

Inspiring Rodeo Cowgirl Amberley Snyder Shares Her Story with Ione High School



Professional cowgirl Amberley Snyder speaking to a group of middle and high school students at Ione High School last week. -Contributed photo

Ione High School hosted professional rodeo cowgirl and inspirational speaker Amberley Snyder at its school assembly last Wednesday.

Snyder's story was inspirational for the students who attended. A professional barrel racer, Snyder was paralyzed at the age of 18, yet she went on to ride and rodeo again.

Snyder first got on a horse at the age of three, and was competing in barrel racing by the age of seven. While barrel racing was her specialty, she also competed in pole bending and breakaway roping. In 2009, she won the 2009 All-Around Cowgirl World

Championship in the National Little Britches Rodeo Association.

In 2010, Snyder was driving from Utah to Colorado when tragedy struck. She rolled her pickup on a Wyoming road and was thrown from the pickup and into a fence post, crushing her T-12 vertebra. She was left paralyzed from the waist down.

That didn't stop her from living her dream, however. With the help of a seatbelt on her saddle and some physical therapy, she was back in competition a year and a half later.

She won a fan exemption to compete in RFD-TV's The American Rodeo

in 2015, making a time of 15.3 seconds with her horse, Power. She now competes in the RAM Wilderness Circuit.

Streaming platform Netflix portrayed Snyder's story in the biopic Walk. Ride. Rodeo. She performed all the post-crash horse stunts in the movie, with her younger sister Autumn performing the pre-crash stunts.

Speaking to the students in Ione, Snyder stressed the fact that everyone has obstacles to overcome but that hard work and a positive attitude will take you far.

She involved the students during the assembly, as well as taking the time to answer questions. She also paused for pictures and autographs at the end of her presentation.

The event was open to middle school and high school students but was not a public event. However, students from Condon, Fossil, Arlington and Spray schools also attended, resulting in a huge turnout for the Ione school event.

Funding from Community Counseling Solutions, Good Shepherd Hospital and others helped make the presentation possible.

BMCC Seeks Morrow County Budget Committee Member

PENDLETON—The Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) Board of Education is seeking to appoint a community member from Morrow County to serve on its budget committee for a three-year term. This is an opportunity to contribute to the financial planning and oversight of the college, ensuring resources are allocated effectively to support BMCC's mission.

meets annually in May to review and approve the proposed college budget before forwarding it to the Board of Education for final adoption in June. Members play a vital role in ensuring the fiscal responsibility and financial health of the college.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest outlining their fiscal background and experience by April 10, 2025.

Letters may be submitted via email to sfranklin@bluecc.edu or mailed to: BMCC President's Office, 2411 NW Carden Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

For more information, please call (541) 278-5951.

The BMCC Board of Education will review applications and appoint a new member at its April 16, 2025 meeting.

This is a valuable opportunity for community members to contribute to the financial stewardship of BMCC and help shape the future of the college.

The Budget Committee

WWW.HEPPNER.NET
SUBMIT NEWS, ADVERTISING & ANNOUNCEMENTS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SEND US PHOTOS START A NEW SUBSCRIPTION

Print & Mailing Services
*Design *Print *Mail
Sykes Publishing 541-676-9228

We Buy Houses For Cash!
Liz Buys Houses Connects Home Sellers with Legitimate Cash Buyers Nationwide!
No Repairs. No Fuss.

- Fair Cash Offer
- No House Repairs
- Quick Closing
- Simple Home Sale
- No Realtor Fees
- Convenient Closing Date

Call (866) 249-8679

Bob's BASEBALL Tours
Ultimate Baseball Tour
See 7 MLB games in 11 days including Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park & Wrigley Field.
Also included: Pro Football and Baseball Halls of Fame & a day at the Little League World Series!
August 11-21, 2025
Please call or text for FREE brochure 507-217-1326

Donate Your Car
Imagine the Difference You Can Make
Vehicle donations are fully tax-deductible and the proceeds help provide services to help the blind and visually impaired.
FREE TOWING & TAX DEDUCTIBLE

When you donate your car, you'll receive:
✓ a \$200 restaurant voucher & ✓ a 2-night, 3-day hotel stay at one of 50 locations

Call 1-844-533-9173
Help Prevent Blindness Get A Vision Screening Annually Heritage for the Blind

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:

MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

YOUR LEGAL AD COULD BE HERE!
Call **541-676-9228** Or Email graphics@rapidsolve.net
We also offer design and printing services
Heppner Gazette-Times
Sykes Printing

Be prepared before the next power outage.
It's not just a generator. It's a power move.
Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase* - valued at \$535.
Call 877-557-1912 to schedule your free quote!
GENERAC

The Bath or Shower You've Always Wanted IN AS LITTLE AS A DAY

\$1000 OFF*
OR
\$1500 OFF when financing with remodelingloans.com OR 0% Interest For 18 Months*

OFFER EXPIRES 3/31/2025

*Includes labor and product; bathtub, shower or walk-in tub and wall surround. This promotion cannot be combined with any other offer. Other restrictions may apply. This offer expires 3/31/25. Each dealership is independently owned and operated. **Third party financing is available for those customers who qualify/Participating dealers only. See your dealer for details. ©2024 BCL

BATH CONCEPTS INC
CALL NOW (844) 847-9778

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**Rehabilitation of North End Outdoor Arena Wall
Morrow County Fairgrounds – Heppner, Oregon**

The Morrow County Fairgrounds (MCF) is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors for the repair and reconstruction of the North End Outdoor Arena Wall at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo (OTPR) Arena, located at 74473 Hwy 74 Lena, P.O. Box 464, Heppner, OR 97836.

