

## Morrow County youth celebrate National 4-H Week



Morrow County 4-H ambassadors (L-R) Miranda Taylor, Kane Sweeney, Brittany Lesperance, Sydney Qualls, Macy Gibbs and Stacey Halvorsen. Not pictured are ambassadors Tim Gould, Emily Taylor and Morgan Orem. -Contributed photo

More than six million young people across the country today will be celebrating National 4-H Week, which takes place annually during the first full week of October.

Morrow County 4-H leverages National 4-H Week to celebrate the great things that the 4-H youth development program offers young people, says Morrow county 4-H agent Ashley Jones, and uses the time to highlight the incredible 4-H young people who each day work to a make a positive impact on their community. Morrow County 4-H Ambassadors will be traveling to local elementary schools within the county to speak to classrooms about the 4-H program, the opportunities available and the fun to be had. Ambassadors are youth enrolled in 4-H in grades eight through 12 who represent the organization at different events and functions throughout the year.

"They are the face of the county 4-H program and

do a fantastic job serving our county program," says Jones.

The 2014 Ambassador team consists of the following 4-Hers: Macy Gibbs, Tim Gould, Miranda Taylor, Emily Taylor, Morgan Orem, Sydney Qualls, Kane Sweeney and Brittany Lesperance. Be on the lookout for these youth during National 4-H week promoting our local program.

According to Jones, research has proven that participation in 4-H has a significant positive impact on young people. Recent findings from the Tufts University 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H are:

- Nearly four times more likely to contribute to their communities,

- Two times more likely to pursue healthy behaviors, and

- Two times more likely to engage in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs

in out-of-school time.

In Morrow County, more than 180 4-H members and 55 volunteers are involved in 4-H.

4-H, the largest youth development organization in the world, is a community of seven million young people across the globe learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

In the U.S., 4-H programs are implemented by the 109 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System through their 3,100 local Extension offices across the country.

Overseas, 4-H programs operate throughout more than 50 countries.

Learn more at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow/>, "like" them on Facebook under "Morrow County 4-H Oregon" or contact Ashley Jones, Morrow County 4-H Agent, at Oregon State University Extension Service's Morrow County office, 541-676-9642 or [ashley.jones@oregonstate.edu](mailto:ashley.jones@oregonstate.edu).

## Door-to-door salesmen must have permits in Heppner

Heppner City Manager Kim Cutsforth would like to remind residents and visitors that the City of Heppner requires that anyone selling items door-to-door or in a temporary business location must acquire a permit from the city.

"This is not just a formality," says Cutsforth. "This is a safety measure

for Heppner residents."

When considering a permit, Cutsforth says, the city evaluates the business and the employees, and any vehicle used has its license plate run through police records. The person approaching citizens must provide identification and pass a background check. The company also must provide proof of liability

insurance.

"If you are approached by persons selling merchandise or services from a temporary location or a vehicle, please ask them to show you their permit from the city," Cutsforth says. "If they are not able to provide one, contact city hall and report the business; this practice will help to keep everyone safe."

## ELECTION BALLOTS

-Continued from PAGE ONE are due by 8 p.m. that day. Ballots must be received, not simply postmarked, on that day. For voter convenience, 24-hour drop boxes are located throughout the county. Locations are as follows:

**Heppner:** Courthouse

parking lot (24 hours) or the Morrow County Clerk's Office, Room 102 inside the courthouse. Open 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m., M-F and Election Day (Nov. 5) from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Lexington:** 365 West Hwy 74 (Public Works Parking lot). Turn off Hwy.

74 onto Tom Street and left into the public works parking lot. Open 24 hours.

**Ione:** Spring St. (in front of the turn to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street). Open 24 hours.

**Boardman:** NW Boardman Ave. (24 hours).

**Irrigon:** 205 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (Irrigon Annex). 24 hours.

## ROBINSON RETIRES

-Continued from PAGE ONE of scary to leave. I have a lot of great customers I hate to leave," says Robinson, adding that some of her customers have been with her for all 32 years. "I'm gonna miss them."

