

Oregon Dairy Princess to appear at SAGE Center Thursday

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association has announced a special opportunity for community leaders, school-age children and the general public to meet the 2015 Oregon Dairy Princess, Emma Miller, at the SAGE Center in Boardman on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Miller is including the ap-

pearance at the SAGE Center in conjunction with her participation in the Morrow County Fair in Heppner later the same day.

Dairy Princess Miller and her First Alternate, Megan Sprute, have spoken to more than 11,000



Emma Miller

school-age children since the first of the year. These young ladies serve as industry representatives in the schools and to civic organizations throughout the year. Oregon's Dairy industry is comprised of 230 producers accounting for more than \$1

billion in economic impact, resulting in a fourth-place ranking among Oregon's Ag and natural resource industries. Morrow County now ranks among the top dairy producing counties. The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association is located in Salem. The association has been serving dairy farmers since 1892.

ELAP covers losses from additional cost of transporting water to livestock

Heppner–Morrow County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kyle Carnine reminds producers that assistance is available through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) for producers who have incurred additional operating costs for transporting water to livestock due to an eligible drought. An eligible drought means that part or all of a county is designated D3 or higher as defined by the U.S. Drought Monitor (www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu). The enrollment

deadline for 2015 ELAP assistance is Nov. 1. ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish who have suffered losses because of disease, severe weather, blizzards and wildfires. “Prolonged drought conditions have caused many hardships for producers including increased expenses associated with water transport—equipment, labor and contracted water transportation costs,” said Carnine. To qualify for ELAP, eligible livestock must be: Alpacas, adult or non-adult

dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo and beefalo as well as deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine. Additionally, the livestock must have been owned 60 calendar days prior to the beginning of the drought and be physically located in the county designated as a disaster area due to drought. Adequate livestock watering systems or facilities must have existed before the drought occurred and producers are only eligible if they do not normally transport water to the livestock. Livestock that were

or would have been in a feedlot are not eligible for livestock losses resulting from transporting water and ELAP does not cover the cost of the water itself. “I encourage livestock producers to contact the Morrow County FSA to make an appointment to sign up for ELAP and to learn more about eligibility, application and documentation requirements,” said Carnine. For more information on ELAP and eligible losses from transporting water, contact the Morrow County FSA office at 541-676-9011.

Community Bank pays more than \$12,000 for good grades

JOSEPH, OR—The fifth year of Community Bank's Earn While You Learn Program has set an all-time high in pay-outs to student-customers for their academic success. For the 2015 pay-out period, 576 students in the Eastern Oregon and Southeast Washington area cashed in on their good grades, as Community Bank paid them a total of \$12,581.

In Heppner, 25 students

were paid \$602. Since the bank's program began in 2011 the amount of payouts has steadily increased. In the first year of the bank's Earn While You Learn Program just four years ago, 190 students were paid \$3895. A total of \$6,975 was paid to over 275 student-customers in 2012. A big increase occurred the following year with \$11,173 paid out in 2013, and \$11,939 to

531 students in 2014. This brings the program's grand total of academic award money to \$46,563. The program was designed to encourage students in their academic success by awarding them for good grades. During the months of June and July, all Community Bank branches accepted end-of-the-year report cards from students in grades one through 12. For every top grade in a

main school subject (A-, A, A+ for middle and high school, and S+, E, etc. for grade school) that appeared on the report card, Community Bank deposited \$1 into their Community Bank Youth Savings Account. The Earn While You Learn Program is an annual reward of \$1 per top grade, up to \$50 annually per student, with payments given for the whole school year in June and July.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:
August 12, 2015: -Michael John Hammons, 42, of Heppner and Angelina Marie Maret, 33, of Heppner.

Community lunch menu

Heppner Church of the Nazarene and Seventh-day Adventist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include tuna salad sandwiches, potato chips, tomato soup, broccoli salad, and banana cream pie. Hope and Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be open-faced beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, cucumbers and onions, and raspberry mousse. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Chamber lunch meeting

The lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce originally scheduled for this Thursday, Aug. 20, has been cancelled to allow the community to attend the Morrow County Fair activities. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before.

