display recognizing the hard work and memories from 4-H throughout the years! We are happy to make copies, or take photos of items you don't feel comfortable to have out on display. Please contact the Morrow County 4-H office or 4-H leader Doashea Qualls for more information at 541-676-9642.

Morrow County Court news

The Morrow County Court met at the courthouse in Heppner on March 27 with Judge Terry Tallman and Commissioner Leann Rea in attendance. The Court approved the minutes of the Oct. 31, 2012 executive sessions. The Court reviewed and approved the payroll payables for March 6, 13 and 27. A final payroll payable and accounts payables was approved in the total net amount of \$213,492.79. The large payment in this pay period was a \$128,520 payment to Umatilla County for jail space. The report indicates that at this point they are ahead of last year's March 31 cash balance by approximately \$1,700,000.

Surveyor Update: County Surveyor Stephen Haddock reported that progress is being made toward making all records available at on the Morrow County website. There is still some work that needs to be completed to have paper copies of all maps available at various sites.

Planning Update: Carla McLane, county planner, reported that Pam Docket, who represents the Boardman area, recently resigned from the planning

commission. McLane suggested that if Miff Devin, who currently holds the at-large position and recently moved to the Boardman area could take Docket's position and then the commission could advertise for someone to fill the at-large position. The Court agreed that would be an appropriate method of filling the vacant position.

Land Action Discussion: Haddock and McLane, Sweet, county counsel Ryan Swinburnson and the Court discussed a proposed property purchase in the lone area by Morrow County Grain Growers. A letter from Kuhn Law offices was reviewed and discussed. After a long discussion regarding various solutions to the proposed land partition, the Court signed an order authorizing the transaction.

Enterprise Zone Discussion: The Court, Morrow County Treasurer Gayle Gutierrez, Morrow County Assessor Greg Sweet, Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers and Morrow County Financial Director Rick Worden discussed a request from the Port of Morrow for reimbursement of the \$100,000 the Port

provided for the startup of the Boardman Housing and Community Development through Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corp. (GEODC). This agreement was created by a memorandum of understanding between the City of Boardman, the Port of Morrow and Morrow County with the funds to be repaid when Enterprise Zone funding was available. The matter will go back to the Enterprise Board for further discussion.

The Court conducted the following business: The Court reviewed and approved a maintenance agreement for a copier at the Morrow County Health Dept. Reviewed, approved and signed an intergovernmental agreement for Sheriff's services for the City of Irrigon for an amount not to exceed \$80,746.04 per fiscal year. The contract will begin July 1 and go through June 30, 2014.

Various correspondences and upcoming meeting notices were reviewed and discussed. Anyone wishing to receive Morrow County Court minutes may contact Karen Wolff at 541-676-5620 or kwolff@co.morrow.or.us.

Boardman seeking new council member

The Boardman City Council is seeking letters of interest from individuals willing to be considered for appointment to fill a vacancy on the city council. The person appointed will fill Tony Navarro's council seat, who resigned in January due to moving outside

the City. His term expires December 31, 2016.

Those interested must have resided in the City of Boardman during the twelve months immediately preceding the appointment. Letters of interest must be received at city hall no later

than 5 pm, on April 18 for consideration. The city council will interview the candidates, and appoint the new Councilor at their April 23 city council meeting, scheduled for 7pm.

The April 16 city Council meeting has been moved to April 23.

OHS Rodeo Queen welcomes Congressman to community



Miss Oregon High School Rodeo 2012-2013 Lillian Sandford got to meet Oregon Congressman Greg Walden at Heppner's St. Patrick's Celebration parade where she welcomed him to Heppner and her community.

Boardman will sponsor April cleanup

The City of Boardman will sponsor a community-wide clean-up the month of April. The City has garbage vouchers available, with a fifty dollar limit, to residents of the City of Boardman. The vouchers are valid during the month of April at Finley Butte Landfill and the North

Morrow Transfer Station. The garbage voucher program encourages citizens to clean up their residences by disposing of yard debris. City residents may pick up their vouchers at Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle. For more information on this program, call Boardman City Hall at 541-481-9252.

Landowners concerned with creek channel

Landowners along Willow, Shobe and Hinton Creeks in the City of Heppner are asked to report downed trees and debris in the creek channel to Heppner Water Control District at 541-676-5452. HWCD provides funds to local youth organizations to conduct a stream cleanup project each year. If you've already reported

your concerns, there's no need to call again, you're on the schedule. This annual project helps keep the creek channels clear of debris for the safety and enjoyment of the citizens and visitors of Heppner. Citizens are reminded it is against state law to throw debris or refuse, such as grass clippings, garbage, appliances, etc., in the creek.

