

## Juarez, Peterson named Ione High citizens of the year



Seniors Jacqueline Juarez and August Peterson were named 2013-2014 Citizens of the Year for Ione High School. -Contributed photo

## SKAGGS RETIRES

-Continued from PAGE ONE that same year. She says they met at a roller rink in Joseph.

"In Joseph, that was a big thing," she says.

Jan went to work for the Wallowa Lake Lodge, where she worked until the family moved to Sunnyside, WA. From there they moved to Prosser, WA before coming to rest in Heppner nearly 30 years ago. Frank worked for the local Chevy garage before starting his own business, while Skaggs worked first for the Morrow County School District and then for CAPECO (Community Action Program of East Central Oregon) before taking on her job at the Neighborhood Center.

Skaggs says her role has been far more than a second-hand store manager or community outreach coordinator. While the Neighborhood Center is designed to help

the community with its physical needs, Skaggs says she was also often a ready ear when people needed to talk.

"I've had a lot of them come in and just talk, even though I'm not a counselor, because they need someone to turn to," she says. "They have something they need to get off their shoulders. And I have helped quite a few people like that even though I don't have a license. Lots of hugs for helping and stuff."

Frank retired in 1997 and now, at last, Skaggs says she's ready to join him in retirement. She says she doesn't plan to do a whole lot "right off the bat." Yard work is on the list, as is spending time with extended family. The Skaggs have four grown children, three sons and a daughter, who all still live in the Heppner and Pendleton areas.

"We have seven great-

## DA's Report

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

-Nicholas Joseph Molnar, 25, was convicted of one count of harassment, a Class B misdemeanor, and sentenced to 20 days jail time with credit for time served. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$793.

## Justice Court Report

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

-Tosha Ann Kidwell, 36, of Heppner pled no contest to Failure to Stop for a School Bus. She was fined \$435.

grandchildren that we'll get to enjoy a bit more. We have eight grandchildren. We all get together a lot...and it's usually at my house!" she says. "I'm not a traveler so I'm sure I'm not gonna do a whole lot of travelling. I do enjoy going up to the mountains."

Lisa Patton will take on the executive directorship of the Neighborhood Center; she begins June 12.

"I think she's gonna do good," says Skaggs.

Skaggs, whose last day is Thursday, June 26, says the thing she will miss most is the interaction with members of the community.

"I'll miss all the people coming in. I enjoy the people. I'm a people person; you almost have to be a people person to work here," she says. "A lot of them came in to visit, or to have coffee, or just to say, 'Good morning, how are you today?' I'll miss all of that."

## ICBA and Bank of EO offer tips for homebuyers

June is National Home Ownership Month, and Bank of Eastern Oregon and the other nearly 8,000 members of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) continue to try to help Americans in communities throughout the country become, and remain, homeowners each year through the personal attention that only a local community bank can provide.



Arletta Arnspiger

"Community banks take the extra steps necessary to give potential homebuyers the service and attention they need," said Jim MacPhee, ICBA chairman and CEO of Kalamazoo County State Bank in Schoolcraft, MI. "They can help their customers evaluate whether the time is right for them to purchase a home, determine the most affordable mortgage options for their situation, and provide them with information to help the process go more smoothly."

ICBA and BEO offer the following suggestions for home buyers:

1. Know all the sources and amounts of your monthly income and know your budget, including how much you spend on rent, utilities, entertainment, clothing, food and transportation.

2. Gather and organize paperwork, such as pay stubs, W-2 forms, tax returns and bank and investment statements.

3. Check your credit report and bring it to your community banker. Credit reporting agencies must give you one free report annually. Access your credit at [www.ftc.gov/freereports](http://www.ftc.gov/freereports).

4. Work with your community banker to figure out how much you can borrow and which mortgage product is right for you. Your community banker will carefully explain the mortgage options of each mortgage product available, including rate adjustments, fees and other loan features, so you aren't surprised by payment increases down the road.

5. Talk to your community bank before you begin looking for a home. Your community banker can tell you what current mortgage rates are and help you understand how that translates into monthly mortgage payments. This will help you shop for a home that fits your budget and shows sellers you are an educated home buyer.

6. Learn as much as you can about the home-buying process. In addition to talking with your community banker, look

for classes on home buying and maintenance. Some community banks offer seminars and there are free online educational tools at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

7. Check with your local state, city, and county government agencies for special first-time homebuyer loan or grant programs available to assist with down-payment and closing costs.

8. Once you have spoken to your community bank and know what you can afford, stop by real estate open houses to see what's available in your price range.

9. Know your rights. Learn how the Fair Housing Act protects you: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/yourrights.cfm>

"Potential homebuyers should visit their local community bank to learn what their mortgage options are," said Arletta Arnspiger, Mortgage Lending Manager for Bank of Eastern Oregon. "Not only are community banks like Bank of Eastern Oregon interested in helping home buyers purchase a home, they also want to help borrowers find a mortgage they can afford and afford to keep."

For more information about ICBA, visit [www.icba.org](http://www.icba.org). To find out more about BEO Bancorp and Bank of Eastern Oregon, visit [www.beobank.com](http://www.beobank.com).

## Sheriff's Report

**March 1:** -The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report that the Port of Morrow alarm was going off. Boardman Police and a MCSO Deputy responded and determined there was an open door that must have been blown open by the wind.

-MCSO received report of a motor vehicle accident in front of the Heppner Post Office. There were no injuries and the accident was not blocking.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that her dog was attacked by another dog that also lives in the senior center.