Independent Party achieves major party status

SALEM—Secretary of State Jeanne P. Atkins Monday announced that the Independent Party of Oregon has qualified to be a major political party and will be permitted to participate in the May 2016 Primary Election. In order to qualify as a major political party in Oregon, a party must have

108,739 registered voters 275 days before the 2016 May Primary. The Independent Party of Oregon had 109,363 registered voters as of Aug. 16, the deadline. Minor political parties will be able to participate in the November 2016 General Election by nominating candidates after the May Primary.

ODFW Recreation Report

Anglers, bow hunters need to be aware of restrictions

Many streams have 2 p.m. fishing closure

The 2 p.m. closure of most streams to salmon, trout, steelhead and sturgeon fishing remains in effect. Exceptions include -Some streams will remain open because they are less prone to high water temperatures. Read ODFW's July 18 press release and regulation update page for details. -Fishing in the Columbia River and Snake River is not affected by the action, and fishing hours in these areas will remain under normal regulations. -Due to exceedingly warm temperatures and fish die-offs, the Willamette River below Willamette Falls is closed all day to

fishing for trout, steelhead, salmon and sturgeon. -Fishing for warmwater species such as crappie, bluegill, bass, catfish and walleye is unaffected by the action and may continue in all waterbodies. **Archery seasons open Aug. 29 but with fire restrictions** Archery season opens Aug. 29. ODFW will not be closing the season due to high fire danger, but hunters may face restrictions and closures on private lands (as they usually do this time of year). See ODF's webpage for restrictions and the Landowner / Corporate Closure Chart for information on private land closures. Also see ODF map of fire restrictions.

Chamber Chatter

Thursday, Aug. 20 – 12-5 p.m. - American Red Cross Blood Drive at Morrow County Fairgrounds. To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2676)

or email james.martinez@redcross.org or call Rachel Holland at 541-561-4297. Tuesday, Aug. 25 – 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. – Supply Chain Opportunities Conference at the Hermiston Conference Center: Busi-

ness Oregon, the Hermiston and Pendleton chambers of commerce, and PNDC have teamed up to bring you a supply chain program specifically designed to help manufacturers generate new opportunities,

new partnerships, and new awareness about suppliers and customers throughout the Northwest. To register, visit www.PNDC.us or call 888-701-PNDC. American Pickers to Film in Oregon – looking to come to our community: Contact the Heppner Chamber if you think you have something they would be interested in. Friday, Sept. 25 – 7:30 p.m. – Senator Bill Hansell Town Hall - Heppner City Hall Conference Room: Sen. Hansell will be talking about the legislative session as a whole, legislation that was passed that will affect Eastern Oregon, his plans for the following session and will hear issues that citizens are interested in.

Murray's 19th Annual Beer & Wine Tasting

Thursday, August 20, 2015
6:00 – 10:30 PM
Morrow County Fairgrounds Fair admission required

Price \$10.00 Starter Pack
2 drink tickets & take home glass
Additional tickets \$5.00 each

St. Patrick's Altar Society
Featuring receipts from upcoming "Taste of Heppner" cookbook.
BBQ Beef Dinner
-Baked Beans
-Coleslaw
-Dessert
-Drinks (Non alcoholic drinks available)

\$10 - Adult
\$5 - Kids 10 & under

Come toast Laurie Murray and Sean Wood for their upcoming Wedding September 5th

Award Winning Wines From all over the World!

Be sure to bring lawn chairs! Jet Teas for the kids

Live Entertainment:

Joe Lindsay Family/Friends:
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Luke Basile and Dakota Brown:
8:00 – 10:30 PM

ESPRESSO FAIR BOOTH SCHEDULE

(Inside Fair Annex Kitchen)

Tuesday 9-500
Wednesday 7:30-5:00
Thursday 7:30-4:00
Friday 7:30-5:00
Saturday 1-5:30

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