

Business Speak

Entrepreneur Day: Mark Your Calendars

By Greg Smith
 What I hear regularly from business owners and entrepreneurs is that...they are ready to get down to business. Eastern Oregon University Small Business Development Center's Entrepreneur Day, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, from 8-5 p.m. is a free, virtual event meant to help do just that.



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 -Keynote Speaker – Ian Galloway, vice president and regional executive of the Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
 -Opportunities for Women and Minorities in Business – Irene Gonzalez, Small Business Administration

-Making the Numbers Make Sense – Understanding Basic Financial Statements, Yvonne Robers, CPA - Connected Professional Accountants

As with any endeavor, it is critical to continue “sharpening the saw” by taking advantage of opportunities to learn and grow. Those wanting to participate need to call or email the EOU SBDC at 541-962-1532 or eousbdc@gmail.com. Prior to receiving the Zoom link for Entrepreneur Day, individuals must register with the SBDC.

Our center is located at 1607 Gekeler Lane, Room 148 in La Grande and we offer in person or virtual no-cost, confidential business advising. We think that you will benefit greatly from participating in Entrepreneur Day and look forward to hearing from you. Again, mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 19. See you there.

There will be a variety of prominent speakers addressing a full range of topics. The day is jam packed. There is not an expectation that people will attend every class (they certainly can) but can pick those topics they feel will be most beneficial. Below is a list of topics and speakers:

- A State of Flux – Mark Gregory, director of Oregon Small Business Development Network
- How to Start a Business and Understand Cash Flow – Greg Smith, director of EOU SBDC
- Digital Marketing – Sarah Frink, Real Marketing Solutions, Digital Agency
- Office of Small Business Assistance – Eloisa Miller, director
- Hiring, Motivating, and Retaining the Right Staff – Dr. Shari Carpenter, marketing and business professor, EOU Col-

Good News Only

By Doris Brosnan
 So many messages of “I love you!” were designed by Cupid’s Country Rose helpers and delivered on Monday. Six ladies had worked for four days on some beautiful bouquets that were then delivered on Valentine’s Day by volunteers, even as snow fell and wind blew part of the day. How delightful to see the looks of surprise.

Good news for pinochle players looking for some action: Some players plan to meet on second and fourth Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the sitting room of St. Patrick Senior Center, and they will welcome others. “The more the merrier,” says one enthusiast. Big stakes equal bragging rights. Reminders, Players: bring your own drinks, any treats you might want, and (for now) masks. Mark your calendars for February 24.

And everyone looking for a little more exercise is welcome at the Ione church on Mondays at 11 a.m. Great opportunity to burn a few calories, shape up one’s shape a tad, and enjoy some camaraderie.

Today’s an important one for Ione: This afternoon, the high school boys’ basketball team is in a district playoff game, on their home court because they have won all of their games this season. Go,

Cardinals! Congratulations, Mustangs! The gymnasium was full with the fantastic turnout of spectators last Saturday to watch the girls’ and the boys’ teams win their last home basketball games for this year’s seniors. And the pep band! Wow! Energy and talent galore on the floor and in the stands. Great evening



for all.

Beginning on Friday, the basketball-playing Mustangs will be competing in district play in Pendleton. On Saturday, the wrestling team will be in Adrian for its district competitions. Good luck to all.

Florene Robinson cannot praise Rod Wilson and Tim Adams enough for the nicely engineered ramp they designed and installed at the Robinsons’. No bumps, no gaps, only a seamless transition from the sidewalk to the front deck, looks great.

Only takes a few minutes to recite or write your tidbits of good news for inclusion in the column, so please share by sending them to dbrosnan123@gmail.com, or call 541-676-5382 or 541-223-1490.

Here’s hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this.

Commissioner Lindsay appointed to land use advisory committee

Morrow County Commissioner Melissa Lindsay has been appointed to a state advisory committee whose job is providing feedback to state agencies on the effects of state land use laws and policies on local governments and communities.

Lindsay was appointed to the Local Officials Advisory Committee (LOAC) a seven-member volunteer group of city and county elected officials appointed by the Oregon State Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). The group is tasked with advising both the LCDC and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) on its how its land use policies and programs affect local governments and communities.

