

COUNTY AUDIT

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Debt burden: Percentage of debt service to revenues. Morrow is very good at 1.1 percent debt service to revenue. The state recommends a target of five percent or lower.

Liquidity: Cash on hand against current liability. In Morrow County the amount is \$7.2 dollars for each dollar of debt. No state-wide average was given but the highest is Lake County at \$101.3, and Linn County the lowest at \$1.4.

Fund balance: A positive fund balance provides resources for a county to weather revenue short falls or over spending. Morrow rates very good at 252 percent, fourth in the state.

Retirement benefit obligation: Morrow County has an above average amount of unfunded county employee retirement and pension obligations, as measured per residents of the county. The state average is \$453 of unfunded obligation per county resident and Morrow County's is \$572 per resident.

Public safety: Expenditures to ensure county citizens are protected. Morrow County spends \$448 per person and is sixth highest in the state. Sherman is highest at \$1,171 and Polk the lowest at \$165.

Population trends: The report looked at population change from 1950 to 2015. Morrow County gained 6,847 residents. The highest overall growth

was Washington County at 509,241 and the lowest was a loss of population in Wheeler county of -1,868. Grant, Gilliam, Sherman and Wallowa Counties all had population losses.

Unemployment: Morrow County had an unemployment rate of 5.9 percent, the 12th lowest in the state. Benton County was lowest at 4.5 and Grant was highest at nine percent.

Labor force participation rate: The percentage of work-age people actually working. Morrow County was the fifth highest at 66 percent of its work force at work. Hood River County was the highest at 79 percent, and Curry County had the lowest participation at 45 percent.

The state plans on issuing a report on the counties every two years and says the purpose of the report "is to analyze the financial condition of county governments...defined as a local government's ability to maintain existing service levels, withstand local and regional economic disruptions, and meet the demands of natural growth, decline and change." The state also identified four counties, Curry, Douglas, Josephine and Polk, as ones that "may be at a higher risk of distress than other counties."

Anyone wishing to read the entire report can do so at www.sos.oregon.gov/audits.

News from Hardman Community Center

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The highlight of the news from Hardman Community Center this week is that the ceiling is up.

The headway was made thanks to Bob Allen, Sam Martin Sr., Rick McDaniel and Scott Smythe, who showed up for work on Father's Day. Others in attendance for the workday were: John Koch, who worked on research, Sylvia Allen, who worked on archiving, and Cheyenne Rogers and Claudia Smythe, who finished cleaning the kitchen. Next up is dry walling, then papering, sanding the floor and sealing. HCC members say "the end is in sight."

The next workday is scheduled for Sunday, July 10, though some members say they may work next Sunday.

The pantry and kitchen cleaning were started last workday and Sylvia Allen, Rogers, Claudia Smythe and Judy Stevens worked on those spaces the better part of two days last week—everything has been sorted and washed, along with the shelving and cupboards. The only thing left is to wash is the back and front walls—a small task, the women say. The board needs to figure out the kitchen stove area—does the group want a regular stove/oven combo installed,



Rick McDaniel working at the Hardman Community Center. -Contributed photo

are they keeping the grill, and are they putting up some type of fire-resistant backing in the area? Once those details are nailed down, everything will need to be hooked up, and the center will be operational. All of the board members should be back in town after the fourth.

Bob Allen has fixed the water pipes outside and then the "girls" called him and he fixed the leaky sink.

Unfortunately, his "honey-do" list didn't get any shorter. The outlets on the north wall aren't working, so the group hasn't got the printer hooked up yet; there is a gap under the kitchen door that might let critters into the clean kitchen, and a broken window in the pantry.

Sylvia Allen has added several new pictures to the hall, so everyone is invited to stop by and see the new

additions. They are also still collecting genealogies and historical materials relating to Hardman. Contributions can be mailed to: Claudia Smythe, Secretary, Hardman Community Center, 48284 Hwy 207 S, Heppner, OR 97836, as can dues. The secretary can also be emailed at hcc@hughes.net.

The center recently received a complete set of Chronicles from the Morrow County Historical Society, which are already being perused by members, as well as a donation last fall of "Valby Church 1896-1996" from the church. Both of these donations were facilitated by Shirley Palmer. They also received a memorial donation from Snow-McElligott in the memory of Allen Smythe during the winter. They are now looking for a copy of "History of Lumbering in Morrow County" by C.K. Peck to go with pictures of local mills.

Many other projects are pending and in the works to be discussed at the next meeting, and center members say they are excited to see so much progress to date. If enough interest is expressed, they may have a potluck Hardman Reunion when the dining room is finished.

Sidewalk sale, customer appreciation lunch Friday

The annual Heppner sidewalk sale and Bank of Eastern Oregon customer appreciation barbecue are planned for this Friday, June 24. The sidewalk sale will take place in downtown Heppner from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Bank of Eastern Oregon will be having its customer appreciation barbecue from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community members are welcome to set up to sell in front of or inside of a business (with permission from the business).

Contact the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536 or email at heppnerchamber@centurytel.net if you are interested in participating and would like to be added to the schedule of activities.

CURRINS AT NHSRF

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contestants will also compete for more than \$350,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named an NHSFR World Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20—based on their combined times/scores in the first two rounds—to ad-

vance to Saturday evening's final round. World champions will then be determined based on their three-round combined times/scores.

