

Applications for Conservation Stewardship Program due Jan. 17

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is opening the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for new enrollments for federal fiscal year 2014. Starting last Monday, Dec. 2 through Jan. 17, 2014, producers interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS.

The CSP is a Farm Bill conservation program that helps established conservation stewards with taking their level of natural resource management to the next level to improve both their agricultural production and provide

valuable conservation benefits such as cleaner and more abundant water, as well as healthier soils and better wildlife habitat.

CSP is now in its fifth year and, so far, NRCS has partnered with producers to enroll more than 59 million acres across the nation.

The program emphasizes conservation performance—producers earn higher payments for higher performance. In CSP, producers install conservation enhancements to make positive changes in soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, plant resources, animal resources and energy.

Some popular

enhancements used by farmers and ranchers include:

- Using new nozzles that reduce the drift of pesticides, lowering input costs and making sure pesticides are used where they are most needed;

- Modifying water facilities to prevent bats and bird species from being trapped;

- Burning patches of land, mimicking prairie fires to enhance wildlife habitat; and

- Rotating feeding areas and monitoring key grazing areas to improve grazing management.

Eligible landowners and operators in all states and territories can enroll

in CSP through Jan. 17 to be eligible during the 2014 federal fiscal year. While local NRCS offices accept CSP applications year-round, NRCS evaluates applications during announced ranking periods.

To be eligible for this year's enrollment, producers must have their applications submitted to NRCS by the closing date.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is suitable for their operation.

Learn more about CSP by visiting the NRCS website, your local NRCS field office at 430 Linden Way, Heppner, OR, or by calling 541-676-5021.

COVER OREGON ENROLLMENT

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Plan. Cover Oregon has received in total more than 54,000 applications so far and staff are working to get those applications processed as quickly as possible, the organization says.

People eligible for private plans will receive an enrollment packet in the mail, with instructions on how to select a plan, and they need to return that packet no later than Dec. 15 for coverage effective Jan. 1. Those eligible for the Oregon Health Plan will be automatically enrolled in coverage.

Here are important deadlines and tips to keep in mind:

Dec. 4: Applications must be complete and postmarked by this date for coverage to begin Jan. 1, 2014. Once processed, applicants will receive letters letting them know whether they are eligible

for private insurance with or without tax credits, or for Oregon Health Plan.

Dec.15: Deadline for enrollment forms to be returned (postmarked) to Cover Oregon. People who are eligible for a private plan will receive an enrollment packet in the mail from Cover Oregon.

March 31, 2014: Open enrollment for Cover Oregon ends. The next open enrollment period begins Oct. 15, 2014 for coverage effective Jan. 1, 2015.

There are many ways to get help completing an application or enrolling in a health insurance plan. They can go to CoverOregon.com and find a certified community partner or insurance agent or call 1-855-CoverOR.

To date, Cover Oregon has received nearly 890,000 hits on the CoverOregon.com website and more than 50,000 calls to the service center.

DA's Report

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

-Jammie Leann Gomez-Jarrett, 30, was convicted of resisting arrest, a Class A misdemeanor; sentence of 90 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to two years bench probation, conditions of probation to include 40 hours community service and a written letter of apology to the victim. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$480.

-Jaime Dawn Fuerstenberg, 37, was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony. Defendant's driver's license was suspended for six months and the defendant sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, subject to 90 sanction units with 30 jail units. Conditions of probation included five sanction units to be used for 80 hours of community service. Fines, fees and

assessments totaled \$200. -Jaime Dawn Fuerstenberg, 37, was additionally convicted of Failure to Appear I, a Class C felony, and sentenced to two years supervised probation subject to 120 sanction units with 60 jail units. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$60.

-Lori Irene Lamberton, 38, was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony. Defendant's driver's license was suspended for six months and the defendant sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, subject to 90 sanction units with 30 jail units. Conditions of probation included 7.5 sanction units to be used for 100 hours of community service. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$200.

-Jesse Allen Salisbury, 26, was convicted of Theft II, A Class A misdemeanor, and sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community

service. Fines, fees, assessments and restitution totaled \$858.06.

-Cristian Rubisel Hurtado, 22, was convicted of Failure to Appear II, A Class A misdemeanor. Execution of the sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to three years bench probation, to include 40 hours community service and evaluation for anger management, life skills and mental health treatment. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$438.

-Cristian Rubisel Hurtado, 22, was further convicted of Failure to Appear II, A Class A misdemeanor. Execution of the sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to three years bench probation, to include 40 hours community service and evaluation for anger management, life skills and mental health treatment. Fines, fees and assessments

totaled \$690.

-Cristian Rubisel Hurtado, 22, was further convicted of probation violation. Probation is to continue on the same terms and conditions as the original sentence with the addition of an extension of three years probation time from the hearing date. Defendant was reminded that if he moves states, he must see parole and probation for possible interstate compact compliance. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$195.

