**Bryant Foundation receives** 

## **Port of Morrow reveals new** economic impact analysis

Economic and fiscal impacts by the Port of revenue/payments of over Morrow and port-related \$118 million (includes in businesses have increased measurably over the past several years. According to revenue/payments of nearly the news release, key highlights from the 2017 Port of Morrow Economic Impact sis, in comparison, over Study that was revealed in December include the following:

8,452 jobs (3,858 direct, 2,792 indirect, and 1,801 induced)

-Total output of \$2.77 billion (\$2.03B direct, put in 2017, up from \$1.8 \$0.52B indirect, \$0.21B billion in 2012 and \$896 induced)

billion (\$712M direct, \$256M indirect, \$114M induced)

labor income (\$289M direct, \$152M indirect, \$59M induced)

The next lunch meet-

Feb. 1, in the Heppner City

Hall conference room. This

reports.

lieu payments)

-Annual federal tax \$142 million

the last eleven years portrelated economic impacts have increased measur--Total employment of ably. Comparative findings include:

-Port-related businesses now account for nearly \$2.8 billion in annual outmillion in 2006 (in infla--Total GDP of \$1.08 tion adjusted constant 2017 dollars).

-The share of direct economic output within -Over \$500 million in Morrow and Umatilla counties attributed to port-related businesses increased from 15 percent to 26 per-

ing of the Heppner Cham- and chamber lunch attend- impaired or for other ac-

ber of Commerce will be ees are asked to RSVP at commodations for persons

will be catering the lunch.

disabilities. A request for an

The meeting location is

**Chamber lunch meeting** 

-Annual local/state tax cent between 2006 and 2017.

-The share of direct employment that is considered to be Port-related accounts for 52 percent of all jobs in Morrow County in 2017,

"I am pleased to share region's economy. The Port of Morrow is privileged to be a part of that progress. The Port of Morrow Commission, our dedicated staff. and partners both locally and at the state level help to accomplish these goals. The results of that effort are identified in this report," said Gary Neal, Port of Morrow General Manager.

For more information visit the Port of Morrow website at www.portofmorrow.com or call 541-481-7678.

with disabilities should be

made at least 48 hours be-

fore the meeting to Sheryll

Bates at 541-676-5536.

Cost of lunch is \$10 interpreter for the hearing

#### up from 36 percent in 2006. According to the analythe economic data showing continued growth in our

23 THE **HOWARD & BETH** 

beautification award



Kim Cutsforth accepts the certificate of recognition on behalf of the Howard and Beth Bryant Foundation from Merle Cowett, a member of the Beautification Commission. - Photo by April Sykes

Merle Cowett of the Heppner Beautification recognized for their overall Commission presented a dedication, contributions certificate of recognition to Kim Cutsforth of the Howard and Beth Bryant ment for the community. Foundation.

and hard work toward creating an attractive environ-The Beautification

The foundation was Commission presents the award to the individual or business who has done the most to promote the beautification within the community every two years.

## **Cursillo movement** to be discussed

by the Heppner area Fourth and hope that supports in-Day Group, and sharing dividuals in their search information about Cursillo for discovery and renewal on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 5:30 in Christ," said a spokesp.m. Persons interested in the Cursillo movement are invited to attend.

shared about Cursillo and George Nairns at 541-571the upcoming weekend, 6519. with applications avail-

person.

For additional information contact Dan or Diana Information will be Sharp at 541-676-8262 or

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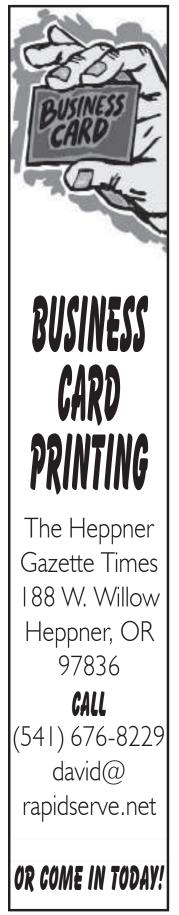
tion contact Angie Hughes

# **Nordic skiers outing to Coal Mine hill**



Ten skiers enjoyed fresh snow conditions for the Arbuckle Nordic Clubs weekly ski trip Saturday, Jan. 20. The group started out at the snow park at the top of Coal Mine hill and skied Heron Meadow and then east up the 750 road.

**Chamber announcements and** upcoming events



### All Saints Episcopal able to work on the team. Church will be hosting a "Cursillo is an ecumenical spaghetti dinner, provided community of faith, love

**Heppner Friends of** 

**FFA recruiting new** 

group.

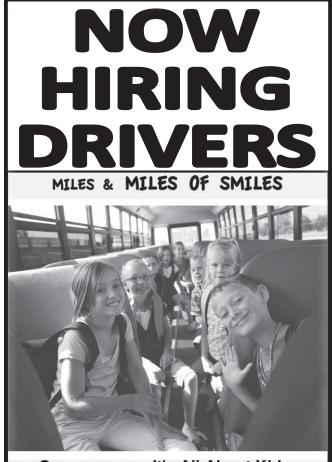
held at noon on Thursday, 541-676-5536. Bucknum's

meeting will be all entities accessible to persons with

#### members

The Heppner Friends anyone with interest in FFA of FFA will hold a meeting to attend the meeting. It is on Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in the not necessary to be a former Ag room at Heppner High FFA member to join the School. The meeting is geared toward recruiting new members.

The group of Heppner at 541-676-9909. alumni would like to invite



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pner 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.

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 nonchamber 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 employ-

Dinner tickets for Hep- ees for one price. Contact the great community memthe Boardman Chamber bers who make Heppner a at 541-481-3014 for more information or to register.

> a.m., Veterans and seniors Town Hall meeting with Legal Aid Services of Oregon at the Irrigon Library. Legal Aid Services of Oregon will present information related to Senior Planning (wills, trusts, funeral trusts, estate planning, bankruptcy) and referrals to attorneys who could assist with specific needs. To arrange transportation, call The Loop at 1-844-676-5667. For questions and to RSVP, contact the Senior Center dining Morrow County Veterans Services at 541-922-6420.

> 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 combusiness 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 will be provided by The great community event and Loop, call 844-676-5667 to celebrate with just a few of secure a seat.

great place to live.

Sunday, Feb. 11 at 6 Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 10 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 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 munity members and a local a.m., Sweetheart's Breakfast at the Heppner Christian Church. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, eggs and bacon. The breakfast is free

> Tuesday, Mar. 6 from 10-11:30 a.m., Walla Walla VA Medical Center Town Hall meeting. This Town Hall presentation on VA Modernization – the next chapter in VA's story of change will be held in the Irrigon Library and is for all Veterans and any interested community members. Morrow County transportation