

# Eastern Oregon highway construction planned

LA GRANDE, OR— Highway construction season has begun and several projects are currently underway.

Eastern Oregon travelers can expect to see orange traffic cones and construction workers at several dozen work sites throughout the year along Interstate 84 and secondary state highways, including highways in Morrow County.

ODOT reminds motorists to slow down, pay extra attention and be prepared for flaggers and traffic pattern changes when they see orange cones and construction signs. Distracted or inattentive driving and speed are primary causes of crashes.

“With new, higher legal speed limits on many eastern and central Oregon routes, it is more important than ever to keep your mind on the task of driving,” stated an ODOT release. “Remember, traffic fines are double the amount in



ODOT is planning several local road projects during the summer. -Contributed photo  
all work zones, regardless of the presence of construction workers. Please pay attention to avoid paying a fine, or being involved in a crash.”

This year ODOT crews and their contractors will repair and resurface hundreds of miles of pavement, repair or replace aging bridges and culverts, add life-saving rumble strips, and perform other work necessary to keep highways safe and efficient.

Following are some projects expected to impact local drivers:

OR 206 Wasco-Heppner Highway will receive a pavement chip seal between the Gilliam Co. line and Heppner. Downtown Heppner will also receive fog seal coating over chip seal. Lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, delays up to 20 minutes. Parking restrictions will be in place

for one to two days in Heppner during paving activities in town.

Work is expected to start late July and take about two weeks to complete.

OR 207 Lexington-Echo Highway will receive rumble strips, with possible shoulder paving between Lexington and Madison Corner. Travelers can expect lane and shoulder closures, flaggers, possible pilot cars, and up to 20-minute delays at times.

The majority of the work is scheduled for April/May with completion by July.

OR 74 Heppner Highway will receive a pavement chip seal between the Gilliam Co. Line and Heppner. Expect lane closures, reduced speeds, day/nighttime flaggers, pilot cars, loose rock on the roadway, and delays up to 20 minutes.

Work is expected to start July 11 and take two to three weeks to complete.

# Wranglers play-day results

The Wranglers Riding Club has released the following results from its May 1 play day:

### Stick-Horse Race

Three & Under

- 1st) Savvy Joy Hall
- 2nd) Ella Mullins
- 3rd) Pearl Miller
- 4th) Kalia Rauch

### Four- & Five-Year-Olds

- 1st) Tate Turner
- 2nd) Ryker Rauch
- 3rd) Peyton Matheny
- 4th) Paige Miller

### Six- & Seven-Year-Olds

- 1st) Brooklyn Hendricks
- 2nd) Mary Ashbeck

### Barrels

#### Lead-line

- 1st) Savvy Joy Hall 32.96
- 2nd) Tate Turner 33.07
- 3rd) Ryker Rauch 38.29
- 4th) Mary Ashbeck 41.00

#### Seven & Under

- 1st) Healy Hisler 31.69
- 2nd) Amelya Pinkham 42.68
- 3rd) Paige Miller 47.72
- 4th) Brooklyn Hendricks 2:11.87

#### Eight- to 11-Year-Olds

- 1st) Brock Hisler 18.97
- 2nd) Hallee Hisler 19.07
- 3rd) Isela Echols 26.97
- 4th) Shane Sifford 28.13

#### 12- to 15-Year-Olds

- 1st) Jessica Cain 18.94
- 2nd) Kiersten Holz 20.52
- 3rd) Chelsea Echols 32.00
- 4th) Daisy Coombs 53.85

#### 16 & Over

- 1st) Jordan Stubbs 20.22
- 2nd) Jeanette Elange 34.25
- 3rd) Suellen Ehmer 37.93
- 4th) Lynsi Weed 43.75

### Poles

#### Lead-line

- 1st) Savvy Joy Hall 51.22
- 2nd) Ryker Rauch 52.26
- 3rd) Peyton Matheny 55.39
- 4th) Tate Turner 57.94

#### Seven & Under

- 1st) Healy Hisler 38.66
- 2nd) Hadley Wright 49.62
- 3rd) Amelya Pinkham 54.12
- 4th) Brooklyn Hendricks 2:28.50

#### Eight- to 11-Year-Olds

- 1st) Brock Hisler 23.53
- 2nd) Hallee Hisler 24.06
- 3rd) Isela Echols 33.06

- 4th) Saige Jensen 37.56
- 12- to 15-Year-Olds
- 1st) Kiersten Holz 26.54
- 2nd) Jessica Cain 30.13
- 3rd) Chelsea Echols 33.44
- 4th) Becky Ehmer 41.82

- 16 & Over
- 1st) Jordan Stubbs 34.72
- 2nd) Suellen Ehmer 39.47
- 3rd) Lynsi Weed 49.97
- 4th) Jeanette Elange 59.22

### Boot Race

#### Lead-line

- 1st) Axton Hendricks 29.78
- 2nd) Savvy Joy Hall 31.88
- 3rd) Pearl Miller 44.91
- 4th) Tate Turner 50.86

#### Seven & Under

- 1st) Healy Hisler 24.59
- 2nd) Amelya Pinkham 33.31
- 3rd) Brooklyn Hendricks 38.88

#### 4th) Hadley Wright 44.06

- Eight- to 11-Year-Olds
- 1st) Hallee Hisler 14.03
- 2nd) Emalei Hendren 18.32
- 3rd) Isela Echols 18.69
- 4th) Nevaeh Hall 20.78