Correction: 62 Cars attend St. Paddy's Cruz-In

Sixty-two cars attended the 12th annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In in Heppner over St. Patrick's weekend. Cars attended from Hermiston, The

Dalles, Pendleton, Pasco, WA, Arlington, La Grande, College Place, Lexington, Fossil, Kennewick, WA, and Heppner.

Several downtown business helped the committee welcome the car drivers to town by participating in a Poker Walk, where registered car owners went into a business and selected a card for a Poker hand. The Poker Walk winners were Leilani Okalani of College Place, with the highest hand, and Gary Webb, Umatilla, with the second highest hand.

Award winners are as follows:

Mustang Award: Forrest Gibson, Pasco, in a Mustang Fastback.

Leprechaun's Choice: Mike and Pam Monger, Hermiston, in a 1951 Ford Custom.

Best Convertible: Kathy Dobbs (K&K Blueberries), Hermiston, in a 2001 Mustang.

Best Street Rod: Gene Williamson, Arlington, in a 1931 Model A.

Participant's Choice and Committee's Choice: Arlan and Mary Ann Miesner, La Grande, in a 1959 Chev. Bel Air.

Best 1910's & 1920's Car or Pickup: Bob Harrison, Lexington, with a 1919 Model T Roadster.

Best 1950's & 1960's Pickup: Larry Storment, Hermiston, with a 1955 Chev. Pickup.

Best 1970's & Newer Pickup: His Design Thrift & Gift Shop, Fossil, in a 1972 Chev. Pickup C20.

Best 1930's & 1940's Car: Dan Reisch, Kennewick, with

a 1946 Chev. 2-door Coupe.

Best 1950's & 1960's Car: John Perry, Pendleton.

Best 1970's & Newer Car: Ray Brown, Pasco, with a 1970 El Camino SS.

Best Motorcycle: Guy Post, Pendleton, on a Yamaha V-Star Classic.

Best Foreign Car or Pickup: Chris Roop, Pendleton, with a 1977 MGB.

Best Paint: David Oldham, Kennewick, in a 1955 Chevy Z10 (yellow and white).

Best Engine: Noel Perault, Kennewick, in a 1936 Pontiac.

Best Fat Fender: Sam Bilyeu, The Dalles, with a 1936 Pontiac.

Best Muscle Car: Carol Hollis, Heppner.

Best Of Show: David Oldham, Kennewick, in a 1955 Chevy Z10.

Morrow County Public Works is accepting sealed bids for the following surplus vehicles. Vehicles and specifications are on display at the Public Works Office. Contact Morrow County Public Works, 365 Hwy 74, P.O. Box 428, Lexington, OR 97839 or phone 541-989-9500 with questions or to deliver bids.

Sealed bids will be received no later than 4:00 p.m., April 09, 2013 at the Morrow County Public Works Office in Lexington, OR. 365 W. Hwy 74, Lexington, OR. Bids will be opened April 10, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the regular County Court session held at the Port of Morrow, Boardman, OR.

Morrow County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or handicapped status in employment or the provision of services. ALL VEHICLES ARE SOLD "AS IS".

#1 1980 International - VIN# AA192KED14174
93,890 Miles, Manual Trans., 2 1/2 Ton Cassis Truck, gasoline engine.
Min Bid \$500.00.

#2 1976 International - VIN# DO522FHA28399
62,404 Miles, Manual Trans., 2 1/2 Ton Chassis Truck, gasoline engine.
Min Bid \$500.00.



SURPLUS VEHICLES

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Successful bidder will be required to take possession and remove vehicle within 30 days of being notified their bid has been accepted. Successful bidder must show proof of title transfer before taking possession.

Morrow County makes no warranties as to vehicles condition. **SOLD AS IS**

Certified check, cashiers check or cash must make payment.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

March 21: MCSO reports a 911 Hang-Up. Line disconnected before it could be answered. Call back went straight to voicemail.

- MCSO reports a controlled burn at 325 W. Willow View Dr., Heppner.

- MCSO received a report from a caller who advised them that a dog attacked his chickens and

goat. He followed it home and advised that he tried to make contact but no one was there.

- MCSO received a report from a caller who asked for extra patrols in the area of Zea Chem. Caller advised that during the night vehicles are driving around the property.

-MCSO cited Guadalupe Hernandez Salvador, 28, Boardman, for Failure to Drive in Lane and No Operator's License. To appear in Justice Court April 18. She also received a verbal warning for Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance.

-MCSO arrested

Charles Hurd-Pardee, 35, on a Benton County, WA, warrant for Conditional Release Violation/Malicious Mischief. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$500 cash bail or \$10,000 bond.

- MCSO received a call from a subject who stated he heard the MCSO was looking for him and he would like to know why. MCSO arrested Shane Michael Padberg, 35, Lexington, on a Marion Co. warrant for Parole Violation/Illegal Use of Credit Cards and lodged at UCJ with no bail.

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