

Chamber announcements and upcoming events

Morrow County Cultural Coalition, funded by Oregon's Cultural Trust Foundation is now accepting proposals for the 2019 grant period now through August 1. Categories for qualifying groups or projects are literary, historical preservation, visual and performing arts, or humanities and cultural organizations. Complete guidelines and grant application for 2019 projects can be obtained by contacting grant administrator, Gayle Gutierrez at 541-676-5630 or via email ggutierrez@co.morrow.or.us. Proposals must meet criteria noted on the application and include a timeline with the project to be completed no later than Oct. 15, 2019. Grants can be awarded up to 50 percent of total project cost.

June 2 to Aug. 25 from 1-4 p.m. the Neighborhood Center will be open on Saturdays. Donations are accepted and the thrift store will be open to shoppers. No food boxes will be distributed on Saturday. For questions contact 541-676-5024.

Friday, June 8 through Friday, July 6 applications will be accepted for the business enhancement grant provided by Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG). Businesses must be a local business operating in any of the south Morrow County communities. Funds are designed for outside/exterior improvements only and the requestor must provide at least 50 percent of the funding. Completed grant applications must be emailed, mailed, hand delivered or faxed to the Chamber office no later than Friday, July 6 to be eligible for consideration.

Willow Creek water park is now open. Regular hours are 1 to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Daily admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and \$2 for children. A family pass is \$140 and a single pass is \$75. Swim lessons for levels one through six begin July 9 and July 30 and run for two weeks.

Wednesday, July 4, 4th of July celebration at the Ione City Park. The day begins with the Fireman's breakfast at the Ione Legion Hall from 7 to 10 a.m., a 5K walk/run, horseshoe tournament, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, vendors and booths, kid activities and a pie sale. The parade will start at 1 p.m. on Main St. There will be music featuring Brewers Grade and the Marlin James Band. Fireworks show at dusk.

Saturday, July 7 at 6 p.m., Live music concert and prime rib dinner at the Gateway Café. Prime rib dinner will be available for \$20 or orders from the regular menu. Reservations can be made by calling 541-676-6000 or text 541-980-2014. Music provided by Nathan and Justin. Seating is limited.

Sunday, July 8 from 4 to 5 p.m., Morrow County Town Hall featuring Senator Jeff Merkley in the Riverfront Center at the Port of Morrow.

Sunday, July 8 from 5 to 7 p.m., Music in the park at the Heppner city park, featuring Lindy Gravelle. Additional information available soon. This concert is facilitated by Hopeful Saints Ministry. As a fundraiser, a tent will be set up to serve pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, cookie and drink for a donation. The music for this event is being funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Bring your own chairs.

Wednesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m., Oregon Trail Library District will sponsor Crafty Nights at the Library. Registration begins June 21 by calling the Heppner Library at 541-676-9964.

Saturday, July 14 at 9 p.m. (or at dark), Ione summer movies in the park will feature Cars. The movie is rated G and will be shown at the Ione City Park. Columbia Basin Electric is the sponsor.

Tuesday, July 17 from 5 to 7 p.m., Town Hall meeting on the Transportation Systems Plan (TSP) at the Heppner City Hall conference room. The Town Hall meeting is open to the community.

Sunday, July 22 from 6 to 8 p.m., Ione Music in the Park will feature Frank Carlson. The event will be held at the Ione Legion Hall and is sponsored by Morrow County Unified Recreation District and the Ione Library Board. Concessions will be available by Tacos Hometown at 5 p.m.

Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., Vacation Bible School at the Heppner Christian Church. There will be a BBQ dinner provided on Friday. Additional information soon.

Sunday, Aug. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m., Music in the park at the Heppner city park, featuring Wasteland Kings. Additional information available soon. This concert is facilitated by Hopeful Saints Ministry. As a fundraiser, a tent will be set up to serve pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, cookie and drink for a donation. The music for this event is being funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Bring your own chairs.

