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**Death Notices**

**Clarence M. "Cub" Bare**, 85, of Condon, died Monday, Jan. 8 at Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles. He was born on Dec. 20, 1932 at Fossil, OR. A memorial graveside service will be held at a later date. Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in care of arrangements.

**Tractor, machinery operation class offered**

The Eastern Oregon Women for Agriculture is sponsoring a National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation certification class at Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington. The classes will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, March 2 and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 3.

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is a project of Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in agriculture for youth ages 14 and 15. By successfully completing the certification program, 14 and 15 year-olds may legally operate farm tractors and powered machinery for hire, which

they otherwise would not be allowed to operate.

Applications are available by contacting EasternOregonOWA@gmail.com and must be returned by Feb. 12. The class, limited to 15 students, will cost \$75 and priority will be given to students who can prove summer employment. Meals and training materials are included.

The Eastern Oregon Women for Agriculture is a group of local women who are working together to communicate the story of today's agriculture. Their goal is to promote, advocate and educate the public on agricultural related topics.

**Community lunch menu**

Willow Creek Baptist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be pot roast, potatoes, carrots, onions and celery, green salad, green beans, French bread and cherry cupcakes for dessert.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

**GLOBAL WARMING**

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A study commissioned by the Association of Oregon Industries, AOI, estimates that increased energy costs of cap and trade to an Oregon family of four people by the year 2020 will range between \$500 and \$1,500 per year. "This analysis covers only 'direct' costs to customers' energy bills such as utility bills for electricity and gas and higher prices for petroleum products," the study said. It said income losses from higher prices passed on for increased operating costs is also not included. The study concluded that any change in the labor market caused

by cap and trade, could drive the increased yearly costs to a family of four to between "1.5 to 2.0 times higher."

Oregon Democrats are pushing the cap and trade program heavily and hope to force it through in the coming short legislative session which starts Feb. 5, 2018. With the makeup of the Oregon legislature they would be able to pass the global warming bill without a single Republican vote. Despite all the money it would raise for the state coffers, supporters say the goal of the bill is not to raise revenue, but to penal-

**Upcoming Chamber Deputy Bosc announcements and recovering events**

Dinner tickets for Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards Dinner event on Thursday, Feb. 8 went on sale Friday, Jan. 12. Tickets are available at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner Chamber, Heppner City Hall, Community Bank and Murray's. Ticket prices this year are \$25 each until the week of Feb. 5, at which time they will be \$30. Reserved tables will be available on a first come, first serve basis by purchasing round tables of eight or long tables of six. Contact the Heppner Chamber for more information or to reserve seating at 541-676-5536.

Heppner Chamber's annual luncheon to be held on Thursday, Jan. 18 from noon-1 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room. Cost for the lunch is \$10 and an RSVP no later than Jan. 16 is required. Heppner Market Fresh Foods will be catering the lunch and will be serving French dip, green salad and cheesecake for dessert. RSVP to the Chamber at 541-676-5536 or by email at heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

Thursday, Jan. 25 will be the Business Education and Training seminars, coordinated by Boardman Chamber of Commerce. The Boardman Chamber is coordinating a seminar presented by Paul Hutter, which will include morning and afternoon sessions. Morning will be "Health Care Update; Marijuana in the Workplace; and Oregon Overtime Rules for Manufacturers. The afternoon session will include discussion on Motivating and Retaining your employee. Cost for 1/2 day for chamber members will be \$200, \$250 for a non-chamber member (Heppner Chamber members will pay the chamber rate). Cost for a full day is \$350 as a chamber member or \$400 for a non-chamber member. Small businesses with 10 employees or less is offered a \$50 discount. Bring multiple company employees for one price. Contact the Boardman Chamber at 541-481-3014 for more

information or to register.

Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards dinner will be held on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. This annual event, coordinated by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, recognizes nominated community members and a local business for their involvement in our community. The theme for the event will be "An Evening with the Stars" and the awards will recognize a Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen-Educator of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and a Youth Award. Dinner, catered by Alvin Liu of Gateway Café, will consist of prime rib, green salad, green beans, roll and dessert. So purchase your tickets early and plan on coming out and enjoying a great community event and celebrate with just a few of the great community members who make Heppner a great place to live.

Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m., Valentine's Dinner at Heppner Christian Church. Bring a date or come alone for a Valentine's Dinner of prime rib, baked potato, tossed green salad, roll and cheesecake for dessert. There is no charge for the meal but donations will go to Hope2Liberia. Thursday, Feb. 15, the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group is hosting their annual luncheon from 12-1 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room with Gary Neal as the speaker. RSVP no later than Tuesday, Feb. 13 to guarantee a lunch. Lunch will be served by Alvin Liu of Gateway Café and the menu will consist of BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, BBQ beans, potato salad and dessert. Contact the Chamber at 541-676-5536 to RSVP. Saturday, Feb. 18 at 8 a.m., Sweetheart's Breakfast at the Heppner Christian Church. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, eggs and bacon. The breakfast is free.

**Morrow County set to become first 'minority – majority' county**

By David Sykes

Morrow County is likely to be the first "minority – majority" county in Oregon, meaning it will have more minority residents than whites, it was announced at last week's Morrow County Commission meeting. No timeline for when this will happen was given.

Anna Browne, the new Latino Outreach Coordinator for OSU extension in attendance at the meeting, introduced herself and gave a brief report to the commissioners. Part of her report cited a summary from the 2016 Oregon Latino Agenda for Action summit meeting, which forecasts, based on population, Morrow County will be the first in Oregon where the

population will have more minorities than whites.

The report did not give a date when that is expected to happen, however, currently the population in the county is 34.7 percent Hispanic and 61.2 percent white. Total county population is 11,173.

The major population shift is expected in the north end of the county. Currently Boardman has 66.3 of its population Hispanic, Irrigon 42.7, Ione/Lexington 9.1 and Heppner 5.6 percent.

OSU Extension created a new position aimed at promoting 4-H and college readiness for the Hispanic populations of Morrow and Umatilla counties. Browne is a former fifth and sixth grade teacher at

the community has been great. He reports he even received a recovery blanket from a law enforcement agency in Yamhill County.

Undersheriff John Bowles stated, "It has been nice to see our law enforcement family and community show the support for one of our own and his family. We wish the best for the Bose family and hope for a speedy recovery."

**Measure 101 will not harm hospitals**

According to information provided by the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, Measure 101, currently on the ballot, will not harm the local hospital. The taxes paid by hospitals are recouped in Medicaid payments to the facilities.

According to sources, a 'yes' vote on Measure 101 will help protect Medicaid

coverage for one in four people who receive Medicaid services. If the measure fails, some people will lose their insurance; they will still go to the emergency room to receive care, however, the charges for this care will have to be written off to charity care, which means the hospital will not be paid for providing the care.

**Hospice training class offered**

Pioneer Memorial Hospice will be offering a Hospice training class beginning Feb. 3 in the basement conference room at Pioneer Memorial Clinic, Heppner. The class is a structured eight-week course being offered over two weekends: Saturday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a half-hour lunch break, Sunday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a half-hour lunch break and finishing on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. Instructors for the class will be retired Hospice Director Robanai Disque and Hospice Volunteer Coordinator Cyde Estes. Cost for the course will be \$20 and includes a training manual and other resource material. Course topics will include the focus of hospice, caring for the physical needs of a dying person, compassionate communication skills, understanding

spiritual needs and caring for yourself as a caregiver.

"Hospice is a philosophy of care that recognizes dying as a normal process of living and places emphasis on alleviating pain and other symptoms to maintain quality of life at the end of life," explains Estes. "Hospice offers support and assistance to empower family and friends to manage the care of loved ones at the end of life. This training is a valuable resource that can be used to enrich an individual life or to serve as a Hospice volunteer in your community," she adds.

For more information or to register for the class, contact Pioneer Memorial Hospice at 541-676-2946 or Cyde Estes at 541-676-5808. Registrations will be accepted through the end of the first class on Feb. 3. Pioneer Memorial Hospice is a department of Morrow County Health District.

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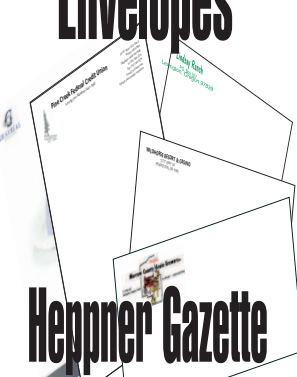
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