

Business Speak

Restaurant revitalization grant opportunities available

By Greg Smith

There is no doubt the restaurant industry has been particularly hard hit during the pandemic and as part of the American Recovery Plan, \$28.5 billion dollars has been used to establish a "restaurant revitalization fund."

When it was first announced, business owners were told they needed to obtain a DUNS number and that they had to register in SAMS. However, on March 30, the Small Business Administration announced that neither is the case, and restaurants will not be required to do so.

According to the National Restaurant Association, "eligible businesses may receive a tax-free federal grant (does not have to be repaid) equal to the amount of its pandemic related loss, calculated by subtracting its 2020 gross receipts from its 2019 gross receipts. Those pandemic related revenue losses are reduced by any Paycheck Protection funds received."

Who is eligible?

Restaurants, food stands, food carts, caterers, saloons, inns, bars, lounges, brewpubs, tasting rooms, taprooms, etc.,

Applicants must submit a good faith certification that: -They are applying because of the economic uncertainty and need support to continue operating.

-They have not applied for or received a Shuttered Venue grant for live venues.

-Eligible Expenses:

- Payroll and paid sick leave
- Mortgage – principal or interest
- Rent
- Utilities
- Maintenance
- Construction for outdoor seating
- Supplies such as protective equipment and cleaning materials
- Regular food and beverage inventory
- Certain supplier costs
- Any other expenses SBA deems essential to maintaining operations

It's important to note that \$5 billion is available to businesses with gross receipts of \$500,000 or less during 2019. The first 21 days once the grant is opened, priority will be given to restaurants owned and operated by women, veterans, or those considered socially or economically disadvantaged.

It is expected this fund's dollars will be dispersed very quickly and there is no indication as to whether the fund will be replenished. Businesses are encouraged to apply for other Covid related programs including the PPP of which President Biden just extended the deadline from March 31 to May 31. Visit www.sba.gov to apply for the PPP.

The Loop to hold meetings

The Loop Morrow County Transportation will be holding its quarterly advisory committee meetings April 20, 2021 at the Bartholomew Building lower conference room, located at 110 N. Court St. in Heppner. In response to the current health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, county facilities have limited seating capacity and meetings are being held electronically to provide participation other than in-person. The meetings will be available for viewing via Morrow County Zoom meeting. To schedule a Zoom meeting invitation please provide your name, phone number and email address with the Loop Morrow County Transportation via phone message at 541-676-5667, or kimes@co.morrow.or.us

The Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee will start at 3 p.m. On the agenda, roll call public comment, approval

of minutes, transportation coordinator update, and other business as needed for the good of the order.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee will immediately follow the Special Transportation Fund Meeting. On the agenda, roll call, public comment, approval of the minutes, transportation coordinator update, and other business as needed for the good of the order.

Suicide loss presentation scheduled

Morrow County Veterans Services, in partnership with Community Counseling Solutions, will present Language Matters by Kimberly Starr, a mother who is a survivor of suicide loss. The presentation will take place Tuesday, May 4 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and is free of charge.

"Using Constructive Language Around Mental Illness and Suicide – Words Have Power. By subtly shifting the way we talk about mental illness and suicide, we can help reduce the stigma around them, leading to normalized and candid conversations so those experiencing them can confidently ask for help without fear of judgement. This 45-minute presenta-

tion defines stigma; briefly introduces the definition, causes and treatments for mental health conditions; helps audience members understand how our society stigmatizes mental illness; and shares some guidelines for the best ways to speak about mental illness and suicide, speak with survivors of suicide loss, what to do if they catch themselves speaking in stigmatizing ways, and how they can approach others who use stigmatizing language." The presentation will be followed by an audience question and answer session.

Call 541-922-6420 for information on how to attend the Zoom presentation.

Forests prepare for spring burning

Fire management officials on the Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests are preparing to implement spring prescribed burning activities. Prescribed fire is an important way to maintain and improve forest conditions with "good fire" to reduce the risk of severe wildfire in the future.

Prescribed fire information for the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests is available to the public on the tri-forest online map. The map is labeled and color-coded to show each burn unit's status: planned, active or completed.

