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## Columbia River pavilion is this year's Ford Leadership project



Tina Livingston tells the Heppner Chamber of Commerce about this year's pavilion project. -Photo by David Sykes

By David Sykes

A new pavilion for picnicking and other activities will be built on the Columbia River near Boardman this year, thanks to the efforts of the Morrow County Ford Leadership Foundation. The group's last project was a similar structure built at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Each year the group

picks a project to work together on to make Morrow County communities a better place to live. The pavilion will be built with a concrete floor and a metal roof. It will have picnic tables, easy access to the river, flushable toilets, shade structures, paved parking and drive, and drinking water and electricity available. It will be 24 by 48 feet and be built

at Marker 40 on the river near Boardman.

Tina Livingston, human resource manager at ConAgra in Boardman, is heading up this year's project, and she attended the Heppner Chamber of Commerce last week to talk about it. She said the group will begin purchasing material for the pavilion on April 1, construct the facility on April 25 and 26

## Medical marijuana moratorium to be considered

Cities and county to decide whether to ban such facilities

Two public hearings have been scheduled to consider a proposed moratorium prohibiting any person from "establishing, operating or conducting the business of a medical marijuana facility in Morrow County or any of its incorporated Cities and Town," it has been announced.

The first hearing will be Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Heppner City Hall, and the second will be Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center in Boardman.

Medical marijuana facilities are legal in Oregon; however, a bill has been passed allowing counties and cities to place a ban on the facilities until May



Morrow County will hold public hearings to discuss a moratorium banning medical marijuana facilities like this one, which are now legal in Oregon. -Contributed photo

of 2015. The moratorium must be enacted by each city prior to May 1 of 2014.

There will be opportunity at the hearings for the public to comment or to ask questions on the proposed moratorium. The Morrow County Planning

Department is handling the hearings, and more information can be obtained by calling 541-922-4624 or 541-676-9061 ext. 5506. Information about the moratorium will also be available for the public at the hearings.

and have a ribbon cutting ceremony May 9. She said total cost for the structure will be right at \$20,000 and the group is still looking for donations of money, material and labor.

Livingston said the foundation is selling posts at the pavilion, each with a name plaque on it for a donation of \$500. Anyone who would like to make a donation can also do that by contacting her at 541-481-8216 or tmlivingston25@gmail.com. The foundation's mailing address is PO Box 1, Boardman, OR 97818.

She said anyone may help by a \$500 sponsorship, a donation of any dollar amount, time in helping in construction, and support by attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon on May 9.

Members of this year's Morrow County Ford Leadership Program are John Boufford, Stephanie Madrigal, Anna Browne, Jordan Mashos, Sarah

Christy, Catherine Olsen, Dee Burch, Brenda Proffitt, Ryan Dougherty, Debbie Radie, Blake Greenup, Maria Richards, Sami Hernandez, Daniel Stokoe, Micha Hintz, Daniel Su, David Jones, Joe Taylor, Amber Killingbeck, Sandy Toms, Wayne Killion, Teresa Van Doorn, Kayla Kindle, Layne Wolfmueller, Neil Livingston, Nikki Worden, Tina Livingston and Alvin Liu (Ambassador).

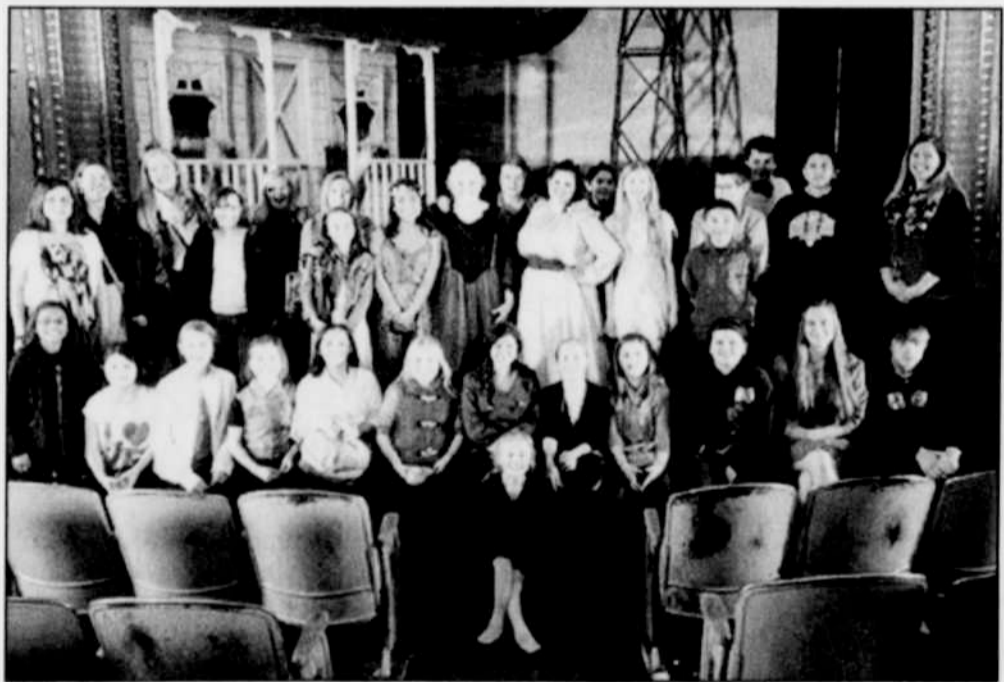
The mission of the Ford Family Foundation is "...to develop successful citizens