Week of Aug. 15-19, Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 7 to 10 p.m., dinner by Paradise Rose Chuckwagon and music by Trevor Tagle. Thursday, Aug. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m., Murray's Wine and Micro-Brew Tasting. Dinner by Heppner Chamber of Commerce and music by Nate Bosford. Friday, Aug. 17 at 1 p.m., chili cook-off sampling. 7 p.m., OTPR rodeo performance. Saturday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m., Morrow County Fair and Rodeo parade. 7 p.m., OTPR rodeo performance. Sunday, Aug. 19 at 1:15 p.m., Morrow County rodeo.

Saturday, Aug. 25 at 9 p.m. (or at dark), Ione Summer Movies in the Park will show the 1995 version of Jumanji, rated PG.

Sunday, Aug. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m., Ione Music in the Park will feature Absolutely Nobody, with the Joe Lindsay and Corey Cooley families. Concessions available by Tacos Hometown at 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Ione City Park and is sponsored by Morrow County Unified Recreation District and the Ione Library Board.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office is promoting a drunk driving prevention campaign for the July 4 holiday period.

According to Under-sheriff John Bowles, everyone loves to celebrate the 4th of July with family, friends, food and fireworks, but all too often the festivities turn tragic on the nation's roads. This iconic American holiday is one of the deadliest holidays of the year due to drunk-driving crashes.

The news release noted that in the 4th of July period in 2016, 188 people were killed in crashes involving at least one driver or motor cycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration

of .08 or higher and is a 28 percent increase from 2015.

Nearly half of those who died in the same period involved a driver with a BAC of .15 or higher, almost twice the legal limit.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office wants to remind everyone that if you choose to drink, make sure you have a sober driver.

While the deer population in town damages other

properties he takes care of, they have not bothered the multiple roses he has planted here, including the two climbing Joseph's Coat's on each side of the gated arbor. Liu guesses this may be due to fronting a busy Main Street.

Other plantings are flowering plum, peonies, dark purple lilacs and a Mugo pine. Two Rose of Sharon shrubs flank the front steps with a particularly grand specimen of yucca nearby.

Cowboy boots made into birdhouses by a friend from Boise hang from the front porch. Wife, Lynda Crane, is considering turning the front of the house into a gift shop.

Explaining that he likes landscaping to look nice, Liu leads to the center courtyard of the next door Northwestern Motel.

He realized that the lawn planted there wasn't the only solution to having attractive grounds. So he replaced the grass with rock and created a desert theme. A wooden cross looks over a Desert Willow shrub, a raised water trough with circulating water, a wood bridge, seating and a pair of metal coyotes. The large, red leafed Japanese maple tree in the midst of the arid setting is an example of Alvin's enthusiastic recommendation to think outside the box, to which he laughingly adds, "If it doesn't work, start over."

Heppner's Yard of the Month recognition is sponsored by the Heppner Volunteers, MCGG-Green Feed and Seed and the City of Heppner. For further information or suggestions, contact Kay Proctor at kayproctor@gmail.com.

Los Potrillos de Nayarit to perform in Boardman



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Los Potrillos de Nayarit will perform for the Music in the Parks outdoor summer concert series at 7 p.m. on July 9 at the Boardman Marina Park, located on Marine Drive.

Los Potrillos de Nayarit is a local Norteno (Spanish country) band from Hermiston. They are made up of four members and consists of an accordion, bass, 12-string guitar and drums.

The group has been playing music at various events for over six years. Their music consists of ballads, true legends and stories from the past, both semi-slow-paced rhythm and cumbias which are a semi-fast paced rhythm. This is the first time they will perform in the Music in the Parks concert series in Boardman.

In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be held at the SAGE Center. For more information about the Music in the Parks concert series, contact Jackie at 541-720-1289.

Liu wins June Yard of the Month

By Kay Proctor

A small front yard with a white picket fence, green lawn, American flag and lots of rose bushes has received Heppner's Yard of the Month recognition for June.

Located on North Main Street, the home has been a rental residence, but now handles overflow from the Northwestern Motel. The two-story house with a deep front porch was built in 1910 and the yard is compact, but full of color and charm.

Alvin Liu has been taking care of the grounds since 2002 and states the yard has been through some tough times before he got it to its present condition. It has taken time to heal and lots of hard work, including reseeded the grass three times.

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June's yard of the Month boasts a white picket fence and an American flag. -Photo by Kay Proctor.

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life, liberty & freedom
today and always!
Happy Fourth of July!

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