Again, this year, the Saturday championship performance will be televised nationally as a part of the Cinch Highschool Rodeo Tour telecast series on RFD-TV. Live broadcasts of each NHSFR performance will also air online at NHSRATV.com. Performance times are 7 p.m. on July 17, and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day thereafter.

To follow local favorites at the NHSFR, visit NHSRA.org daily for complete results. For ticket information, call 307-682-0552.

HHS announces semester two honor roll

Heppner Jr./Sr. High School has announced its honor roll students for the second semester of the 2015-16 school year. Students are as follows by grade:

12th Grade—Patrick Collins 4.0, Jessica Kempken 4.0, Skyler Palmer 4.0, William Lutzer, Caitlyn Bailey, Sydney Maben, Kai Arbogast, Kaden Clark, Christopher Kindle, Rylee Kollman, Kaelyn Lindsay, Weston Putman.

11th Grade—Kolby Currin 4.0, Kellie Eadler 4.0, Bryan Fowler 4.0, Logan Grieb 4.0, Taylor Hamby 4.0, Jacob Lindsay 4.0, Kevin Murray 4.0, Demitra Schmidt 4.0, Kane Sweeney 4.0, Caden Hedman, Cassidy McCullough, Em-

ily Cecil, Didrick Finnseth, Timothy Gould.

10th Grade—Morgan Correa 4.0, Sophie Grant 4.0, Reiah Waite 4.0, Cara Arbogast.

Ninth Grade—Carson Brosnan 4.0, Madison Combe 4.0, Jacee Currin 4.0, Claire Grieb 4.0, Jaiden Mahoney 4.0, Jenna McCullough 4.0, Hunter Nichols 4.0, Olivia Schmidt 4.0, Keegan Gibbs, Gibson McCurry, Leo Waite.

Eighth Grade—Nicole Prophet 4.0, Jason Rea, Kellen Grant, Makayla Silva.

Seventh Grade—Madelyn Nichols, Hannah Palmer, Jayden Wilson, Gracey DeLoach, Aimee Doherty, Brinley Dompier, Blake Wolters.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report on Thursday, July 7, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room. Cost of lunch is \$10.

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

90TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE FOR: HENRY KREBS

Everyone Welcome!

Sunday July 10th

Ione American Legion Hall

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Hostesses: Robin Krebs, Roni Krebs, Penny Krebs, Jane Krebs Brinkman, Rosanne Jewett

Card Shower:
Henry R. Krebs
P.O. Box 336
Ione, OR 97843

Krebs: 541-422-7108

IONE'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

July 4, 2016 Ione, Oregon

FREE CONCERT

All-day fun for the whole family

Musician, composer, and former lead singer of Iron Butterfly
7:00pm Martin Gerschwitz

LIVE MUSIC STARTS AT 3:30!

GRASS AMPHITHEATER BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS

www.CityOfIoneOregon.com/FourthOfJuly
www.facebook.com/Ione4thOfJuly

Music funded in part by Morrow County Unified Recreation District

"Harden My Heart" 1980s Chart Topper
8:30 pm QuarterFlash

Fun Run/Walk 5K (7am) • Firemen's Breakfast
3-on-3 Basketball Tourney (10am) • Blues Cruise Car Show • Children's Games (11am) • Parade (1pm) • Food Vendors
Fireworks • And So Much More!

3:30pm - Corey Peterson Band (3:30pm)
4:30pm - Talent Show (Sign up day of)

No Dogs Allowed in Park

IONE'S 4th of July Celebration

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Golf Tournament: Willow Creek Country Club, Heppner July 3rd, 9 am

Volleyball Tournament: Ione City Park July 3rd, 9 am

Monday, July 4, 2016

Fireman's Breakfast: Ione Fire Hall 7:00 - 10:00 am

Creative Care PreSchool 5k Walk/Run (\$10 Registration): Ione City Park 7 am Registration/Walk starts at 7:30 am

Ken Turner Memorial Horseshoe Tournament: Horseshoe Pits 9:00 am

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament: 2nd Street, In Front of Legion Hall 10:00 am

Blues Cruise Car Show: Main Street 10:30 am

Vendors & Booths: Ione City Park 11:00 am

Fish Pond, Frog Jump, Bike Raffle: Fire Hall/Park 11:00 am

Altar Society Pie Sale: Ione Fire Hall (or Church Basement) 11:00 am

Parade Grand Marshall: Fireworks Crew: Main Street 1:00 pm

Park Activities Begin Dunk Tank, Duck Races, Money Pile, Much More!: 1:00 pm

Free Swimming: Ione Swimming Pool 1:30-3:30 pm

Blues Cruise Awards: Ione City Park 3:00 pm

Corey Peterson Band: Amphitheater Stage 3:30 pm

Talent Show: Amphitheatre Stage 4 pm Registration/Show at 4:30 pm

Featured Entertainment: Amphitheater Stage After Talent Show

Martin Gerschwitz (7:00 pm) QuarterFlash (8:30 pm)

Boat Trip Auction: Amphitheatre Stage 7:45 pm

Fireworks Display: Visible throughout Ione Dusk

7:00 - 10:00 am

7 am Registration/Walk starts at 7:30 am

9:00 am

10:00 am

10:30 am

11:00 am

11:00 am

1:00 pm

1:00 pm

1:30-3:30 pm

3:00 pm

3:30 pm

4 pm Registration/Show at 4:30 pm

After Talent Show

7:45 pm

Dusk