

# Gibbs, Klein, and Clements attend the OFA convention

Over Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> Sue Gibbs, the Fair Manager, Keira Klein, a Board Member, and Tony Clements, the Maintenance Director, went to the Oregon Fair Association convention. The weekend was filled with activities and great classes to help us bring new ideas and improvements to the fair. Tony attended the "Dirt Class" He learned how different needs are required for some of the various equine events. These included events such as cow cutting, reining and barrel racing. He learned that having strict requirements of depth of soil to the size of the sand, to the amount of water needed can make a huge impact on the success of an event as well as the safety of the animals. Keira enjoyed the breakout sessions and keynote speakers. These supplied information about marketing, working with fellow volunteers, securing vendors and entertainment. There



(L-R) Keira Klein, Sue Gibbs, and Tony Clements at the 2024 Oregon Fair Association Convention. -Photo contributed.

were also many tips about how to have a successful event. "The conference gave me a lot to take away that I hope to incorporate in our community," said Klein. Sue spent her time also learning about marketing, and the role of a board member. She learned more about by-laws that govern a board and was encouraged to have boards specialize in specific areas of the fair. Sue wants to focus on more digital marketing this coming year and updating

the premium book. She wants to focus efforts on more ad sales for this book. She enjoyed listening to Pat Beard (Keynote speaker) talk about hospitality and finding unique events to bring to our community. He encouraged partnerships and creating events that are simple, and genuine that pull people to our community. She also enjoyed spending time visiting with entertainers and companies that can bring entertainment to our fair.

# Fall Fun at the Fair draws enthusiastic crowd

The annual Fall Fun at the Fair event proved a resounding success, drawing community members of all ages to a day filled with art, creativity, and seasonal treats. Hosted at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, the event featured multiple artists who led hands-on workshops, thanks to a grant from the Morrow County Arts Coalition. With free classes, generously supplied snacks, and a bustling crowd, the fair truly embodied the spirit of fall festivities.

Throughout the day, snacks and fall-themed treats were readily available, contributed by the Fair Superintendents who worked together to create a welcoming atmosphere. Participants enjoyed the chance to try their hand at various art forms at no cost, an opportunity made possible by the grant awarded this past spring.

The day began with the Boardman quilting group, which traveled to Heppner to teach a class on

pillowcase making. Over a four-hour session, attendees learned sewing techniques, working alongside skilled quilters who were eager to share their craft. The class attracted people of all ages, many of whom completed their projects and took home beautiful, hand-sewn pillowcases.

Around midday, artist Michelle Hopper took center stage with her popular mixed-media workshop. Her class, which quickly filled to capacity, focused on creating animal-themed posters. Participants explored different textures and media, guided by Hopper's expertise, and produced unique artworks that showcased their individual creativity. To commemorate the occasion, Hopper gifted her signed demonstration piece to the Morrow County Fair, where it will be displayed for the community to enjoy.

The evening concluded with a floral arrangement class led by Cynthia Wenberg, whose expertise

and local floral knowledge inspired participants to create baskets filled with flowers and foliage from the Morrow County area. Attendees left with a new appreciation for floral artistry and beautifully arranged baskets, each a reflection of the local landscape.

At the close of the event, participants were encouraged to enter their creations in next year's fair. Organizers expressed deep appreciation to the Morrow County Arts Coalition, whose grant funding made the event possible. The support from the coalition allowed the fair to host classes and activities that enriched the community's artistic spirit and knowledge.

The Fall Fun at the Fair proved to be a vibrant and inspiring day for all, leaving participants with new skills, lasting memories, and a stronger connection to local arts and culture.

# The Underground Oasis group to start in Heppner

The Underground Oasis is a Bible based program organized and led by former addicts that have found freedom through Jesus Christ. Our/God's group is a safe place where we share struggles, heartaches, and bondage with each other and gather the strength and tools needed to pull down strongholds that keep us from being what God has intended us to be. Do you have an addiction that has beaten you down, divided your family, and destroyed friendships? No one should travel alone so join us and find strength and regeneration through Christ Jesus to break the chains that bind us. The mission of the group is committed to providing an oasis in the desert of addiction that is prevalent in our world and in our community. We offer an alternative to the majority of secular programs that

claim their higher power is anything you desire. We believe that what you do does not determine who you are, but who you are determines what you do. We profess Jesus as our higher power and believe that understanding who we are, children of God, gives us the hope and power to overcome any and all addictive habits and dependencies.

We don't care where you have been, we care where you are going.

Underground Oasis is a recovery group that will start meeting on Friday evenings at 7pm at the Fellowship Hall of the Heppner Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Minor Street in Heppner. The first meeting will start this Friday, November 1st.

Any questions reach out to Erik at (541) 922-8697.

# OTLD monthly happenings

November Crafty Nights at the Heppner Library will be on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. Register online or call 541-676-9964 to reserve your spot.

Join Melissa for Preschool Storytimes at 10:30 am on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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right vetted content and tools at your fingertips!

The new books are, Adult Fiction- Sandwich by Catherine Newman. Adult Non-Fictions- Living Wild: How to Plant Style Your Home and Cultivate Happiness by Hilton Carter. Adult Playaway's- Counting Miracles by Nicholas Sparks. Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J. D. Vance. Icebreaker by Hannah Grace. Intermezzo by Sally Rooney. The Break-Up Pact by Emma Lord. The Other Mothers by Katherine Faulkner. We Solve Murders by Richard Osma.

The Heppner Library will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Happy Thanksgiving!

# MC WDAC to meet November 12th

The Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee will be meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bartholomew Building, 110 N. Court St., Heppner, Oregon. The meeting is open to the public in person and online. The meeting agenda with Zoom link can be found online at <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/meetings>.

The committee is accepting applications from livestock producers to assist with expenses they incurred 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. Funds are available for Category 1 (direct loss claims), Category 2 (missing claims, and Category 3 (non-lethal preventative techniques), however Missing Claims are paid in the next grant cycle, if awarded by ODA.

The applications can be found on the County website: <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/bc-wdac>. Hard copies are available at the Bartholomew Building, Rm. 201, 110 N. Court Street, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (closed over the noon hour). The deadline to submit applications is Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be returned to the Bartholomew Building in Room 201 or emailed to [yballard@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:yballard@co.morrow.or.us). The Committee will review applications December 10<sup>th</sup> with their final decisions in January 2025.

For questions, please contact Valerie Ballard at 541-676-561.

## Oregon Department of Forestry Wildfire Risk Map Released for Morrow County Property Owners

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has published its updated Wildfire Risk Map, categorizing properties as low, moderate, or high wildfire risk. Morrow County property owners are encouraged to visit the link below and review their property's classification.

Those who believe their risk level is incorrect have 60 days from the release of the final map to file an appeal. Appeals must include supporting documentation, such as evidence of fire mitigation or property changes.

Visit the ODF Wildfire Risk Map Portal to review classifications and find more information about the appeals process at the link below.

For more information, contact the Morrow County Planning Department:  
Stephen Wreacsics, GIS Analyst at 541.922.4624

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Pages/wildfire-hazard.aspx>

# Grand Opening

## Dedication

### SAGE EVENT CENTER

You are cordially invited to join us for the ribbon cutting and dedication of the new SAGE Event Center!

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## Scan to RSVP

**5:30 PM | November 15**  
**101 Olson Road | Boardman, Oregon**  
*Light Refreshments Provided*