

Family loses home in fire, fundraiser scheduled



The Aguilar home suffered extensive damage from a fire on March 13.

The Hector Aguilar and Alma Ramos family lost their home in Ione to a fire on March 13. Thanks to the generosity of community members, they have received enough clothing and food to get them by but still need \$12,000 to pay for the inspection and cleanup of their property.

The Hispanic Club will

host a spaghetti lunch and dinner fundraiser from 1 to 7 p.m. on March 30 at the Ione Legion Hall, with all proceeds to go to the family. Everyone is invited to attend. The St. Williams Altar Society may be contacted for those who are unable to attend and would like to donate.

Ione receives donation for technology

The Ione School District recently received a donation of \$23,645 from the Morrow County Education Foundation to be used for the purchase of new technology for classrooms.

Rollie Marshall, principal, said the district will purchase 10 Promethean boards, which are interactive learning boards, for classrooms.

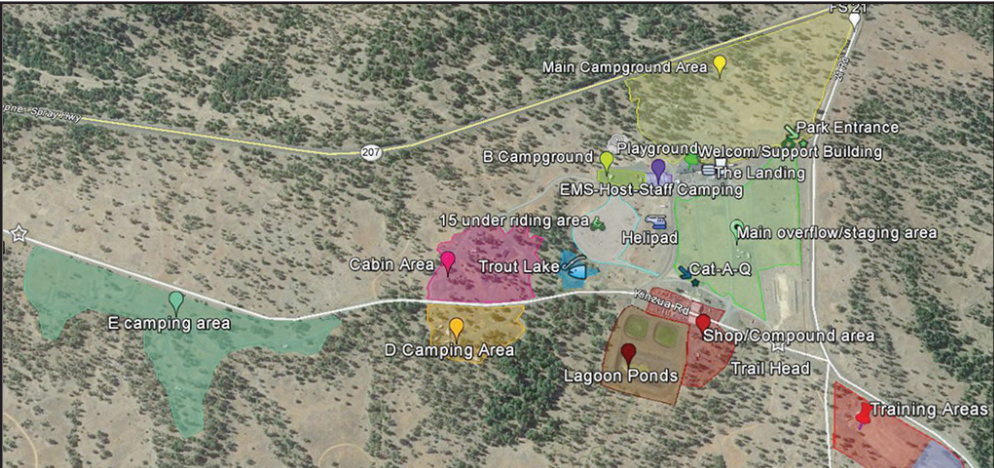
“As a result of this generous grant, all of our



Rollie Marshall, Ione principal, accepts the donation check from Joe Taylor, who is representing the Morrow County Education Foundation.

students will benefit from this engaging learning tool we never had before,” said Marshall.

Morrow County OHV park to upgrade campsites



The Morrow County Parks Department, with approval from the board of commissioners, applied for a development grant project through the County Opportunity Grant Program to be used for improvements to the OHV park campground. Oregon State Parks and Recreation recently notified the county of the award from the grant program.

The \$117,500 project

will allow for improvements to existing primitive campsites at the OHV park, installing a new power supply line to provide power to campsites in the D and E campsite areas. Park personnel will be doing most of the work as a match for the project, with the exception of the items that require a licensed professional.

As the popularity and usage of the OHV park con-

Remembrance walk/run hosts over 200 participants



More than 200 people came out to enjoy the sunny day and participate in the 11th annual Remembrance event.

Friends Helping Friends celebrated the 11th annual Remembrance Walk/Run with over 200 walkers and runners participating in the event on March 16. The morning sunshine cooperated to bring out the many men, women and children who supported the event, beginning with the social hour at the Heppner United Methodist Church.

The route was shortened this year due to late snow that stayed through much of March, but more than 500 shamrocks were

displayed along the walk route on walls, fences and the 2 Old Hags Pizza building, the most ever displayed. The committee, consisting of Patty Matheny, Kathi Dickenson, Peggy Fishburn, Janelle Ellis, Susan Hisler, Kirsten Harrison, Sandy Matthews, Mary Haguwood and Shelly McCabe, decided to scale back to some degree this year only to find the generosity and giving hearts continued to donate to the new Pot of Gold.

According to a spokes-

person, the event would not be a success without the help of the entire committee as well as the helping hands of Petra Payne’s students Trevor Antonucci, Hunter Nichols, and Conor Brosnan doing registration. Decoration and shamrock helpers were Peggy Fishburn, Patty Matheny, Susan Hisler, Kathi Dickenson, Kirsten and Travis Harrison, Mary Haguwood, Angie Shearer, Jacquie Wilson, Jacee Currin, Jaiden Mahoney, Claire Grieb, Gibson McCurry, Suzy Cason and

Charles Cason.

Businesses that helped sponsor the family-oriented event this year were Community Counseling Solutions, Heppner Community Bank, Windwave and Bucknum’s.

“The weather the week before, and only days prior, didn’t look so good. We are overwhelmed and very appreciative to all the people that contributed to the success of the event. We have already started making plans for 2020,” a spokesperson reported.

Annual bike tour to visit Heppner again this year

Bicycle Rides Northwest’s BRNW Oregon 2019 will take place June 22 through 29, again passing through Heppner. The annual bike tour will stop and spend the night in Heppner on Friday, June 28 before riding back to their starting/ending point in Condon. Riders will travel to Moro, Maupin, Fossil and Spray as well as Heppner on their tour.

Riders will experience great history, landscape, rushing rivers and canyons as well as visiting a ghost town, seeing a century-old one-room schoolhouse and learning about local history at a world-class museum. And, of course, they will experience the depth of



Riders will begin their ride in Condon and travel to Moro, Maupin, Fossil, Spray and Heppner before returning to Condon.

small-town Irish hospitality in Heppner.

For additional information visit the Bicycle Rides

Northwest website at <http://bicycleridesnw.org/rides/brnw-oregon-2019/>.

Morrow Education Foundation distributes funds



Pictured (L-R): Morrow Education Foundation Board Chair Rick Stokoe and Morrow County Superintendent Dirk Dirksen.

The Morrow Education Foundation received

\$545,000 from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone II

(CREZ II) and distributed \$334,562.95 to Morrow County School District, \$148,000 to the Morrow County School District Intern Program, \$82,500 to POM Workforce Training and \$41,145 to the Ione School District.

“We are thrilled to support our students in Morrow County,” states Rick Stokoe, Morrow Education Foundation Board chair. “The funds received from CREZ II help pay for programs, services and projects that may not otherwise be funded because of tight state education budgets.”

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