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Irrigon Fire receives OSFM grant ahead of wildfire season

To boost the number of firefighters across Oregon ahead of wildfire season, the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has awarded \$6 million in grants to 185 local fire agencies across the state. The Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District was one of the agencies to receive the funding.

The 2023 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant is in its second year. Local agencies within the Oregon structural fire service were eligible to apply for up to \$35,000. The funding will allow these agencies to hire additional firefighters for the 2023 fire season. This year, small agencies, many of which depend on volunteers, were prioritized to receive funding.

"This grant is a beacon of hope for fire districts like ours, burdened by limited funding," Mt. Angel Fire Chief Jim Trierweiler said. "It provides a lifeline, empowering us to overcome financial constraints and a shortage of volunteers. With this invaluable support, we

can expand our team with skilled individuals, fortifying our mission to serve and protect our community this fire season." The 2022 grant added roughly 400 paid firefighters to the Oregon fire service during last summer's wildfire season. These added resources allowed agencies to attack fires and keep them small and away from communities and added capacity to respond to other calls, ultimately saving lives.

The 2023 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant is part of a multi-pronged approach to combat wildfire in Oregon. Over the last two years, the OSFM has made strategic investments to modernize the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System and help communities be better prepared for wildfire.

This grant is part of the OSFM's Response Ready Oregon initiative. This one-time funding was made possible through Senate Bill 762, which was signed into law in 2021.

Lexington council meeting June 13

The Town of Lexington will hold a town council meeting on Tuesday, June 13. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

The meeting will happen in person at Lexington Town Hall, 425 F Street, Lexington, OR. It will also

be accessible online via Zoom, Zoom Meeting ID: 687 755 5033, passcode: Lexington.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Lexington Town Recorder Veronica Ferguson at 541-989-8515 or lexington.oregon@gmail.com.

Lexington outdoor market canceled

Holly Rebekah Lodge in Lexington has canceled the monthly farmers/flea market planned for this summer. The cancellation is due to a conflict with events in Heppner on the same Sunday of each month.

The lodge will continue to hold dinner and bingo the last Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. Cost is \$5 for dinner and \$5 for 10 bingo cards, or 50 cents per card. All are welcome.

Music in the Park, Sunday market this week



The Brass Fire Band will play for Heppner's Music in the Park this Sunday, June 11. -Contributed photo

Heppner Music in the Park will return for the summer beginning this Sunday, June 11, from 5-7 p.m. in Heppner City Park. Adding to the summer festivities will be a Sunday Funday Market from 2-7 p.m. in downtown Heppner.

Sunday's Music in the Park will feature the Brass Fire band. The 10-member horn band plays a variety of music that ranges from Big Band to soul to rock music of the '70s and '80s.

Heppner Music in the Park will take place from 5-7 p.m. on the second

Sunday of every month this summer—June, July and August.

The Sunday market will feature vendors, free community activities, free face painting and more.

A meal of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw and cookies will be available by donation from 5-7 p.m. All proceeds will be used by Hopeful Saints to build wells in areas across the globe where water is scarce.

Sunday's events are presented by Hopeful Saints Ministry and funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Morrow County districts receive Wildhorse grants

Two Morrow County organizations are slated to receive grants from the Wildhorse Foundation, the foundation announced last week. The Wildhorse Foundation is a community fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR). The grant awards are for the first quarter of 2023.

Boardman Fire Rescue District will receive \$14,324 for an airway management project.

Willow Creek Park District will receive \$16,000 toward the rehabilitation of Willow Creek Water park.

The Wildhorse Foun-

ation received 69 applications in the first quarter of 2023 with total requests nearing \$1 million. Thirty-eight organizations were awarded grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$16,000 for projects in the areas of public health, public safety, arts, education, salmon restoration, historic preservation, environmental protection, and cultural activities. Total funding awarded was \$387,841.60.

In 2022, the Wildhorse Foundation awarded \$1,383,347 in grant funding to eligible government, Tribal and charitable organizations.

Republicans plan summer fundraiser

The Morrow County Republican Party will hold a Summer FUNdraiser spaghetti dinner and auction on Thursday, June 22, at the Gilliam & Bisbee Event Center in Heppner.

The doors will open at 5 p.m. A spaghetti dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The program of speakers will begin at 6 p.m.

The featured speaker for the evening will be Bryan Dean Wright. Wright grew up in the Heppner area and is a former CIA intelligence officer. He currently hosts a daily podcast, "The Wright Report."

The evening will conclude with an auction.

"This event will be an opportunity to enjoy a great spaghetti dinner with

friends and our elected officials, and maybe take home an auction item or two," said Morrow County Republican Party Chairman Clint Carlson. "I am looking forward to hearing some great stories from Bryan Wright. His podcast is always insightful. Many people are working to make this a fun evening."

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at the Heppner and Boardman Murray's Drug. All funds raised will support the work of the Morrow County Republican Party. For more information about the event or ticket purchase, email mocoreps@gmail.com.

St. Patrick's to hold VBS

Next Monday, St. Patrick's is hosting VBS from June 12 - 15. Time is from 9:00 to 12:30. This year's theme is about the Sacraments. If you have not registered and still want to attend, please come to the Parish Hall at 9:00 to fill out the forms. If you have any questions, please text 541-240-1513.

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Model A club makes pit stop in Heppner



Members of the Beaver Chapter of the Model A Club of America traveled through Heppner on a road trip that would last more than a week and top nearly 2,000 miles by the time they reached home. -Photo by Cindi Doherty



These eight gleaming Model A cars had made an impressive trip to get to Main Street Heppner—from Portland through British Columbia, to Banff, Alberta, and down through Lake Louise and Ritzville. Condon was their next stop before heading home. -Photo by Cindi Doherty

By Andrea Di Salvo

A special group of visitors cruised through Heppner on an open-road adventure last Tuesday.

The members of the Beaver Chapter of the Model A Club of America parked their classic cars on Main Street during one leg of a two-country road trip. They started in Portland, went up to Ellensburg, WA and wound their way through the British Columbian towns of Penticton, Revelstoke and Golden before ending up in Banff, Alberta.

They journeyed to Lake Louise, Alberta and Cranbrook, B.C. before they came back by way of Ritzville and to Heppner.

The club has about 250 members, but only the most adventurous take to the road on these large-scale trips.

The eight cars that came through Heppner were on their eighth day of travel, with around 1,600 miles on those old Model As from this trip alone.

Most of the members of the club live in the Portland area—though they hastened to add that none of them actually live in Portland.

One man in particular is very familiar with Heppner. Bill Jabs was here in the early '80s to work on the dam, part of a crew that did quality control and survey on the project. He lived in Bend at the time, but now makes his home in Eagle Creek, OR.

The car club members were headed to Condon to stay at the Condon Hotel for the night before making their way back to the Willamette Valley.

Heppner FFA to have Father's Day meat sale

The Heppner FFA Chapter is beginning its fundraising year with a Father's Day marinated meat sale. The chapter will be offering 4-5 pound pork loin or 3-4 pound beef tri-tip, both marinated and ready for the grill. The pork loin will be \$20 and the tri-tip will be \$30.

Pre-order by Tuesday, June 13, with Beth at 541-980-8677 or Ashley at 541-379-4079. Pickup will be Thursday, June 15, from 4-6 p.m. and Friday, June 16, from 9-11 a.m. Delivery is available upon request.

Funds raised will go towards costs of FFA events in the upcoming year.

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