

Senior center gets new HVAC unit



St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner received a long-anticipated new HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) unit last Friday. A crane lifted off the old unit, which had been in disrepair for many years, and placed the new one. The total cost of the project is \$22,847.80; a portion of the funds was donated from the City of Heppner sale of a HUD house and from proceeds of the Friends Helping Friends Remembrance Walk. —Photo by Megan Fitter

BlueZette to be at Music in the Parks



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July 22 at 7 p.m. at Music in the Parks in Irigoin Marina Park will be BlueZettes.

BlueZette offers a blend of retro tunes along with current hits, including favorites from the Fifth Dimension, Burt Bacharach and Sergio Mendes, as well as Norah Jones. They have put their own spin on several favorite standards that are sure to please many musical tastes.

BlueZette made their Tri-City, WA debut in November of 2004 at Savvy

Affair, a fashion show benefiting Seattle Children's Hospital. Since then, they have enjoyed appearing at many grand openings, and private and corporate parties, and have performed at many Washington wineries. They also played at the 2005 Sound Bite Tri-Cities in Columbia Park featuring Chris Botti. The release of their CD "Debut" in January of 2009 is their most recent project, allowing music lovers a chance to hear BlueZette favorites on a "nearly live" CD.

5k planned for domestic violence awareness

The first annual Domestic Violence Awareness 5K Walk/Run will take place Oct. 12 in Boardman. The event will begin at the Boardman Marina with registration at 8 a.m. and the walk/run to begin at 9 a.m. Sign up at <http://www.eventbrite.com>, or call 541-676-5665 or 541-561-3337 with questions. The event is a fundraiser for Umatilla/Morrow County Domestic Violence.

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Boardman develops Storefront Façade Improvement Program

BOARDMAN, Ore.— In an effort to help local businesses improve their appearances and to attract new business, the City of Boardman has developed a Storefront Façade Improvement Program. This program will provide loans or direct grants for the improvement qualifying projects thanks to the lending assistance from local banking institutions.

The storefront program aims to help local businesses improve their exterior appearances, enhance the general business environment and help attract further investment in Boardman. The program

is designed to stimulate private investment, expand the tax base and provide job opportunities. Funds, when available, will be awarded to targeted businesses on a first-come, first-served basis. When grant funds are available, the storefront program will match every dollar a participating business spends on qualifying improvements, up to \$5,000 or 50 percent of the entire project, whichever is less.

No direct city funds will be utilized for the program, nor will the city participate directly in the lending of funds to businesses. Rather, the city

has arranged with local banks—including Banner Bank, the Bank of Eastern Oregon and First Community Credit Union—and local revolving loan funds to provide competitive rates and minimal fees for qualifying projects.

Funds may be provided in two categories: 1) loans from local financial institutions set aside specifically for the program, where the interest rate is intended to be competitive and may also be "paid down" or "blended" using other lower-interest programs; and 2) direct grants where available.

Businesses receiving grants will consult with the city on proposed improvements, which can include most aspects of street-facing façade rehabilitation, including storefronts, exterior lighting, canopies and awnings, painting and masonry, and architectural or dimensional signage.

For more information about the City of Boardman's Storefront Façade Improvement Program, visit the city's website, www.cityofboardman.com, or contact city manager Karen Pettigrew at 541-481-9252 or pettigrewk@cityofboardman.com.

Boardman researches local draws for residents

Survey delves into reasons people choose to live in the city

BOARDMAN, Ore., July 12, 2013—The Boardman Economic Development Committee (BEDC), a joint venture of the Boardman Chamber of Commerce and the Boardman Community Development Association, announced the results of a survey of people who work in Boardman on why they choose to reside in the community in which they currently live.

The poll, which was distributed in both English and Spanish, included responses from 119 people who lived in eight different communities, including Boardman.

The survey revealed

Boardman residents tend to be more involved in their community than respondents from surrounding towns.

