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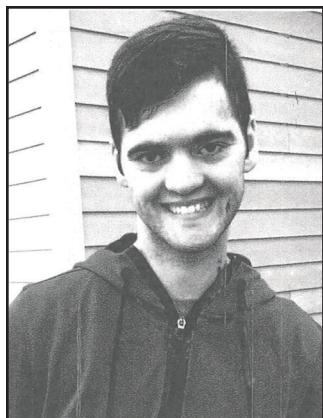
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Students selected for Washington, D.C. trip

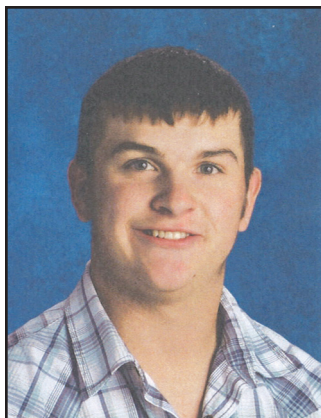
Jacob Heideman, Ione, and Matthew Orem, Heppner, will act as student representatives for the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative NRECA Youth Tour in Washington D.C. this summer, June 13-20.

While visiting the nation's capital, the students will have a chance to speak with Oregon's state representatives, learn about electric cooperatives, listen to motivational speakers and tour national landmarks, which include the Smithsonian and the Vietnam War Memorial.

Jacob, the son of Deacon and Erin Heideman, is a junior at Ione Community Charter School. He is active in football, basketball, track, band, choir, 4-H Ambassador and FFA where he is Green Hand's president and club reporter. Jacob is also active in his community where he serves on the health clinic youth advisory committee, referees for youth football



Jacob Heideman



Matthew Orem

and basketball and volunteers with garden and clean up through his church and Willow Creek Terrace. Jacob enjoys working on his family's farm, riding motorcycles, computer coding and spending time with family and friends.

Matthew is a junior at Heppner High School and the son of Eric and Brandi Orem. He participates in football, basketball and baseball. He is a member of FFA, FBLA and 4-H and has held positions of pres-

ident, class secretary and FFA sentinel. He has earned his FFA Chapter Degree and is on the honor roll. Matthew's community service has included serving at MCGG and Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative annual dinners, refereeing youth football and basketball, Elk's Hoop Shoot, community clean-up's and canned food drives. Matthew's hobbies include raising cattle, sports, motor vehicles and enjoying the outdoors.

AEDs donated to high school



Pictured (L-R): Heppner High School principal Matt Combe with ASB members Madison Combe, Marlee Mitchell, Gibson McCurry, Hunter Nichols, Casey Fletcher and Morrow County Health District CEO Bob Houser.

Morrow County Health District's Community Benefit Fund donated two Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to Heppner High School on Monday. These defibrillators will be designated as travel equipment for student programs. MCHD's Community Benefit Fund contributes to the advancement of health improvement services and community building activities in Morrow County.

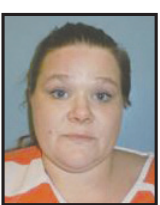
Heppner residents in custody

Two adults and a juvenile have been arrested in connection with a report of a burglary at the Mountain Glen Apartments in Heppner. Lovanna Marie Myers, 37, and Michael Scott Dixon, 39, both from Heppner, are currently lodged at the Umatilla County Jail with bail of \$20,000 each.



Michael Scott Dixon

Following an investigation, Myers and Dixon were arrested and a female juvenile was cited into juvenile court. All three suspects were charged with criminal trespass I.



Lovanna Marie Myers

Juveniles arrested on multiple charges in Irrigon

Two male juveniles were taken into custody in Irrigon on Jan. 3 in connection with complaints consisting of thefts, unlawful entry into motor vehicles, unlawful use of a vehicle and trespassing.

According to Morrow County Undersheriff John Bowles, the sheriff's office had been investigating the reports filed between Dec. 29 and Jan. 3 and had identified two male juveniles as the primary suspects. One male juvenile was found to have a felony warrant for absconding from the

Homestead Youth Lodge in Pendleton and the other had a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant.

On Jan. 3 a Morrow County Sheriff's Office sergeant received information that both male juveniles were in the area of NE Sixth and NE Seventh streets in Irrigon. MCSO responded to the area and after a ten minute foot pursuit, took both juveniles into custody.