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Sheriff's Report

October 4: Morrow County Sheriff's Office cited Olegario Garcia Navarrete, 40, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received report of vandalism to the west side of the Community Counseling Solutions building in Heppner with black spray paint.

-MCSO received report from a Boardman woman that her 16-year-old son was out of control and wouldn't give her car keys back so she could go to work. She requested that an officer talk to him.

-MCSO received report from a male who advised that a female with warrants was walking down Frontage Rd., just past the Army Depot in Hermiston.

-MCSO received report of a cooler full of food and beer taken out of the back of a pickup in Heppner the previous night.

-MCSO received request for a deputy to make contact with a subject at a residence in Heppner concerning a dog that keeps getting into garbage at a park, dragging off deer hides and being a nuisance to campers in the park.

MCSO gave the subject a warning.

-MCSO received report of a dog sleeping under a chair at the Baltimore Apartments in Heppner. The caller said when another tenant came out of the apartments there was conflict and the caller had to run the dog off. The caller said he had a picture. MCSO advised it was a civil issue.

-MCSO received a report from a man in Ione that a friend of his was threatened by another man. According to the caller, the man said that he wanted the caller's friend out of town or he "will put a bullet in him." The caller said the man gave his friend an hour to get out of town. MCSO responded.

-MCSO received report of an older heavy-set man lying on the ground moaning and yelling, possibly intoxicated on Hwy. 730/S.E. Fourth St. in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report from a Lexington man that he had hit a dog and the

dog's owner's are taking the dog to the vet and advised him that he needs to pay the bill. MCSO responded via telephone.

-MCSO received report of a 1976 yellow Chevy Cheyenne with a dent on its hood reported stolen through Umatilla Police Department. The caller said the vehicle had been seen by a friend driving around Lamb Weston.

-MCSO cited Kayly Elizabeth Abercrombie, 22, for Driving While Suspended, Driving Uninsured, Failure to Register Vehicle.

-MCSO received report of a driver of a darker blue crew cab pickup who almost ran the caller off the road between Lexington and Ione. The caller advised that a red Toyota pickup drove by quickly as well.

-MCSO received report of a white alpaca, three gray or brown ponies and a brown horse in the roadway at Columbia Lane, Irrigon. MCSO responded and located the owner.

Catholic men to hold first Friday meeting

The men of St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic churches will hold their first Friday of the month meeting on Friday, Dec. 6, at 6:45 a.m. in the parish office in Heppner. The meeting will be followed by Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include chicken parmigiana, noodles, green salad, zucchini, garlic bread and tiramisu.

Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

November 26, 2013: -Eugene Walter Wigglesworth, 81, of Irrigon and Virginia Anita Aguirre, 71, of Irrigon.

November 27, 2013: -Steven Dario Quirconi, 55, of Hermiston and Michelle Kayden Claypool, 39, of Hermiston.

-Andy Robert Stelk, 32, of Lexington and Jessica Jean Lehman, 35, of Lexington.

Chamber Chatter

Wheatland Insurance - Interoffice Holiday Challenge - canned food collection now through Dec. 13: All of the local Wheatland Insurance Offices are having a canned food drive. Drop off your nonperishable canned foods at the local Wheatland Office. The canned food will be distributed to the Neighborhood Center.

Thursday, Dec. 5 - Merchants' Holiday Open House with extended store hours: The day will start with a merchants' open house/customer appreciation until 7 p.m. The evening events start at 5:30 p.m. with the lighting of the Christmas tree by the post office, local children decorating the tree with their homemade ornaments and carolers walking around downtown. Santa will be set up inside Heppner Family Foods, so make sure you bring your cameras.

Friday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. - Heppner Day Care Inc., Presents Mr. Bill's Trivia: Mark your calendars and start forming teams of six or less. Lots of prizes, laughs

and fun. This event will be held at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Preregistration is encouraged - \$150 per team. Questions, call Heppner Day Care at 541-676-5429.

Sunday, Dec. 8 - fifth annual "Christmas Is" community concert at Heppner United Methodist Church: There will be two performances; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 children 12 and under and the proceeds will be given to the Ione and Heppner schools music programs and the Methodist Church. Dessert and coffee will be served following the performances.

Thursday, December 19th - Heppner Chamber Christmas Event - 6 p.m., at the Morrow County Fairgrounds: Start collecting rewards cards when you shop locally at participating merchants. Bring them out and enter for the prizes you want, enjoy a good meal catered by a local merchant, pictures with Santa, and participate in the penny board and raffle items and try to get a reward or two from Scrooge.

- OPEN HOUSE -
DECEMBER 5TH
Open until 7pm!

- * Hourly Door Prizes
- * Mini wine tasting
- * Fill out your wish list registry
- * Cookies & Cider

Wish list registry drawing December 19th at Heppner's Christmas event

WE WILL BE OPEN 2 SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER ON THE 15TH & 22ND 11AM - 4PM

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Any plan changes for 2014 must be done by December 7th
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If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)