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MCHD awards SPURS program



Bob Houser, CEO of MCHD presents benefit fund to Public Health Director of CCS, Kimberly Lindsay.

Morrow County Health District's Community Benefit Fund awarded \$5,200 to Community Counseling Solution's SPURS (Students Providing Understanding and Respectful Support) Program that provides peer mentoring to students struggling with mental health issues.

SPURS works to identify depression and other mental health diagnoses in adolescents to ensure appropriate referrals and improve the health and well-being of youth in Morrow County. The program employs high school students to

mentor children in second-through fourth-grade using evidence-based curriculum. Currently, SPURS has 19 mentors and 24 mentees and continues to grow.

"We are thrilled to support a local program for our youth to improve mental health support services in our county," says Bob Houser, CEO. "Community Counseling Solutions and the Morrow County School District are strong partners in our continued efforts to improve the health and well-being of our community."



A number of students participated in the Taco Make 'n Take in October.

FFA helps with backpack program



Kevin Gray (left), MCGG general manager presented two checks to the backpack program. One was from MCGG and the other from Land O' Lakes Foundation for a matching grant that Gray received on behalf of the program. Receiving the check are Jacee Currin, Tiffany Akers, Marlee Mitchell, Cami VanArsdale and Casey Fletcher, all enrolled in the Agriculture Leadership course that oversees the management of the project.

Students in the Heppner FFA Chapter have taken on responsibilities for support of the Backpack Project this year. The Backpack Project allows kids in need to take home backpacks of food for the weekend when they are unable to receive food at the schools. Anyone who is in need can sign up for a backpack, from elementary to high school students.

The FFA students pack backpacks with two or three breakfast and lunch meals, a can of fruit, a can of vegetables and six snacks per child. Also included in their job is pick up and delivery to the elementary school, manage food inventory and educate students on nutritional meals by holding workshops.

Two workshops have been held so far this school year and there are plans to do one more later this spring. The workshops show the kids how to make a proper nutritional meal for themselves as well as their families. At the first workshop students were taught to make tacos, where they each made their own tacos and could eat their makings. They also took a bag home

with all the fixings to make tacos at home. Everyone is invited to participate in the workshops whether they participate in the backpack program or not.

The Backpack Project identified a need in the community and has been working to help fulfill this need. Various, generous donations have been received from Willow Creek Economic Development, DPR Construction, National FFA, The Carlson Family, Breaking Bread, Van Schoiak Ranch, Dickenson's, Triangle Ranches, Heppner FFA Chapter, Morrow County Grain Growers, Land O' Lakes and more. The donations have helped grow the Backpack Project tremendously. Currently over 900 weekend meals have been provided, which includes everything within a backpack for one child, and have fed an average of 40 kids every week. According to a spokesperson for FFA, "Our goal is to fulfill this need in our community and the whole process is extremely rewarding as you see the results of children who are grateful for a helping hand."

"Oz" performed at Ione Elementary

The Ione Public Library and Ione Topic Club sponsored "Dorothy in the Land of Oz" at the Ione elementary school on March 11. The program from the Traveling Lantern Company was performed before approximately 100 students and adults.



Two members of the Traveling Lantern, Allyson and Allison, performed most of the acting parts. One played Dorothy, while the other played the scarecrow, the tin man and the rest of the main parts, with a little audience participation.

Each year the library has three or more programs as part of their summer reading program for children. The Ione Topic Club chooses and pays for one program each year.

Chamber Chatter

Fridays, March 22 and 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heppner City Hall, Free In-Person Tax Preparation Service. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation to anyone of any age, especially for those 50 or older or can't afford paid tax preparation.

Veterans Services and Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, are \$10 per person.

Friday, March 29 at 5 p.m., Community-Wide Salute to Veterans Dinner at Stokes Landing (Irrigon Senior Center) to show your appreciation to those who have served in the military. Tickets may be purchased at City of Boardman, City of Irrigon and local branches of Bank of Eastern Oregon. The tickets for this event, hosted by the Irrigon Senior Center, Morrow County

Ione Library to meet

The Ione Library District's board of directors will hold their monthly meeting Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m. at the Ione Public Library, 385 W Second St, Ione. The public is welcome to attend.

Prayer team to meet

The Heppner Prayer Team will meet Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the SDA Church on Minor Street. The topic will be "Prayer and Trust" and the community prayer focus will be for Heppner and Ione Middle and High School teachers, staff and students.

For additional information or prayer requests, contact the prayer team at heppnerprayerteam@gmail.com.





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4-H/FFA members attend animal nutrition class




An animal nutrition class sponsored by Morrow County Grain Growers and CHS Nutrition was held for all Morrow County 4-H and FFA members who are raising show animals last Friday.

Ryan Corta, CHS nutritionist and Jamie Helfrecht,

MCGG Green Feed manager hosted the event for 50 students and their families to learn more about feeding their animals for show performance. A pizza lunch was served and each student received a voucher for a bag of feed from Green Feed.

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