

# Heppner council

-Continued from PAGE ONE for so many animals.

"It does seem like it would be a fairly small area for having two horses," Doherty agreed, reiterating that the resident only had a permit for one horse and no other livestock.

The owner of the animals had not responded before October's meeting and was not in attendance.

Another residence on Water St. had been contacted regarding a code violation for an unsightly yard. A letter had been sent in August, Doherty said, but no cleanup had begun, and no response had been received as of Oct. 5.

Among the code violations were abandoned vehicles, appliances, bagged refuse left in the yard, and various items of refuse around the property.

Doherty said he had sent another letter giving the property owner 15 days to clean up the property before the city took other action.

In other business, the Heppner City Council:

-Awarded the contract for a crack seal project to Friends and Neighbors Services of Hermiston. The \$22,359 bid was the least expensive, and Doherty said the company was also the only one to visit the project site before bidding. They were also recommended by Hermiston and Stanfield.

-Heard that the Heppner Planning Commission had denied a variance for a new shop due to a lack of specifics in the application.

-Approved an animal permit for a miniature pot-bellied pig kept as a

pet and for an increase in the number of hens kept at a residence, contingent on making the yard chicken-proof.

-Heard from Heppner Assistant Fire Chief Eric Chick that the majority of the volunteer fire department's calls in September were for EMS lift assists. Aside from those five calls, they also secured the landing zone once, responded to several mutual aid calls, worked a rural fire protection district call on Balm Fork, responded to a motor vehicle accident in which a patient was airlifted and put out a vegetation fire within the city limits. Chick also reported that the fire department conducted a recruiting program at the high school for students ages 16-plus interested in fire science and/or EMS careers and had recruited several junior firefighters.

-Learned from Heppner Public Works Director Chad Doherty that the city painted fire hydrants on Main Street, started training new personnel on the sewer plant, repaired a major break and plug on irrigation lines on Main St., made a list of things not finished or completed acceptably on the recent ODOT sidewalk project, met with the county regarding vandalism at Heppner City Park, installed a new door lock on the Hager Park Restroom and had Silver Creek install a new metal door at the Thomson Square food court restroom, among other September projects.

The next meeting of the Heppner City Council is scheduled for Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at Heppner City Hall.

## Morrow County Veterans Services Day of the Deployed October 26



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## Morrow County Livestock Growers annual meeting Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

**DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5PM**

The Morrow County Livestock Growers are excited to announce their upcoming annual meeting, which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 9th. The meeting will be held at the Port of Morrow Wells Conference Room, located at 2 East Marine Drive in Boardman.

Starting at 1 p.m. and concluding at 5 p.m., this event promises to be a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and networking within the agriculture community. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from esteemed keynote speakers representing various organizations, including the Farm Service Agency, the Oregon Cattleman's Association, the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the All West Select Sires.

In addition to an infor-

mative agenda, the Livestock Growers have also organized a no-host dinner to follow the meeting. This casual setting, hosted at the 2 Barrels Grill situated at 6 Marine Drive in Boardman, will provide a great opportunity for attendees to further engage and network with one another, fostering meaningful connections within the industry.

President Kyle Robinson warmly invites all livestock growers, farmers, and ranchers to join in on this enriching and engaging event. Furthermore, he extends a special invitation to

neighboring communities in Umatilla and Gilliam Counties, in the hopes of creating a diverse and collaborative gathering.

Whether you are interested in gaining valuable insights from industry experts, connecting with fellow agricultural professionals, or simply enjoying a delicious meal among like-minded individuals, the Morrow County Livestock Growers' annual meeting is an event not to be missed. So, mark your calendars for November 9th and make your way to Boardman, Oregon.

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## Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee applications due December 8<sup>th</sup>

The Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee is currently accepting applications for financial assistance due to wolf activity. The committee determines the distribution of funds from the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Wolf Depredation Compensation & Financial Assistance Grant Program. There are two categories of funding available: Category 3, which covers non-lethal

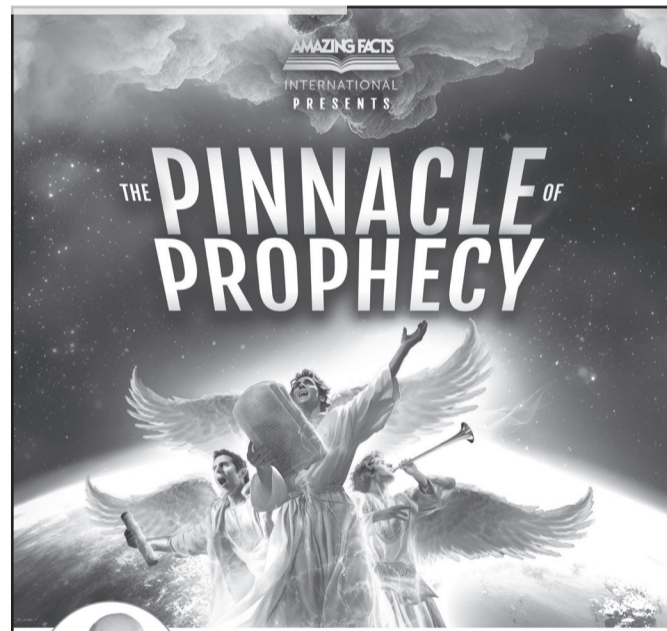
preventative techniques, and Category 2, for missing claims. Please note that missing claims will be paid in the subsequent grant cycle if awarded by the ODA. To apply, you have two options. Firstly, you can fill out an application online through the County website at <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/bc-wdac>. Alternatively, you can visit the Bartholomew Building, Rm. 201, located at 110 N. Court Street, to obtain

a hard copy. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Deadline to submit applications is Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The Submission instructions are on the application. Once all applications have been received, the committee will review them on December 12th. The final decision on fund distribution will be made on January 9th, 2024.

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