“I am really looking forward to working with the new members of



Melissa Lindsay

LOAC,” said Kaety Jacobson of the state agency, “and thank all of them for being willing to help DLCD work on issues important to Oregon and its community members.” The group plan to hold their first meeting this spring. The committee was established in 1973 by Senate Bill 100, the law that created Oregon’s statewide planning program.

Holly Rebekah Lodge to host craft sale

In conjunction with May Day Festivities in Lexington, Holly Rebekah Lodge will host a vendor/craft sale at their Lodge Hall on May 7 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on. The charge is \$15 per table.

All interested people are asked to contact MaryKay Bellamy at 541-379-3567.

Morrow County Republican meeting scheduled

The Morrow County Republicans will meet Tuesday, February 22, at 6 p.m. at the Bartholomew Building in Heppner, Oregon. Precinct Committee Persons and anyone interested in the county Republican Party are invited to come and join the discus-

sions. Plans will be made for upcoming events related to the primary and midterm elections. There will be several opportunities to meet the candidates over the coming months. The Republican Party is open to individuals who

are interested in conservative ideals and values. The Republican Party platform can be found at <https://oregon.gop/>

For more information on the Morrow County Republicans contact Ken Matlack kenmatlack@centurylink.net.

Hopeful Saints plans pancake supper, Ash Wednesday events

This year, Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2. For the first time in two years, Hopeful Saints Ministry will be offering the community two opportunities to observe the beginning of this penitential season. The first of those actually takes place the day before Lent begins: on what is known as Shrove Tuesday, March 1, when the community is invited to feast on all-you-can-eat pancakes, ham, and more from 5 pm to 7 pm

at the Episcopal-Lutheran building on the corner of Church and Gale in Heppner. Proceeds from this event support the church’s Mission and Outreach fund for local needs, as it has for many decades before the pandemic interruption.

The next day, on Ash Wednesday, Ashes-to-Go will once again be offered upon request to anyone for whom that tradition is meaningful. Look for the sign on Main Street between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30

p.m. A communion service with imposition of ashes will also be held at the church at 6 p.m. that evening.

More information about these and other church activities is available by calling the church office at 541-676-9970.

CBEC awards scholarships

During this unusual time of COVID 19 Columbia Basin Electric sponsored four \$500 scholarships in lieu of sending students on the Washington D.C. tour. The scholarships were awarded to one junior in each high school in CBEC’s service territory, Condon, Ione, Fossil and Heppner/Lexington.

This year’s recipients are Rylee Fowke of Fossil, Maecie Lantis of Condon, Madison Orem of Ione and Paul Lindsay of Lexington.

Rylee Fowke is the son of Jessica Maiden and grandson of Sharlene Pine from Fossil. Rylee is a member of honor society, school vice president, class president and enjoys football, track and music. Rylee has volunteered with the Spray Grange, has split

wood, and helped with the Fossil Food Bank.

Maecie Lantis is the daughter of Vincent and Heather Lantis from Condon. Maecie is junior class secretary, plays volleyball, basketball, track and tennis. She has also volunteered with the 4th of July and fall festival set-up, community clean-up, home recycling, and bus clean-up. Maecie also enjoys art, Young Life camping trips, open class rabbits, Crossfit, sports and hunting.

Madison Orem is the daughter of Eric and Brandi Orem from Heppner. Madison attends school in Ione, is a member of FFA, and is also student body secretary and vice president. She is also a member of National Honor Society,

and has served as an ambassador. Madison plays basketball, volleyball and softball. She has also volunteered with Earth Day clean-up, Ione 4th of July, and has helped run the beverage cart for the Jason Halvorsen Scholarship.

Paul Lindsay is the son of Ashley and Dan Lindsay from Lexington. Paul attends Heppner High School where he is FFA chapter president, class treasurer/secretary, and member of National Honor Society. He is a member of the band and plays football, basketball and golf. Paul also volunteers with his church, Mustang Mop-up, cleaning of the golf course and helps community members clean up their property.

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Heppner’s Wee Bit O’ Ireland St. Patrick’s Day Celebration is back!
 After a long two years, the celebration kicks off on **March 11!**
 The Heppner Gazette-Times will publish our special **St. Patrick’s Day** pages in the March 9th issue. Do not miss this opportunity to reach local and visiting customers.
 The deadline to be included is **Monday, March 7 at 5:00 pm.**
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