

BOARDMAN CHAMBER President's Message:

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SHOP BOARDMAN & WIN WINNERS

A HUGE congratulations to our winners of our third Annual 'Shop Boardman and Win'

Debra Kennedy won \$200 gift certificate to Boardman Select Market

Frances Glenn won \$100 gift certificate

to Main Street Sinclair and Dino Mart Maryalice Fontaine won \$75 certificate to Boardman Hardware

Lisa Connell won 50% off a set of tires from Boardman Tire Factory

Marie Shimer won a private movie showing for 20 people at the SAGE Center

Theater

A special thank you to our sponsors- KRP Management, Select Market, Main Street Sinclair, Boardman Hardware, Boardman Tire Factory and SAGE Center!

SAGE CENTER'S FROZEN EVENT

Do you love the outdoors and want to share your passion with others like you? Do you love Boardman and Morrow County and feel like you could really "sell" the outdoor recreation we offer? If you answered 'yes' to both of these questions, you are exactly who we are looking for. The 2015 Tri-Cities Sportsman Show will be January 16th-18th at the TRAC in Pasco. We are looking for volunteers to spend a few hours at the chamber's booth sharing information about all the wonderful things to do in Boardman. For more information and to sign up for a spot, contact Amber at 541-481-3014 or email amber@boardmanchamber.org

Volunteering your time will get you free access to the show!

JANUARY CHAMBER ECONOMIC OUTLOOK LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar for the January Economic Outlook luncheon sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon. This month's lunch will be held at the SAGE Center instead of the Port of Morrow. Our guest speaker will be Michelle D. Godfrey, Public Information Officer for Oregon Department Transportation's (ODOT) Office of Innovative Partnerships and Alternative Funding. To find out more and ask some questions, RSVP to this luncheon no later than Monday, January 19th to (541)481or info@boardmanchamber.org. Don't forget, cost of lunch is now \$12 per person.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

Come be an AARP tax preparer assistant, you will meet new people and making new friends and be learning about the 2015 tax law. Several locations and times are available. Boardman, Hermiston, Irrigon, Heppner and Pendleton. Training and supplies are FREE.

Call Joan at 541-567-8034 or Vivian at 541-567-8054

BOARDMAN'S 2015 BUSINESS & VISITOR DIRECTORY

We are in the process of designing our award winning 2015 directory. If you would like the opportunity to get your business name out there to over 3000 community members and tourists, the time to act is NOW. We have several advertising opportunities available. Contact the Boardman Chamber now to reserve your space- 541-481-3014.

CHAMBER LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

After months of negotiating with our valued caterers to keep lunch prices low enough to maintain the Chamber's long-standing lunch price of \$10, the need to increase this monthly cost can no longer be averted. Effective immediately, the cost for all monthly luncheons will be \$12 for lunch attendees. For those who are purchasing prepaid lunches, the cost will remain at \$120 for 2015. We sincerely regret any inconvenience or hardship this may cause our members and guests. As always, we appreciate your continued support.

ANNUAL CITIZEN'S AWARDS BANQUET -FEB. 13TH

The 25th Annual Boardman Chamber Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, February 13 at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center. This year we are throwing a Mardi Gras themed bash complete with professional casino tables! We will also have a delicious dinner and most importantly, a wonderful ceremony to recognize those in our community that go above and beyond!

Now is the time to start thinking of who to nominate to be awarded. The following categories are: Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Boardman Pioneer, Fire & Safety Award and our newest category, Youth Citizen of the Year Award. Contact the Chamber for a nomination form-541-481-3014.

Happy 2015! The New Year always brings us a time of renewal and planning...and also the dreaded or not so dreaded resolutions. As your Chamber of Commerce plans for a new year, I would like to encourage you to set a not so dreaded resolution for yourselves and your business this year. Each month, we hold a monthly membership luncheon at the Port of Morrow. These luncheons feature time to network with local business members and listen to great speakers addressing the economic, political and social issues of our community and region. In recent months, attendance at these lunches has decreased. A lot of times I hear the familiar excuses of not wanting to take time away from work or simply forgetting the lunch all together. Let me offer you a few reasons why you should be attending our lunches:

- 1. Receive first hand community information on subjects vital to your business.
- 2. Be informed on local issues that affect your business.
- 3. Network with local business and community members about topics important to you.
- 4. Gain knowledge about new insights and listen to informed speakers.
- 5. Understand the local resources that can increase your company's image, branding, and influence on the local business sector.
- 6. You get to eat a great meal with great people!
- I hope to see you all at out monthly luncheons in the year to come. We have new and exciting things to share with each other. Make some time to visit us and lets do lunch in 2015! Regards,

Respectfully

Anna Browne Chamber President



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