Of the respondents, the majority—38 percent—have lived and worked in Boardman for an average of 15 years, and are married or cohabitating in a single, detached family home that they own.

Overall, the results suggest Boardman residents utilized community resources and attended local functions more often than the other seven represented towns:

—Twenty-four percent of Boardman residents have

visited a local park more than 26 times in the last year. Forty-seven percent have visited a local park three to 12 times in the last year;

—Eleven percent of Boardman residents have attended a local school activity more than 26 times in the last year, while 31 percent have attended three to 12 times;

—Twenty percent of Boardman residents have participated in a religious or spiritual activity;

—Twenty-two percent of Boardman residents have participated in a club or civic group activity three to 12 times in the last year;

—Thirty-one percent of Boardman residents have attended a cultural or entertainment activity three to 12 times in the past year; and

—Twenty-four percent of Boardman residents participated in outdoor recreational activities locally 13 to 26 times in the last year.

The majority of residents listed "close to work" and "close to family and friends" as reasons they live in Boardman. Many noted they enjoy the smaller town and find it "safe and quiet."

The BEDC is using the survey results to help develop an economic development strategy.

County Republicans invited to organizational meeting

All registered Republicans of Morrow County are invited to join Ken Matlack to organize the county's Republican Party.

Interested parties will meet on July 20 at 11 a.m. at

St. Patrick's Senior Center, 182 N. Main, Heppner.

Plans for the meeting include election of officers—chair, vice chair, secretary/treasurer—adoption of bylaws, appointment of

six committeepersons, and discussion of ideas for the organization's growth and action within the county and the state of Oregon.

Anyone willing to join

the group in forming the nucleus of Morrow County Republicans, or for more information, contact Matlack at 541-314-5101 or 541-922-5173.

COURTHOUSE ROAD CLOSURES

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Established around the courthouse and will be enforced.

Roads in the immediate area of the courthouse will be closed as needed for safety reasons; however, these closures will be kept to a minimum. Flaggers will be stationed on Gilmore St., Court St., and Hwy 74. Traffic will be allowed through the area, at a slow speed, until it is necessary to stop traffic. Closures are expected to only last 20 minutes. Emergency vehicles will be allowed through the area if necessary.

Road closures will be enforced for pedestrians as well as vehicles, for the

safety of all involved. Road closure locations must also be kept clear in the event emergency vehicles need to pass through the closure.

The public is encouraged to watch the process from a safe distance. There are many places in town that will provide a good view of the action while also being outside of the safety zones.

Morrow County Health District representative have also said they will delay their first appointments of the day at the clinic and in the lab in order to reduce traffic concerns.

Residents in the area should plan ahead when leaving home to go to work or other appointments and

allow extra time to travel through the area.

Posters with additional information and showing the road closure locations will be posted in many businesses around Heppner and in the Heppner post office.

As updates become

available, they will be provided in the Heppner Gazette-Times, on the Morrow County website at <http://morrowcountyoregon.com/clock-tower-updates/>, and on the new 'Morrow County Oregon Courthouse Clock Tower' Facebook page.

New water late fee to begin with July bill

Heppner water bills can be paid any time on tenth

In a clarification on last week's story on Heppner's city council meeting, Heppner City Manager Kim Cutsforth says citizens can

pay their bills any time on the tenth without incurring a late fee; residents returning payments after 5 p.m. are asked to use the night drop. Anything collected from the night drop the morning of the 11th will be considered paid on the tenth.

The new late charge for City of Heppner water bills will begin with July bills, which will be due Aug. 10. The city council recently approved a \$5 flat late fee on water bills paid after the tenth of each month.

Community lunch menu

Amazing Grace Fellowship members will serve lunch on Wednesday, July 24, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include broccoli beef, rice, sliced tomatoes, spring rolls and fortune cookies. Milk is served at each meal.

Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal.

Menu is subject to change.

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