

COUNTY OFFICES

-Continued from PAGE ONE need to spend it on rolling stock and capital improvements," she said.

Huwe said Irrigon is growing and showing more community pride and, although she praised Boardman for providing all the economic growth in the county, now is not the time to take services away from Irrigon.

"I am very concerned about Irrigon losing these facilities," she told the court.

She said Irrigon is already a bedroom community, but the new high school helped restore a lot of the city's sense of pride and unity. She pointed out that with Irrigon's new parks, new library and high school people are starting to take ownership in the community.

"Please don't take that away from us," she urged.

"We are not anywhere close to making a decision. We know it is important for communities to have

county facilities," county judge Terry Tallman said.

He said more study was needed and the costs better examined, saying, "we are going to have a very good discussion on this."

There was also discussion on whether the new county court, which takes over in January and will have two new members, should make the decision on new facilities and where they should be located. However, no decision was made on that.

In other business at the Aug. 3 meeting the court approved a new fee schedule for the county, covering everything from what a copy of the budget costs to code enforcement fees.

The court also heard from county planner Carla McLane, who said she had received two resignations from the planning commission, David Sykes, who is also chairman, and Melissa Lindsay. Sykes said he was resigning because the newspaper planned on

writing more stories about the planning commission and county court, and he did not want there to be a conflict of interest. Lindsay was elected to the county court in the last election, so she also cannot serve on the planning commission. All planning commission decisions go to the court for final approval. The resignations both take affect following the October planning commission meeting.

McLane also said that the planning commission will be holding a work session Aug. 30 at the Bartholomew Building in Heppner to discuss the Farm and Forest Model Code Update.

In other business the court approved a request by the Morrow County Sheriff's Department to purchase 20 sets of updated body armor protection. The cost for the level-four tactical protection is \$8,500 total; however, the body armor can withstand an AR rifle bullet.

Bank of EO will once again man the Snack Shack



This is the eighth year in which Bank of Eastern Oregon's employees are ready to take charge of the Morrow County Fair's 4-H Snack Shack for a day. Fair-goers are invited to come grab a bite from BEO's friendly staff on Thursday, Aug. 18. A few of the volunteers are (from left): Caitlynn Bailey, Kathy Cutsforth, Jeremy Arbogast, Shelli Britt, Jessica Peterson, Amber Schlaich and Shane Lazinka. -Contributed photo

Veterans' resource fair planned for next month

A veterans' resource fair is planned for Thursday, Sept. 29, from 2 p.m. till 8 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Conference Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

The event will feature federal benefits and local community resources for rural veterans and their families. It is sponsored by the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Health Administration, and hosted by Morrow, Umatilla and Gilliam County Veterans Services.

Veterans are asked to come with their questions about VA benefits. Representatives will be on site to support them with information and application for services through local, state and federal agencies.

Also at the event will be the Vietnam veterans 50th anniversary commemoration, with presentations by Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs and VA Health Care.

A veterans' town hall is planned for 6:30 p.m. Spouses, families and loved ones of veterans are encour-

aged to attend.

Topics covered at the event will include VA healthcare, claims assistance, women veterans, LGBTQ veterans, elder care, resources and benefits for veterans' family members, education assistance, homeless, specialty programs, employment, information and assistance on locally available resources, housing loan information, and more.

Those planning on attending are asked to RSVP at 541-922-6420.

Chamber Chatter

Bank of Eastern Oregon is collecting school supplies for local elementary schools during July and August: Stop by and drop off some school supplies in the collection barrel at your local branch. If you are a parent of a local grade school student make sure to stop in and fill out a drawing ticket and enter for a chance to win a school backpack for your student. Entrants do not need to be customers and no purchase is necessary.

American Pickers coming to Oregon in September: The American Pickers, Mike and Frank, are heading to Oregon this September and we're looking for leads throughout the region, specifically interesting people with interesting items and lots of them. We'd love to spread the word in your area as soon as possible, so the sooner people with collections reach out to us, the better. Please make sure people who are interested reach out to us on our phone 1-855-OLD-RUST (653-7878), or our email, which is AmericanPickers@cinetfix.

Thursday, August 18, 6-9 p.m. - Wine and Mi-

cro-Brew Tasting event - Chamber-sponsored dinner from 6-9 p.m. - Morrow County Fairgrounds: Heppner chamber will be serving up a great dinner (prepared by Chef Alvin Liu) from 6-9 p.m. The dinner menu will include chicken fettuccine, green salad, roll, cookie, lemonade/water; The cost is \$10 for 12 through adults and \$5 for children 11 years of age or younger. There will be the annual FFA basket auction and live entertainment during the event. Bring a folding chair and come out and enjoy the evening.

Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m. - Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade: Plan on coming early and finding a spot on Main Street to watch the parade. For those participating in the parade, registration and line-up begins at 8:30 a.m. at Green Feed and Seed. Contact the chamber at 541-676-5536 for more information.

Friday, September 2, Free Household Hazardous Waste Event, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.: If you have household hazardous waste that you would like to dispose of, plan on taking to 69900 Frontage Lane in Board-

man. For more information, please call Morrow County Public Works at 541-989-9500.

Sunday, September 11, 5-7 p.m. - Heppner's Music in the Park concert in Heppner City Park: The entertainment for this event will be in recognition of the 15th Anniversary of 9/11 - The Tailgators with Sharon Porter, Matt Cooper and friends. Bring your lawn chairs for an evening of great entertainment sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and facilitated by the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church. Food will be available for purchase, to raise money for the Shared Ministry's continuing efforts to provide clean water to needy communities around the world. Rain location for concert will be the Heppner Elementary School gym.

Saturday, September 17 - Sunday, September 18, fifth annual Blue Mountain Century Scenic Bikeway: The Heppner chamber will be coordinating the fifth annual ride of our local bikeway; the ride is limited to 50 riders.

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Live Entertainment:

Joe Lindsay Family/Friends:
6:00PM

Nate Botsford:
8:00PM See natebotsford.com

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