

## Virtual Livestock Auction to be held Saturday

The 4-H/FFA livestock auction will be held Saturday, August 22 from 1-4 p.m. virtually via ShoWorks this year. Bidding will be available via cell phone, computer, tablet or other handheld devices. Buyers may pre-register at <https://mcf4h.fairwire.com/>. Visit the website at <https://auction.showworks.cloud/fair/>

mcf4h to access the auction site.

The auction will be open for browsing, pre-bids and add-ons on Friday, August 21 at 1 p.m. Competitive bidding begins at 1 p.m. August 22. Buyers must login to place a bid. When bidding, buyers will receive a text message if their bid has been outbid.

The sale order for the auction will be sheep, goats, beef and swine. Bids will begin to close Saturday beginning at 1 p.m., lasting 90 seconds per lot. Lot and item closing times could vary from the actual posted times.

Buyers will be contacted by Morrow County Livestock Growers Association/Bank of Eastern Oregon to obtain payment information and an invoice will be emailed.

For those who are unable to attend the auction but would still like to lend their support, contact the OSU Extension office at 541-676-9642 to request a form to complete.



Quaid Jensen, Grow Em & Show Em 4-H Club, Heppner, with his 2019 Market Lamb.



Isabelle Ogden, Farm Kids 4-H Club, Ione, shows her 2019 Market Lamb at the Morrow County Fair livestock auction.

## TV Celebrity visits Heppner



Pictured (L-R foreground): Tresslyn Clement, Jacob Shandy, Amy Roloff, Chris Marek and Tiffany Clement. -Photo by David Sykes.

Amy Roloff, star of TLC's Little People, Big World and her fiancé, Chris Marek made some stops in Heppner last week. She was very accommodating and seemed happy to pose for pictures with some of the local people.

According to reports, Amy, Chris and some other friends were on a motorcycle ride through the eastern part of the state. On Tuesday, they traveled from John Day to Heppner. They had a bit of a mishap on the ride from Ukiah to Heppner, needing to stop at Cutsforth Park to borrow some gas since they were running very low.

While in Heppner, Roloff visited Murray's Drug and Breaking Grounds Coffee. In honor of Roloff's visit, Breaking Grounds posted on their Facebook page, "Thank you Amy Roloff for grabbing a cup of coffee from BGC this



Diana Healy, Rylee Kollman and Hunter Houck posed for a picture with Amy Roloff (front) at Breaking Grounds Coffee.

morning. To celebrate having such a kind and sweet celebrity in our community today, Amy's order of a hot

16 oz Americano topped with whip cream is only \$1 all day today to our customers."

## Lexington shop building expansion in progress

By David Sykes

The town of Lexington's shop expansion is still a work in progress, it was announced at last Tuesday's council meeting. The building will provide for more storage and parking space for the maintenance department. Town maintenance man Scott Lamb said lights will need to be installed and he had a bid from Columbia River Electric in the Tri-Cities for \$2,500 to put in eight-ft LED lights. There is still \$2,700 left in the budget for the project.

The council commented on how great the new paint looks on the town hall. Lamb and town recorder MacKia Tarvin, with other volunteers, painted the town hall tan with green trim last week, getting rid of the "ugly" green with blue trim. "The building looks great," Mayor Juli Kennedy said of the completed project.

In other business at last week's meeting the council heard from Ed Howard of PrineTIME Internet Solutions, a Prineville-based

company installing high speed internet in town. He said the company is ready to sign a franchise agreement covering the installation. Howard and his company are working hard to get fiber cable installed because he says with kids staying home from school this fall doing more distance learning, there will be a higher demand for more internet access. "People need more internet bandwidth," he said. Lexington did not have a franchise agreement ready, but councilmember Bobbi Gordon said she would check with the League of Oregon Cities for legal advice on the proposed agreement. The franchise gives PrineTIME the right to string cable in the rights-of-way around town. The company has offered the town some free internet access at various locations in exchange for the agreement.

In other business the council heard a proposal to purchase a display case to be mounted outside the town hall in which notices

could be placed for the public to read. The notices are currently taped to the town hall front window and the mayor suggested it would look better with a place to put the public notices.

The council also heard from Justice of the Peace Glenn Diehl who attended the meeting to introduce himself. He is running for office in the upcoming Nov. 3 election and wanted to know if there was anything he could do "to make things better for everybody." Mayor Kennedy asked what Justice Court could do to enforce town ordinances. Kennedy pointed out that the town does not have a contract, as some cities do, with the county sheriff for code enforcement so it makes it difficult to have the town's ordinances enforced. Diehl was not sure of a solution to the problem but said he would check.

In other business the council heard a report from Lamb who said the state will be coming at the end of the month to check back flow valves of people with

Right: The Lexington town hall got a face lift with new paint last week.

Below: A new utility trailer has been purchased to be used for the maintenance department. -Contributed photos.



Olivia Ogden, Farm Kids 4-H Club, Ione, shows her Market Hog at the 2019 livestock auction.



underground sprinkler systems around town. The town has been footing the cost of \$25-\$55 fee to check a valve and wanted to know if they wanted to continue

doing that. The backflow valves need to be checked periodically to make sure

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