#### 12- to 15-Year-Olds

- 1st) Kiersten Holz 14.66
- 2nd) Jessica Cain 15.43
- 3rd) Chelsea Echols 18.66
- 4th) Asher Hall 19.53

#### 16 & Over

- 1st) Jordan Stubbs 16.19

### Goat Un-tying (pull ribbon off tail)

#### Lead-line

- 1st) Savvy Joy Hall 10.56
- 2nd) Pearl Miller 12.15
- 3rd) Tate Turner 12.47
- 4th) Mary Ashbeck 13.97

#### Seven & Under

- 1st) Healy Hisler 20.13
- 2nd) Hadley Wright 21.66
- 3rd) Amelya Pinkham 22.60
- 4th) Brooklyn Hendricks 29.31

### Goat Tying

#### Eight- to 11-Year-Olds

- 1st) Hallee Hisler 27.25
- 2nd) Isela Echols 51.78
- 3rd) Nevaeh Hall 56.25
- 4th) Shane Sifford 1:00.63

#### 12- to 15-Year-Olds

- 1st) Jessica Cain 18.84
- 2nd) Kiersten Holz 37.66
- 3rd) Asher Hall 52.97
- 4th) Becky Ehmer 1:04.00

#### 16 & Over

- 1st) Jordan Stubbs 16.65

# B2H open house planned today

The Morrow County Court is hosting an open house on Wednesday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center in Boardman. The event is open to the public and will provide an opportunity to ask questions about the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) transmission line project and submit written comment to the Morrow County Court.

Morrow County invites members of the public to attend the open house and view the recently-released preliminary Agency Preferred Route for the Boardman to Hemingway project and provide com-

ment to the Morrow County Court through comment cards that will be available. Idaho Power Company will be available to answer questions as the project proponent and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be available to answer any questions about the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line project and the BLM permitting process. Also available will be the Oregon Department of Energy to answer questions about the application that has been submitted to them to obtain a Site Certificate for the project from the Energy Facility Siting Council.

The open house is an opportunity for the public to engage in the B2H transmission line project and ask questions of the agencies participating in the project. While BLM has released the preliminary Agency Preferred Route, they have been clear that this is not a public comment period for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The next opportunity for comment to the BLM on their decision making process will be when the final Environmental Impact Statement is released. Comments to Morrow County Court are welcomed.

Anyone unable to at-

tend the open house but who would still like an opportunity to comment to Morrow County Court, please submit written comments to the Morrow County Planning Department, B2H Route Comment, P.O. Box 40, Irrigon, OR, 97844 or by email to Hank Pieper at hpieper@co.morrow.or.us with “B2H Route Comment” in the subject line.

Written comments are requested prior to Friday, May 20. Contact the Morrow County Planning Department at 541-922-4624 with questions about the open house or the Boardman to Hemingway project.

# Morrow County students excel at math competition

HEPPNER—The Morrow County School District held its annual district math contest earlier this month at Heppner Elementary School. The top six students in third through eighth grades from each school competed by completing a rigorous 50-question multiple choice test designed specifically for advanced math students.

The exam covered a wide array of mathematical concepts such as measurement, algebra, data interpretation, numeration and geometry. All students received a ribbon for their

participation, while the top 10 performers in each grade received specific placing ribbons. First-place winners will all receive an engraved plaque.

The winners were: Caelyn Pullen, third grade, A. C. Houghton Elementary School; Caden George, fourth grade, Heppner Elementary School; Caden Szasz, fifth grade, Windy River Elementary School; Roen Waite, sixth grade, Heppner Elementary School; Jackson Lehman, seventh grade, Heppner Junior High School; Jessica Cain, eighth grade, Irrigon

Junior High School.

The district math Contest was organized by the Morrow County School District Talented and Gifted (TAG) Coordinators from each building. Although not all students participating were identified TAG students, the contest was designed to recognize academic achievement of all students.

For more information on the district math contest, please contact George Mendoza, assistant superintendent, or visit www.morrow.k12.or.us.

# IMESD receives dental health grant from Oregon Community Foundation

Pendleton—The InterMountain Education Service District (IMESD) recently received a \$70,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) to improve dental health for students in eastern Oregon.

The purpose of the grant is to implement a comprehensive school-based dental health program targeted at low-income students in grades kindergarten through eighth in a three-county region. The counties covered are Umatilla, Morrow and Union.

One of the IMESD’s

continuing initiatives is to improve the oral health of students in its 18 component school districts by providing care that is accessible, affordable and convenient for students. Mark Mulvihill, IMESD superintendent, said, “By improving oral health for eastern Oregon students, we can continue to make progress toward increasing school attendance, increasing the third-grade reading rate and increasing the high school graduation rate. We are grateful to the OCF for the opportunity to help further these goals.”

The grant funding comes from the Children’s Dental Health Initiative Fund, a statewide initiative of the OCF. The partners that contributed to the grant include: A-dec, The Ford Family Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, Meyer Memorial Trust, Northwest Health Foundation, Providence Health & Services and the Oregon Community Foundation.

For more information, visit www.imesd.k12.or.us or the Oregon Community Foundation website at www.oregoncf.org/ocf-initiatives.

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Morrow County Judge

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