Both juveniles were arrested on the outstanding warrants as well as additional charges of burglary, unlawful entry into a motor

vehicle, unlawful use of a motor vehicle, theft, criminal trespass and escape. One juvenile has an additional charge of unlawful possession of more than one ounce of marijuana. According to Bowles, the investigation led to multiple charges between the two juveniles and is estimated to close seven plus cases.

Both juveniles were lodged at the Juvenile Northeast Regional Correction facility in The Dalles, OR. The investigation is continuing.

Commission votes to enlarge Enterprise Zone

Amazon plans more server farms at Boardman



The Enterprise Zone at Boardman has been expanded by 80 acres to accommodate a planned data center expansion.

By David Sykes

The Columbia River Enterprise Zone, CREZ, at Boardman is expanding after receiving a request from VaData for room to build additional computer server farms. Vadata is a subsidiary of Amazon. com and already operates a large number of data centers at the Port of Morrow near Boardman. The city of Boardman recently annexed 80 acres and the proposed Enterprise Zone boundary expansion would encompass the newly annexed property.

The Enterprise Zone offers businesses three- and five-year property tax exemptions for new investments and job creation in the county. The commission voted unanimously at its Oct. 24 meeting to approve the expansion. The CREZ is governed by a six-member board of directors made up of two people each appointed from the city of Boardman, Morrow County and the Port of Morrow.

At its Nov. 7 meeting the commission heard a report from Anna Browne, the county's 4-H Latino Outreach/Open Campus Coordinator. She discussed her duties as the coordinator for Morrow and Umatilla Counties. Both the open campus program, as well as the companion piece for Latino youth and families called the Juntos (which means together in Spanish) program, strive to assist students in their pursuit of higher education. The program is run through Oregon

State University.

Browne noted that many youth in the north end of Morrow County have visited the south end, and she and the commission discussed how to make all youth more aware of what happens throughout the entire county, and how to spread the word about 4-H programs available.

Some of the services the program offers to Latino families is help in enrolling and starting in college, financial aid and scholarship support, resume writing and how to transfer from a community college to a university. The program says it helps "empower Latino youth and families to pursue higher education." The program offers workshops, family nights, mentoring, after school clubs and college visits and summer camps.

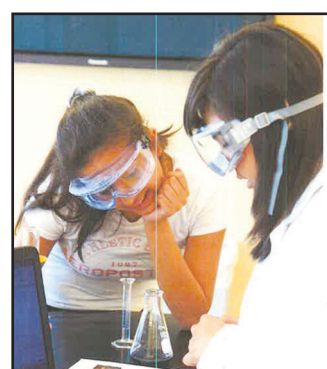
Recently the program served 30 families in Boardman and two in Irrigon. Additionally, 85 students have been served during college application week, essay workshops and

resume workshops. Browne says they plan on expanding into Ione in the winter of 2019.

In other business at the Nov. 7 meeting the commission voted to upgrade the county's outdated phone system. Commissioners were told the current system has reached its "end of life" meaning the hardware will no longer be manufactured or supported. The new system is on a 36-month lease for \$29,279.

At its Nov. 28 meeting the commission received the preliminary 2018 population estimate for Morrow County from Portland State University's College of Urban and Public Affairs Population Research Center. Commissioner Russell said he found it hard to believe the county's population decreased by five people from the previous year when Boardman alone has seen construction of 35 new houses and school enrollments have increased.

The estimated population of the county as of July 1, 2018 is 11,885, five less than the at the same time in 2017. The Population Research Center produces the annual Population Estimates for Oregon and its counties and cities, as well as the estimates by age and sex for the state and its counties. These estimates are important since they are used by the state and local governments, various organizations and agencies for revenue sharing, funds allocation and planning purposes.



Students in the Juntos program participate in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) class.

4-H honors CBEC with lunch



Morrow County 4-H delivered lunch to Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op of Heppner on behalf of the county 4-H Leaders Council as a recipient of the Friends of Morrow County 4-H award. CBEC is a generous contributor to the 4-H program and members. Pictured: Anna Browne (4-H/Junto's educator), Tommy Wolff (CBEC general manager), Erin Heideman (Morrow County 4-H educator) and Debbie Lankford (CBEC member services).

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