

Columbia Basin announces energy efficiency rebates

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative in conjunction with Bonneville Power Administration is announcing the availability of energy efficiency rebates for qualified efficiency measures.

CBEC Manager Jerry Healy said that the budget for the next two-year cycle is very limited. Rebates will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebates are available to a broad range of consumers including residential, commercial and agriculture.

In the residential sector single, multifamily and manufactured homes qualify. Temporary housing does not qualify. Rebate opportunities in the residential sector include lighting, showerheads,

new appliances, water heating, HVAC (both ducted and ductless) and weatherization (including insulation, window and patio door replacement and air sealing).

Commercial customers can qualify for lighting upgrades, ductless and ducted HVAC systems, insulation, windows, refrigeration, kitchen and food service equipment, commercial clothes washers and showerheads.

Qualifying electric usage in the agriculture sector is limited to food production, vegetation growth and the raising of domestic livestock. New agriculture construction qualifies for rebates as do variable frequency drives, irrigation pump testing,

system analysis, scientific irrigation scheduling, irrigation system upgrades and freeze resistant stock tank fountains.

All of these measures come with requirements for qualifying that must be met before any rebate will be awarded. Healy also stated that members cannot purchase these upgrades in advance of qualifying and verification of the measures.

Again, Healy wants to remind members that funds are very limited, will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, members should not proceed without pre-approval from the cooperative, and when the funds are expended, a moratorium will be placed on the program until the next funding cycle.

Irrigon woman wins Dutch oven cook-off

Shannon Lancaster of Irrigon, with assistant and husband, Gene, won the People's Choice Award at the 10th annual Chuckwagon Cafe Dutch Oven Cookoff last weekend north of Hermiston.

The Lancasters prepared barbecue meatballs served on rice. They took home \$100 cash, plus a custom-made plaque and, most importantly, bragging rights.

This was Lancaster's fourth appearance at the cook-off. Uniquely, they won last year's People's Choice Award, also.

A field of 13 cast-iron cooks, comprising seven camps/teams, prepared 13 dishes for the public to judge at the event.

In addition to promoting the popular Dutch-oven cooking method, this year's event helped celebrate the Chuckwagon Cafe's 43rd anniversary, as well as raise money for local youth programs.

The cooks used the most popular style of Dutch

oven, which is a flat-topped, three-legged, cast-iron pot with sturdy bail handle.

By placing white-hot briquettes strategically on and/or under the Dutch oven, cooks can accomplish baking, frying, simmering, browning, boiling, broiling, scalding.

After opening remarks

by Chuckwagon Cafe's owner, Cathy Stolz, a fast-paced "30-Minute-30-Item Auction" generated over \$1,300 for the local Scout troop and for the Umatilla Booster's Club.

The 11th annual Chuckwagon Café Dutch Oven Cook-Off is planned for Sept. 20, 2014.

Umatilla forest lifts public use restrictions

Effective immediately, public use restrictions pertaining to the use of campfires, smoking and chainsaw use are lifted on the Umatilla National Forest, the forest service announced this week.

Forest visitors are urged to use caution when building and tending campfires, warming fires, cooking fires, and fires in wood stoves. The potential for wildfire still exists despite recent rains and

cooler temperatures. Never leave a fire unattended and always make sure the campfire is dead-out before leaving the site.

Public-use restrictions are updated on the toll-free message line at 1-877-958-9663 and are also available online at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/.

For more information, contact the Umatilla National Forest's Supervisor's Office at 541-278-3716.

Chamber Chatter

Heppner Farmer's Market - Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Heppner City Park: Don't forget to stop by on Friday to check out all of the vendors at our farmer's market, they will be there through Fri., Oct. 4.

Heppner FFA Chapter's Annual Apple/Pear Sale: Pick up an order form and send your order and check to Heppner FFA, HHS, Attn. Beth Dickenson PO Box 67. For pick up at Oct. 11 home football game, the deadline is Oct. 3; second delivery date orders are due by Nov. 7 for pick up Nov. 16 at the Harvest Festival. Questions, contact Beth at 541-676-9138 x2542.

Beginning American Sign Language (ASL) - United Methodist Church: These classes are being offered Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

and 7 p.m., are free of charge and are open to the public. Contact the Methodist Church for more information and to sign up.

Saturday, Sept. 28 - Step OUT Walk to Stop Diabetes at Boardman Marina Park: Registration starts at 8:45 a.m., walk begins at 9 a.m. ConAgra Foods/Lamb Weston will be holding a 5K walk to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association. Costs is a \$25 donation for each walker/family or you can donate or have a business sponsor. For more information, call Roz or Yvette at 541-481-2011x67310 or Tina at 541-481-8216.

Saturday, Sept. 28 - Ione Education Foundation's 11th annual dinner and auction at the Ione American Legion

Hall: Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the auction to follow. Delicious prime rib and salmon dinner will be served - \$25 adults, \$10 for children ages seven to 12, and six and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at BEO Ione Branch or at the door.

Saturday, Oct. 19 - 5:30 p.m. - First Annual Chili Run sponsored by Heppner FFA Chapter: The Heppner FFA Chapter is organizing their First Annual Chili Run. Registration forms are available at Dickenson Chiropractic Clinic, Murray's, Wheatland Insurance and Heppner High School and will soon be available in Hermiston and Ione.

Wednesday, Oct. 2 - Travel Oregon 101 - from

9-11 a.m. at the SAGE Center: Participate in a free seminar for tourism-related business and organizations. This seminar will be focused on owners, executives and managers of visitor-related businesses and organizations. Learn how to use Travel Oregon to help your business or organization. Free online registration at www.cvent.com/d/w4q75c. Contact Diane at the Boardman Chamber office for more information at 541-481-3014.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m., 5K Walk/Run in

Boardman: Domestic Violence Services, Inc. presents the First Annual Domestic Violence Awareness 5K Walk/Run. The event starts at the Marina in Boardman with registration starting at 8 a.m. and the walk to start at 9 a.m. You can sign up at www.eventbrite.com. All proceeds to benefit Umatilla/Morrow County Domestic Violence Services, Inc. If you have questions, please call 541-676-5665 or 541-561-3337.

October 15-29 - Domestic Violence Services of Umatilla & Morrow

County Volunteer Training: This training is for those interested in answering calls on the 24 hour crisis line; serve as an advocate for victims of domestic/sexual violence. To reserve your spot or get more information on the training schedule, please call 541-276-3322. The classes will be held at the Hermiston DVS Office.

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