

CBEC MEETING

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operative. There will be a presentation from the students who earned a trip to Washington D.C. last year, as well as an informational speech from the general manager and the board president. There are also three board positions up for election this year, so members are asked to get their ballots returned before

October 31.

Members are invited to attend this festive occasion and help celebrate what the co-op has done to keep the lights on for the members.

For additional information contact your local Columbia Basin Electric office at 541-676-9146 in Heppner or 541-384-2023 in Condon.

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forward to expanding our market share across our footprint in years to come”.

“The 2019 wheat harvest was at least average in most of our trade area and better than average in many regions. Cattle producers are reporting good weight gains on their calves as they come off of summer grazing. All of these factors bode well for producers,

but the volatility of input costs and commodity prices brought about by global and political pressures have swayed the commodity markets and provide an extra level of angst for our producers. On the bright side, decent soil moisture has provided better fall seeding conditions than we have seen for a number of years,” concluded Bailey.

Umatilla National Forest cautions visitors about fall forest conditions

Umatilla National Forest officials ask hunters and forest visitors to use caution, plan ahead and know the weather and forest conditions before heading out into the woods. The Forest has already received snow in higher elevations this fall, and snow storms can often bring wind, snow and rain that can substantially impact road and trail conditions, causing hazards and obstructions in roadways.

Fall weather can be unpredictable and is a busy time of year on the Umatilla National Forest. Hunting is a primary activity during this time, increasing the number of visitors in the Forest. Prior to heading to the woods, forest officials encourage the public to always contact your local district office, always check the weather, have a planned route and ensure that the area is accessible

by knowing what closures or restrictions are in place. Whenever possible, travel in pairs. Always bring extra clothing, food and water, and make sure that someone knows where you are going, that they also have your planned route, and when you will be returning from your trip. Carry a map and don't rely on your cell phone as many areas on the Forest don't have service.

The Forest has implemented prescribed burning activities this fall and forest visitors should also be cautious when entering a recently burned area and be aware of increased hazards, particularly snags (which are recently burned or dead trees). Forest officials ask that visitors do not camp or hang out in a burned area. Dead or dying trees that remain standing after a fire are unstable,

especially in high winds. Loose rocks and logs can be present in a burned area and are unpredictable, creating a falling hazard. Additionally, burned vegetation can also contribute to landslides, mudslides and erosion when rain occurs. The ground in a burned area can also be unstable, due to burned-out roots beneath the surface. After soils and vegetation have been charred, rainfall that would normally be absorbed could run off extremely quickly.

Some roads may be seasonally closed due to wildlife or other resource concerns. Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) display the open and seasonally open road system on the Umatilla National Forest. MVUMs are free and can be picked up at any Umatilla National Forest office or downloaded from the

forest website. Motorized cross-country travel is prohibited under the forest's travel management plan.

“We encourage forest users to responsibly enjoy their National Forest roads and trails, including planning ahead for a trip to the woods. Responsible use will not only avoid damage of the resources, but also ensure forest visitors have an enjoyable and safe experience,” said Eric Watrud, Umatilla National Forest Supervisor.

The Umatilla National Forest wants all forest visitors to have a positive and safe experience while recreating on their public lands. For more information on current forest conditions, please contact the Umatilla National Forest at (541) 278-3716 or visit our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla>.

Storm spotter training scheduled

The National Weather Service, in conjunction with Morrow County Emergency Management, will host a Skywarn Spotter Training October 23 at 6 p.m. at 110 N Court St, Heppner. This session is intended to educate the public on how to observe and report all forms of hazardous weather including tornadoes, hail, flooding, winter weather and more.

Storm spotters are a critical part of the warning decision process, supplying ground-truth reports

of dangerous weather to the National Weather Service. The varied terrain of Morrow County, from the Columbia Gorge to the Blue Mountains, presents many challenges in forecasting hazardous weather. This makes a pool of spotters important, as it ensures the National Weather Service is able to effectively provide life-saving warnings when severe weather strikes.

For additional information, contact Marc Austin at 541-276-7832 or marcus.austin@noaa.gov.

USDA opens 2020 program enrollment

Safety net program payments for 2018 have started

Agricultural producers now can enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs – two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) safety net programs – for the 2020 crop year. Meanwhile, producers who enrolled farms for the 2018 crop year have started receiving more than \$1.5 billion for covered commodities for which payments were triggered under such programs.

“These two programs provide income support to help producers manage the ups and downs in revenues and prices,” said Richard Fordyce, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). “USDA is here to support the economic stability of American agricultural producers by helping them maintain their competitive edge in times of economic stress. We encourage producers to consider enrolling in one of these programs.”

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level. PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its reference price. The 2018 Farm Bill reauthorized and updated both programs.

Signup for the 2020 crop year closes June 30, 2020, while signup for the 2019 crop year closes March 15, 2020. Producers who have not yet enrolled for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to an FSA county office.

ARC and PLC have options for the farm operator who is actively farming the land as well as the owner of the land. Farm owners also have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields beginning with crop year 2020. If the farm owner and producer visit the FSA county office together, FSA can also update yield information during that visit.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crabe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

2018 Crop Year ARC and PLC Payments

FSA began processing payments last week for 2018 ARC-County (ARC-CO) and PLC on covered commodities that met payment triggers on enrolled farms in the 2018 crop year. In addition to the \$1.5

billions now in process, FSA anticipates it will issue another \$1 billion in November once USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service publishes additional commodity prices for the 2018 crop.