-MCSO received request from a Boardman woman who wanted to speak with a deputy regarding an abandoned vehicle on her property. She said she knows who owns it, but they would not come get the vehicle and would

not answer her calls. -MCSO received report from the Hermiston Police Department that the male half of a custody dispute left the Dairy Queen in Hermiston with the child and he was driving suspended.

-MCSO received report of a Chevy being driven fast and recklessly on I-84 Boardman.

-MCSO warned numerous subjects for failure to use seat belts and not obeying traffic control devices.

-MCSO received two reports of a disabled car with the hood up on I-84 Boardman. MCSO responded, but there was no one with the vehicle.

-MCSO Deputy advised he was flagged down for directions.

-MCSO received report of a vehicle driving with no lights on at night on I-84.

The driver of the vehicle later turned his lights on.

-MCSO received report of a suspicious vehicle parked by the canal in Boardman. MCSO responded, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

-MCSO Deputy advised he was at Bucknum's in Heppner for a bar check and also checked out Main St.

-MCSO received report of a vehicle all over the road on I-84. MCSO responded and stopped the vehicle. He was warned for failure to maintain lane.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that a black dog keeps coming into her yard and chasing her dog.

-MCSO Deputy advised he was out with two juveniles at 10:30 p.m. at Hager Park in Heppner.

-MCSO received a 911 call from a cell phone. After two call backs it was

## Ione pool to hold info meeting

An informational meeting regarding the Ione pool summer offerings will take place June 11 at 3:45 p.m. in the school library; information will be available on swimming lessons and the AAU swim team.

Five levels of

swimming lessons in two separate sessions will be offered mornings, Monday through Friday. Swimming lessons are \$30 per two-week session.

AAU swim team practice will also be held in the mornings.

Beginning Friday, June

13, the pool will hold open swim 1-4 p.m. daily, adult swim 4-5 p.m. daily, and open swim 5-8 p.m. daily. Cost is \$2 per session or \$100 for a family season pass.

Questions can be referred to the Ione school office, 541-422-7131.

## Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report Thursday, June 5, at noon in Heppner

City Hall conference room. Cost of lunch is \$10; Cornerstone Gallery will cater.

Chamber lunch

attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

determined it was a child playing with the phone.

**March 3:** -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report from an Irrigon woman that her husband's pickup window was shattered sometime during the night. She said he had to take the pickup to work, but was available by phone.

-MCSO received a 911 hangup call from a Heppner address, and then received a call from Global Security requesting life assist for an elderly female. Heppner Ambulance and MCSO responded.

-MCSO received a 911 call that sounded like a dispute in progress in the background. A deputy responded and determined it was not a dispute, everything was okay and a child had been playing with the phone. MCSO stood down before arriving on the scene.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman

that there would be a 1999 Cadillac parked by the Nazarene Church that has no plates and may appear to be abandoned. The caller said they would move the vehicle in the next 24-48 hours.

-MCSO received report from a man in Irrigon that his vehicle was struck by a wheel that had fallen off a Jeep. There were no injuries, but the caller needed to report the incident for insurance. MCSO responded and took the report.

-MCSO received two 911 calls from the same number in Irrigon, both with dead air on the other end.

-MCSO received report that a male subject, thought to be driving a silver minivan registered to who was believed to be his new wife, was staying at a Hermiston location. The suspect has a detention warrant and an Oregon parole board warrant.

-MCSO received report of a suspicious subject, described as male, 5 ft. 10 inches, with no teeth and wearing a blue coat, at the irrigation canal in Boardman. The caller said he dropped either a tackle box or a jewelry box into the canal. When the caller left, the subject went back to the canal and picked up the item he dropped. MCSO and Boardman Police Department responded and determined the subject was allowed at the residence.

-MCSO received report from a Lexington woman who said that when she broke up with her boyfriend, she asked if she could leave some of her belongings there and retrieve them at a later date. She then received an email from him stating that he took the items to the Neighborhood Center. She requested deputy contact. A deputy responded and advised her that it was a civil matter.

The Morrow County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) would like to thank the following organizations for participating in bi-monthly meetings and requirements set forth by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, thus remaining in good standing with the LEPC:

- Boardman Foods, Inc.
- Boardman Rural Fire District
- Calbee North America
- City of Boardman
- City of Heppner
- City of Ione
- Columbia River Community Health Services
- ConAgra Foods/Lamb Weston
- Devin Oil
- Morrow Cold Storage
- Morrow County Health Department
- Morrow County School District
- Morrow County Sheriff's Office,
- Morrow County VA Clinic
- North Morrow Vector Control District
- Pacific Ethanol Columbia
- PGE - Coyote Springs Plant
- PGE - Boardman Coal Fired Plant
- Port of Morrow
- Reclaim
- River Point Farms
- Tillamook/Columbia River Processing
- Watts Brothers Pack Center
- Willow Creek Energy Center

The Morrow County LEPC is a committee comprised of volunteer representatives from area businesses and organizations. The committee's responsibilities are directed by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office and the goal is to have Emergency Response plans in place in the event of an emergency involving hazardous substances/materials. The local businesses which have potentially hazardous substances, such as anhydrous ammonia or chlorine, on site are required to participate in the committee. All organizations in the county are welcomed to attend, as well. The Morrow County LEPC meets every other month on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00am to noon, usually at the Port of Morrow building in Boardman. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information about this important county committee, please contact the current Chairman, Dan Turley of PGE -Coyote Springs, at 541-481-8325.

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