Fire history studies have shown that fire has long been a dominant natural process in the Blue Mountains — maintaining open, park-like conditions in low- to mid-elevation forests of ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, and larch. Prescribed fire has a wide variety of benefits, including reducing dead and down fuels, thinning understory trees, stimulating natural fire-tolerant plants, enhancing forage, reducing the risk of stand-replacement fires and creating strategic fuel breaks near urban-interface areas. Forest Service prescribed fire programs allows fire to play its natural role on the landscape under controlled conditions.

Fire managers have been working with county, state, and regional partners to limit smoke in our communities. This is accomplished by coordinating with smoke forecasters at the Oregon Department of Forestry, so burning occurs under conditions that limit smoke entering local communities. Some smoke is likely to be visible from burn units, although prescribed fire managers minimize smoke in communities by selecting smaller burn units near the communities, reducing the amount of smoke produced in a single day. Completing burning early in the afternoon also limits smoke settling overnight. Further, burn units are planned to alternate over time to reduce the likelihood of repeated smoke in a single area.

Please note that where and when burning occurs, and how many acres are treated within a prescribed fire unit, will vary due to weather, fuel conditions, smoke dispersion and other variables. All areas may not be within prescription this spring, and implementation will likely not occur on every acre as planned. Additionally, some project areas may have acres within prescription that are not detailed in the prescribed fire map.

Obituaries

Glenna Diane McLachlan Wolke

Glenna Diane McLachlan Wolke, 65, Waukegan, IL, died Monday, April 5, 2021, in Waukegan. She was born July 4, 1955, to Delores "DD" and Darrel McLachlan.

She is survived by her parents; son, Matthew McLachlan, Illinois; grandchildren, Maddie and Conor McLachlan, Illinois; brothers, Delbert McLachlan of

Pendleton, OR, and James McLachlan and his wife Toni of Echo, OR; numerous aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mark Wolke and her brother, David McLachlan.

No services are planned at this time. Donations in her name may be made to the charity of your choice.

Sandy Ordway

Sandy Ordway, 73, 2012 Cunningham family of Spray, OR died at St. Charles Hospital in Prineville, OR on Sunday March 28, 2021 from complications of COPD.

She was born January 30, 1948 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, one of two children of Lewis and Betty Cunningham McDonald. She grew up and attended school in Hardman until third grade when the school closed in 1958. The family then moved to Heppner, where she completed her schooling, graduating from Heppner High School in 1966.

She met Bob Ordway from Spray and they were married on December 14, 1968. This began a lifelong career raising cattle on the Ordway ranch in Spray which kept her busy with the many chores and ranching activities.

Over the years, Sandy greatly enjoyed her grandchildren, Franklin and Dori Ordway and her great grandson, Wyatt Ordway, as well as joining in family gatherings. In addition to the many visits from her immediate family, one highlight was the

2012 Cunningham family reunion held in Heppner that brought together many family members who had not been seen for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Ordway; mother-in-law, Eleanor Ordway; son, Rob Ordway (Michelle) and daughter, Robin Ordway; grandchildren, Franklin and Dori Ordway Embree; great grandson, Wyatt Ordway; niece, Rhonda Roberts and her son, Riley of Colfax, WA; uncle, Bob Cunningham of Ontario, OR as well as numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis McDonald in 1969, Betty McDonald in 2017 and brother Sherrill McDonald in 1984.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner, OR.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. The online condolence book is available at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Free stuff available at Birthright

Birthright of Morrow County has a large number of brand new, never been used, ladies' undergarments that were donated recently. There are adult sizes small through extra-large, still in the package, available for free. Donations are accepted, but there is no charge for these items.

Please come visit the office on West Willow Street during business hours, Monday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 3 p.m. They will be open extra hours on Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For additional information, call 541-676-0530.

Christman earns degree

Nicholas Paul Christman, having completed the studies and satisfied the requirements from the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, has earned the degree of Master of Science at Columbia University, NYC, on February 10, 2021.

Christman is a 2005 graduate of Ione High

School and currently resides in Richland, WA with his wife Cara and their four children, Sophia, Joelle, Alex and Austin.

Nick is an electrical engineer and works for Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. PNNL is managed and operated by Battelle for the Department of Energy in Richland, WA.

Death Notices

Albert R. Brazell – Former longtime Lexington resident, Albert R. Brazell, 78, of Yelm, WA died Saturday, April 10, 2021 at his home. He was born August 24, 1942 at West Palm Beach, FL. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Wedding Tables

Mekayla Kindle & Bailey Haguewood
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Torri Lovgren & Kyle Nicol
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