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Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers to perform in Irrigon



The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will perform at the Stokes Landing senior center in Irrigon at 6 p.m. on April 27. Admission will be \$5 for adults and children are free if accompanied by an adult. Dinner, prepared by chef Donna, will be available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. All ages are welcome. Fiddling is a style of

music rather than an instrument itself. Fiddlers do not use music while they perform but play by ear. Fiddlers often take liberty with a tune, adding extra notes for their own style and interpretation of a tune. This technique adds to the excitement because you never know what the fiddlers are up to next.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, May 2 at noon at the Heppner City Hall conference room. It will be all entities reports.

Lunch will be provided by Heppner Market Fresh Foods for \$10 per person and RSVP's are required.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

Class to sell plants, flowers

By Avery Gibbs
The Ione Crop Science class will hold a plant sale May 9-12 at the lone greenhouse. There will be a wide range of flowers and plants to choose from, including rainbow coleus, geraniums, blue and white bacopas, pansies, petunias

and many more. Specially designed hanging baskets and container gardens will be available as well. The sale will be held Thursday, May 9 from 3:30 to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 12.

4-H club holds meeting



Club members learn to build edible race cars from snack items. -Contributed photo.

The Grow 'em and Show 'em 4-H club held their monthly meeting on April 14 at the USDA service center in Heppner.

After completion of club business, members participated in some learning activities. Kacee Lathrop and

Jennifer Wilson led the group in an activity where members learned how to interpret feed tags, the nutrition labels on livestock feed bags.

Another activity had members rotating through three stations where they learned to identify common breeds of sheep, pigs and cattle. Avree Lathrop then showed the group how to create edible race cars from snack items.

Members spent time working on their record books before adjourning the meeting. The next meeting will be held May 19 at 3:30 p.m. at the USDA service center.

Sykes cousins baptized



Families joined together to celebrate the baptism of cousins, Waylon Sykes and Oscar Gonzales, on Easter Sunday at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. Pastor Katy Anderson of the Hopeful Saints Ministry officiated. Pictured (L-R) are: Grandparents Mark and Paula Parm, Pendleton, Andrew Sykes, Pendleton, grandfather David Sykes (not pictured April Sykes), Heppner, Chris Sykes, Rachel (Parm) Sykes and Waylon Sykes, Pendleton, Pastor Katy Anderson, Oscar Gonzales, Camille Sykes and Eddie Gonzales, Milwaukie, OR, and grandparents Frank and Naomi Gonzales, Wilsonville, OR.

CSP application deadline nears

The next deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications to be considered for funding in fiscal year 2019

is May 10. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to invest up to \$700 million for new

enrollments and contract extensions in fiscal year 2019. The 2018 Farm Bill made several changes to this critical conservation program, which helps agricultural producers take the conservation activities on their farm or ranch to the next level.

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by May 10 to ensure their applications are considered for 2019 funding.

The 2018 Farm Bill authorizes NRCS to accept new CSP enrollments from now until 2023, and it makes some important improvements to the program. These updates include:

- NRCS now enrolls eligible, high ranking applications based on dollars rather than acres. For fiscal 2019, NRCS can spend up to \$700 million in the program, which covers part of the cost for producers implementing new conservation activities and maintaining their existing activities.
- Higher payment rates are now available for certain conservation activities, including cover crops and resource conserving crop rotations.
- CSP now provides specific support for organic and for transitioning to organic production activities and a special grassland conservation initiative for certain producers who have maintained cropland base acres.

Breakfast, focus of cooking class

The vegetarian cooking class this month will focus on savory breakfasts to change up the same old breakfast slump with some health ideas. The class will be held Tuesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner SDA church.

in a vegetarian and whole food plant-based style of cooking and is hosted by the Heppner Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 560 Minor St, Heppner.

For additional information contact Cynthia Wenberg at 541-561-9132 or via email to heppnersda@gmail.com.

The free class is available for anyone interested

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Representation
Having lived in lone, Boardman and now Irrigon I understand how the POM affects the entire county.



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-  Strive to be your First Choice for quality, compassionate, local care and lead the way in promoting wellness and improving health in Morrow County.
-  Advance the quality of care provided in each patient care area while enhancing your patient and customer service experience.
-  Maximize the value of our relationships with community and regional partners through initiatives that promote health and bring valuable health services to Morrow County residents.
-  Ensure that our facilities, technology and infrastructure, as well as our workforce of 124 employees and 67 volunteers will continue to meet the needs of our communities today, and for generations to come.

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