Producers who had 2018 covered commodities enrolled in ARC-CO can visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc for payment rates applicable to their county and each covered commodity. For farms and covered commodities enrolled in 2018 PLC, the following crops met payment triggers: barley, canola, corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, peanuts, and wheat.

Oats and soybeans did not meet 2018 PLC payment triggers.

2018 PLC payment rates for the following covered commodities have not been determined: crabe, flaxseed, large and small chickpeas, long and medium grain rice, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, seed cotton, sesame seed, sunflower seed and temperate Japonica rice.

On December 20, 2018, President Trump signed into law the 2018 Farm Bill, which provides income support, certainty and stability to our nation's farmers, ranchers and land stewards by enhancing farm support programs, improving crop insurance, maintaining disaster programs and promoting and supporting voluntary conservation.

For more information on ARC and PLC including two online decision tools that assist producers in making enrollment and election decisions specific to their operations, visit the ARC and PLC webpage.

For additional questions and assistance, contact your local USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has released the following information:

June 17 (cont.): Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a on I 84 E, Boardman that a male driving a gray Ford van ran the RP off the road. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Port of Morrow freezer on Gar Swanson Dr/Oscar Peterson Rd, Boardman of a grass fire.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 730, Irrigon that two vehicles were in a fender bender, off to the side of the road.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 74, Heppner that RP hit a deer, no damage to the vehicle. RP says the deer is still alive and needs to be dispatched.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a semi with white cab towing three other semis is speeding and cutting off other vehicles. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at Riverview Mobile Court on E Hwy 730, Irrigon that a male is screaming at RP. MCSO made contact with RP and male party. Verbal only.

-MCSO received a report on Stock Dr Rd, Heppner that a car is pulled over on the side of the road.

-MCSO received a report on W Eighth Rd, Irrigon that cans were stolen from their property.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon High School on SE Wyoming Ave, Irrigon that RP's son backed into another vehicle and damaged the back door.

-MCSO received a report at Green Acres on Patterson Ferry Rd, Irrigon that

subject is being attacked by boyfriend. Jaspar Ambrose Elliott was arrested by MCSO for assault IV-DV and strangulation. Lodged at UCJ, bail of \$20,000.

-MCSO received a report on Columbia Ln, Irrigon that a black and white border collie is harassing her dogs. Transported to pet rescue.

June 21: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Columbia River Ranch on Kunze Ln, Boardman of 60-year-old female with severe chest pain. Patient refusal.

-MCSO received a report on W Main St, Lexington that a pickup is in his driveway, he is unsure who it belongs to. Made contact with subject, was visiting a friend.

-MCSO received a report on SE California Ave, Irrigon that the neighbor's dog keeps jumping the fence into her back yard. MCSO made contact with the dog owner who was then given a warning for dog at large.

-MCSO received a report on W Eighth Rd, Irrigon that an elderly female is unresponsive, not breathing. Female has a DNR.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that a black passenger car almost ran several vehicles off the road, in a construction zone and are going 80 mph plus.

-MCSO received a report on E Arcade St, Lexington that at the corner of E Arcade and S B St in Lexington there has been a white Kia Sportage parked

in their church parking lot since 6/16.

-MCSO received a report at Kunze Ln/Tyler Re, Boardman that RP believes his neighbor is putting out rat poison.

-MCSO received a report at Paterson Ferry Rd/Columbia Ln, Irrigon that male walked up to her car and asked for an ambulance to respond for his girlfriend who is at the gazebo. Male's hand is swollen, may be broken, female is dehydrated. Patients transported to GSH.

-MCSO received a report at Turkey Shoots on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that subjects are riding quads on the turkey shoots. RP advised the city manager does not allow this.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that two ATVs crossed property lines into the city limits. They are not allowed to ride ATVs in the city limits. Deputy made contact with ATVs.

-MCSO received a report at Oregon Trail Library on N Main ST, Heppner that a medium sized female dog is outside the library. Very friendly. MCSO picked up the dog and returned it to its owners.

-MCSO received a report at Wilson Rd Trailer Park, Wilson Rd SW, Boardman of a suspicious male. Pablo Hernandez was arrested by BPD for disorderly conduct II, lodged at UCJ with \$2,500 bail.

June 22: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on I 84 W, Boardman of a two-tone pickup driving aggressively and is harassing the RP.

-MCSO received a re-

port on W Second St, Ione that there is a subject harassing her son.

-MCSO received a report at Main St/Wilson Rd SW, Boardman that a white truck turning toward the elementary school is possibly intoxicated. Eliezer Morales was arrested by BPD for DUII, hit and run property, att. Elude. Lodged at UCJ with \$20,000 bail.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman of an erratic driver, swerving all over the road. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on S First St, Irrigon that her neighbor's dog is in her yard. MCSO contacted the owner who will be taking care of the dog.

-MCSO received a report at Knapp St/SE Division St, Irrigon of three horses running loose. MCSO responded. Horses are corralled in neighbor's yard until the owner can get on scene.

-MCSO received a report on I 84 W, Boardman that there is an orange traffic cone in the middle of the fast lane.

-MCSO received a report on Forest Service 21 Rd that they lost their 10-year-old male boxer up at Bull Prairie.

-MCSO received a report at Maple Crest Apartments on Wilson Rd SW, Boardman that a male subject is outside armed with a firearm making threats towards the RP, Miguel Gutierrez-Valasquez was arrested by BPD for menacing, fleeing or attempting to elude, resisting arrest and DUII. Lodged at UCJ, bail \$200,000.

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