

# MC Crystal Apple Awards

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 presented May 8 in La Grande to Union County school districts. The events include receptions, and winners' families and friends and school district staff are invited.

Each year, the IMESD partners with its school districts to recognize outstanding administrators, teachers, educational assistants and office and building staff for their dedication and commitment

to students and for their willingness to go above and beyond their regular duties. Nominations are submitted over a two-month period by administrators, coworkers, parents, students and community members. Winners are selected from these nominations by school district administration.

"The Crystal Apple Awards are a wonderful spring tradition that IMESD looks forward to

every year. Our school districts have many dedicated and skilled employees whom we are excited to recognize and celebrate this year," said Michele Madril, IMESD Director of Education.

The 2023 Crystal Apple Award sponsors were CHI St. Anthony Hospital, First Community Credit Union and Wheatland Insurance.

# HHS holds Mustang Mop-Up



Heppner High School students showed up around town to help businesses and residents during the school's annual Mustang Mop-Up last Thursday, May 18. Pictured is the crew that helped wash windows at St. Patrick's Senior Center (L-R): Nathan Ellesworth, Zach Brown, Alakae Rodroguuez, Shad Greenup and Logan Turner. -Photo by Chris Sykes

# County Republicans to meet June 8

The Morrow County Republicans will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Bartholomew Building in Heppner. Precinct Committee Persons (PCPs) and anyone interested in the county Republican Party are encouraged to come and join the discussions.

MCRP will continue planning the 2023 fundraising event scheduled for Thursday, June 22. Currently, plans are for a spaghetti dinner, speakers and an auction. Venue and event

details will be finalized and published soon.

A report will be made on the Oregon Republican Party meeting in Madras on June 3. Budget discussions will continue in preparation for the 2024 election cycle.

PCP positions are open in Heppner, Lexington, Boardman and Irrigon. Individuals interested in one of these positions are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about the positions. PCP appointments can be made during

MCRP meetings.

The Republican Party is open to individuals interested in conservative ideals and values. The Republican Party platform can be found at <https://oregon.gop/>. For more information on the Morrow County Republican Party, contact [mocoreps@gmail.com](mailto:mocoreps@gmail.com).

**DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5PM**

# Greater Idaho as movement

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 quires county commissions to discuss the idea at least three times a year.

Morrow County passed the Greater Idaho ballot measure with 60 percent of its votes last November. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners held the first of its three required meetings May 3 during its regular commission meeting in Heppner.

Present to present the case for Greater Idaho was Mike McCarter, 76, of La Pine, OR. McCarter is president of Move Oregon's Borders and Citizens for Greater Idaho.

He said he is an Oregonian, born and raised, and the only time he left Oregon was during the Vietnam War. He has spent his life working in agriculture.

"I'm in this for my family and other generations that are coming on," said McCarter.

He said he didn't feel it was necessary to go into detail about the reasons behind the movement.

"If you look at what's

coming out of Salem right now, what has come out of Salem in the past, it is contrary to most of what we believe," he said, citing the legalization of marijuana, relaxed drug laws, parental rights, and Measure 3501, which would have decriminalized homeless encampments. He also reiterated that the county had not voted to move to Idaho, but simply to discuss the option.

"Right now, there is no other option out there to stop what's coming towards us from the West," he said. "If every citizen in eastern Oregon voted, every citizen," he said, "All it takes is 40 percent of the Portland vote to trump us completely."

"So we're being marginalized. Our voices are not being heard," said McCarter, but then added that he had spoken to a Western Oregon legislator who said Eastern Oregon is being heard but, "We just outvoted you."

"When they pass laws that correct situations, or they feel correct situations, in the Wil-

lamette Valley and the western side of the Cascades, it affects us," McCarter added. "But they don't care if it's affected us negatively."

At the time of the May 3 meeting, 11 out of the proposed 15 counties had voted in favor of discussing Greater Idaho. Wallowa County now brings the total to 12. Crook County commissioners have also decided to put the issue on an upcoming ballot.

"It has no authority to do anything to the legislature," McCarter finished, "but it does send a word across to them that you have a problem in Eastern Oregon with it."

The board of commissioners will next discuss the issue on Aug. 16 in Irrigon and again Nov. 1 in Heppner. Meetings in Heppner will be held at the Bartholomew Building, while Irrigon meetings will take place at the Morrow County Government Center. Regular meetings of the board of commissioners begin at 9 a.m.

# Boardman man arrested on shots-fired

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 handgun and fired shots at the man, though without hitting him. The man then sped away from the scene in the red jeep.

Gonzalez then attempted to force the female into his car. She resisted, and Gonzalez fled the scene. The incident apparently stemmed from a domestic dispute between Gonzalez and the female victim.

After investigation, multiple witness interviews and

reviewing multiple videos, MCSO arrested Gonzalez on the evening of May 5. He remains lodged in Umatilla County Jail with no bail.

Gonzalez has been charged with attempted kidnapping II, attempted assault I, unlawful use of a weapon, harassment - domestic violence and recklessly endangering another.

MCSO Deputy Killgore and Detective Garcia have been investigating this case. This investigation is on-going.

If anyone has more information on this case, please contact Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 541-676-5317.

"MCSO wishes to thank the public and witnesses who came forward with information on this case," the sheriff's office said in a statement. "It facilitated a quicker resolution to the situation and is very much appreciated."

Umatilla PD, Boardman PD and Oregon State Police also assisted.

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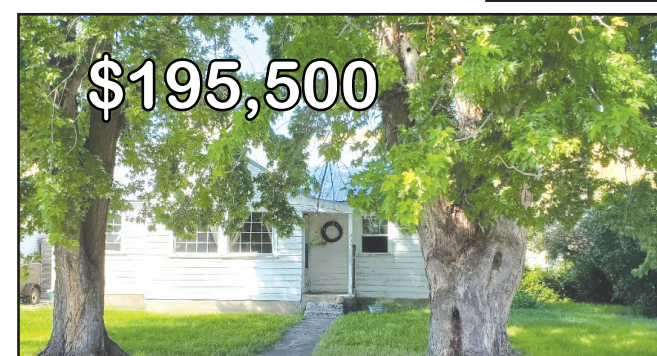
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