Bank of Eastern Oregon CEO Jeff Bailey says the bank will miss her as much as she will miss the bank.

"We commend Florene on her years of service to bank customers. Her cheery smile and desire to provide the best customer service possible has served

her, along with the bank, well for many years," says Bailey. "I will personally miss Florene coming to work every day and wish her and Dean a long and happy retirement."

Robinson doesn't have detailed plans for retirement, though some of the extra time will almost certainly be spent with their two daughters, Jacklyn and Natalie, two grandsons, and one great-grandson. Robinson does have one big idea for retirement, though. "I want to go to

Australia one of these days," she says, though she adds that it's not an immediate objective.

She says Dean's great-grandfather moved his family Down Under, and only her husband's grandfather returned to the U.S., so the Robinsons have a large extended family in Australia. While the Australian relatives have come to visit, she says, they have never had the chance to go see them.

"That's my biggest goal," she says.

## HES announces students of month



Heppner Elementary School students of the month are: (front L-R) Hallee Hisler, Paul Lindsay, Jackson Coiner, Caleb George, Lily Nichols, Hilary Payne, Landon Mitchell, (back L-R) Aubriana Rodriguez, Sam Grigg, Cheyenne Shaw, Jett Stewart and Jayden Wilson. Not pictured are Madison Palmer and Marlee Mitchell. The character trait for September was Self-Concept, which included valuable, happiness and success. -Contributed photo

## CREZ TALKS HOUSING

-Continued from PAGE ONE was set up similar to the Lone Educational Foundation, which collects money for use in the lone schools.

The Lone foundation recently purchased iPads for all its students, and the MC fund is considering something similar, only providing each student in the school district with a Kindle Fire.

Some board members discussed using the \$300,000 to fund the housing program and then buying Kindles through the education foundation at a later date; however, many board members felt the first \$300,000 received by the CREZ was earmarked for the education foundation, with \$240,000 going to towards purchase of

the Kindles and the rest, \$60,000, for next year's students coming into the high school.

Under the CREZ adopted policy, funds must be distributed every six months.

"As we look at the education component we have to work with the school district," Neal told the board.

"We can't just say, 'Go get everybody a Kindle,' and everyone would be happy. We have to get together with the district on this," he urged.

It was also pointed out that the education spending was meant to be spent across the whole county on a per pupil basis, including the Lone School District students.

"We are county-wide and Ione is part of the county," pointed out CREZ board chairman Don Russell.

Neal agreed, saying the Morrow County foundation is set up for all schools in the county, both Ione and Morrow County school districts.

In other discussion McLane said she had heard from Cyde Estes of the Morrow County Unified Recreation District asking for agreements and collected funds from a previous enterprise zone prior to the current CREZ.

Board members felt those documents were part of the public record and not the duty of current CREZ administrator McLane to dig up and provide.

## Wheat foundation scholarship offered

Pendleton, OR—The Oregon Wheat Foundation will provide up to 12 scholarships for high school seniors whose families are members of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

The scholarship is also open to students who work part-time for grower members or whose family members are employed by OWGL members.

The scholarship requirements include an

essay on any topic related to the wheat industry and a summary of the student's school and community involvement.

One \$1,000 award will be made to a qualifying student from each of the participating counties, which include Morrow, Umatilla, Baker, Gilliam, Klamath, Malheur, Sherman, Union, Wallowa and Wasco.

In addition, up to two

awards will be made in the Willamette Valley counties and one in the Central Oregon counties.

Application forms are available from the Oregon Wheat Growers League website at [www.owgl.org](http://www.owgl.org) or Marilyn Blagg, scholarship coordinator for the Oregon Wheat Foundation, [mblagg@owgl.org](mailto:mblagg@owgl.org). Applications are due Monday, Feb. 3, 2014.

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**Justice  
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Report**

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

-Sheila M. McKinley, 39, of Lexington pled no contest to Violating the Basic Rule 87/55 and was fined \$435.

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