and vital rural communities. Since the foundation stands for committed to community vitality, they have been bringing leadership training to groups of citizens in Morrow County for four years. Through the leadership development training, the ultimate goal is and has been to improve the quality of life for all the members of our rural communities. The people involved in the training choose a project and go on to work collaboratively to bring the project to completion."



An example of the new 24 X 48-ft steel pavilion building planned near Boardman on the river. -Contributed photo

## Ione kids get 'OK' start to spring break



The Ione Education Foundation helped Ione kids start spring break off with a fabulous Elgin Opera House performance of "Oklahoma!" Standing from left: Mackenzie Gurinko, Lauren Garrett, Kaitlyn Garrett, Katie Gilbert, Miranda Taylor, Ally Haguewood, Mackenzie Heideman, Ashley Medina, cast member, Hannah Flynn, Emma Rietmann, Jesus Escalante, Wyatt Aleksa, Joshua Gray, Logan Burright, and teacher Jordan Bemrose. Sitting from left: Jessica Medina, Jayne Simpson, Lexi Garrett, Meghan Doherty, Annabelle McDaniel, Maddie Aldritt, Susie Teeman, Tiffany Hollis, Ola Rietmann, Eva Martin, Larysa Burright, Rachel Holland and Karsen Dumler. -Contributed photo

## Nominations for 2014 Crystal Apple Awards close April 1

PENDLETON, OR— Time is running out to submit nominations for the InterMountain Education Service District's 2014 Crystal Apple "Excellence in Education" Awards. Nominations will be accepted through Tuesday, April 1. The Crystal Apple

Awards for Umatilla and Morrow counties will take place on May 21 at the Pendleton Red Lion.

The awards is to recognize individuals who help to make schools and students successful.

Nomination forms, qualifications and a list of

past winners are available on the Crystal Apple website, www.imesd.k12.or.us/crystalapple/home.

All nominations must be made using the online form.

The deadline to make nominations is Tuesday, April 1, at 5 p.m.

## Boardman reappoints planning commissioners, appoints budget committee member

BOARDMAN—At the March 18 city council meeting, councilors reappointed planning commissioners David Gray and Bill Hancock to serve three-year terms and appointed Ed Glenn to the budget committee for a three-year term.

This is the second appointment for both Gray and Hancock to the city's planning commission. The planning commission is comprised of seven members appointed by the city council and is a permanent advisory body to the council on matters related to planning and development.

The commission holds monthly public meetings to consider land use and zoning matters presented by staff, such as plan amendments, zone changes, conditional use permits, variances and tentative subdivision projects. Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall. Currently the planning commission has two vacancies. Interested parties should contact Boardman City Hall at 541-481-9252.

Glenn has served in several capacities with the City of Boardman, including mayor, councilor, budget committee member

and planning commissioner. The budget committee is comprised of the Boardman City Council and seven members of the community, appointed by the city council.

The committee holds one or more meetings each April to review and make recommendations to the city council for the city's budget and the Urban Renewal Districts' budget.

In other city business, the council ratified the police union's contract. Also, councilors approved a resolution supporting an agreement between the Columbia River Enterprise Zone and VaData.

## It's time for spring sports

It's time for spring sports, and the Heppner G-T has you covered with the information you need

to keep up with your kids' and grandkids' playing schedules.

See PAGE SIX for

complete schedules of Heppner and Ione school baseball, softball, track & field, and golf.

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