Project Scope Includes (but is not limited to):

- Replacement of current wall with marine-grade plywood and structural support (9 feet from ground level).
- Welding of fences and a 9-foot archway.
- Concrete work and backfilling.
- Priming and painting plywood and arena panels (sprayer required).
- Strapping and securing plywood with tin/metal along the base.
- Completion of a continuous five-rail fence on the catch pen side.

All work **must be completed by June 1, 2025**. A pre-design meeting with the MCF General Maintenance Supervisor will be required prior to work commencement.

Proposal Submission Deadline: April 8, 2025

Bid documentation found at: <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/rfps>

Quote Submittal Instructions
Submit one (1) hard copy OR one (1) electronic copy by Closing date of **April 8, 2025** to: Sandi Pointer spointer@morrowcountyor.gov.
Morrow County Risk and Procurement Manager
215 NE Main Ave.
Irrigon, OR 97844
541-989-8166 spointer@morrowcountyor.gov

Contractor Requirements:

- Comply with Oregon State Prevailing Wage Rate Laws (ORS 279C.800 – ORS 279C.870).
- Obtain necessary permits and comply with Oregon building codes.
- Provide proof of Workers' Compensation and General Liability Insurance.
- Coordinate with County staff and maintain a safe, operational worksite during construction.

County Rights:

Morrow County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive informalities, and accept any portion or all items proposed if deemed in the best interest of the County.

Published March 26, April 2, 2025 affid 2c

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MORROW COUNTY LAND USE HEARING**

THE MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will hold the following hearing of public interest on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Government Center located at 215 NE Main Ave., Irrigon, OR 97844. For information on meeting participation via Zoom please visit the Board of Commissioners website. <https://zoom.us/j/5416762546> and click on Agenda and the Zoom link will be located within the agenda dated for this hearing.

Appeal of Land Partition LP-N-529-24, Replat R-N-88-24: City of Boardman, Applicant, and Owner:
The property is described as tax lot 134 of Assessor's Map 4N 24. The property is zoned Space Age Industrial (SAI) and is located west of the City of Boardman, south of Interstate 84 and east of Tower Road. Kunze Lane bisects the middle of the parcel, located between proposed parcels 2 and 3. The request is to replat Parcel 1 of Partition Plat 2014-05 into three parcels of the following approximate acreages: 12.7 acres, 85.5 acres, and 208 acres. Criteria for approval include Morrow County Zoning Ordinance Article 5 Land Partition Section 5.030 and 5.075 Replating.

Copies of the staff reports, and all relevant documents will be available on or before April 9, 2025. For more information, please contact Tamra Mabbott, Planning Director by email tmabbott@morrowcountyor.gov or by phone at (541) 922-4624.

DATED this 20th day of March 2025
MORROW COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Publish Date: EO – March 26th, 2025; Gazette Times – March 26th, 2025

Published March 26, 2025, affid 1c

Form OR-LB-NBC
Notice of Budget Committee Meeting
Oregon Department of Revenue

A Use this notice if public comment will be taken at this meeting.

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Port of Morrow (District name), Morrow (County), State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be held at Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive NE, (Location) a.m. p.m. Boardman, OR (Address). The meeting will take place on April 9, 2025 (Date) at 3:30 (Time).

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 9, 2025 (Date) at Riverfront Center (Location) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. p.m. and 4:00 a.m. p.m.

Published March 26, April 2, 2025 Affid 2c

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:

MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

Donate Your Vehicle
Call (866) 695-9265 to donate your car, truck, boat, RV, and more today!

- Support Veteran Nonprofits.
- Free Pickup & Towing.
- Top Tax Deduction.

Donate Your Vehicle Today 866-695-9265
www.veterancardonations.org/dnt20
Veteran Car Donations
While we appreciate every donation, in some cases, we find that we are unable to accept certain vehicles, watercraft, and/or recreational vehicles due to the prohibitive costs of acquisition. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (866) 695-9265.

The Town of Lexington is now accepting letters of interest for Lexington Town Council Position 4. Letters of interest can be emailed to lexington.oregon@gmail.com or turned into the Lexington Town Hall on Monday – Thursday from 8:00am – 5:00pm, any questions can be directed to Town Recorder Autumn Crumpton (541) 989-8515.

WWW.HEPPNER.NET
SUBMIT NEWS, ADVERTISING & ANNOUNCEMENTS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SEND US PHOTOS START A NEW SUBSCRIPTION

Transform your bathroom with a new bath or shower

SAVE \$1000 PLUS NO INTEREST and NO PAYMENTS for 12 MONTHS PLUS 50% OFF INSTALL

833-347-0517 SCHEDULE A FREE IN-HOME CONSULTATION
*Subject to 3rd party credit approval. Minimum monthly payments required.