

# BOARDMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR **CHAMBER MONTHLY BIG THANKS...** ...to all who helped make the Cinco

#### de Mayo Celebration a success!

This event was held at the Marina Park last Saturday, May 2. Thanks to all who volunteered to help, and thanks to the Morrow County Unified Recreation District, who provided financial support for the event!

...to all who helped with the first ever Morrow County Volunteer Expo! Special thanks to the SAGE Center for allowing us to use their facility and to Abengoa and PGE - Portland General Electric for co-sponsoring this great county-wide event!

## **SAGE CENTER THEATER** PRESENTS....

"The Little Mermaid" Saturday, May 9 at 2:15 p.m. Kids are encouraged to dress up as their favorite princess or prince. Free tiaras or crowns to the first 50 kids! General admission is \$5, students and senior citizens are \$3. Admission includes a free bag of popcorn! (Call 541-481-7243 for more information)

# SAGE SAT., MAY 9 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road FREE admission and activities for children and parents Paint terra cotta pots and plant flowers just in time for Mother's Day! (Call 541-481-7243 for more information)

# **LUNCHEON**

#### Wednesday, May 20 at noon

at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center Lunch is \$12 and will be catered by the Sunrise Cafe. Please RSVP no later than noon Monday, May 18 by calling The Chamber at (541) 481-3014 or emailing info@boardmanchamber.org Our guest speaker will be

Tim Bishop, President

EOVA (Eastern Oregon Visitor Association)

May is National Tourism and Travel Month so this is the perfect topic for our May luncheon!

# **MAY SALE AT THE SAGE CENTER STORE!**

Save 10% on all purchases Saturday, May 9.

This is a great time to get a gift for mom, the graduate, or someone getting married in May!

And check out our clearance table! Many items are now reduced 50%!

### **MORROW COUNTY VETERANS** ROUNDTABLE

Friday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m.

at the Port of Morrow Contact Linda Skendzel - CVSO at Morrow County Veterans Services (541) 922-6420 for more information

## **MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET**

Sunday, May 10

# **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

May is going to be a very busy month! It's National Travel and Tourism Month and National Small Business Month. A whole week this month is set aside for each to concentrate on the impact that travel and tourism and small businesses have on our local, county, regional, state, and national economies.

And while we are talking about tourism, we will have even more visitors in our area in the next year or two. I recently attended the Governor's Conference on Tourism in Eugene, OR. All of us in the EOVA (Eastern Oregon Visitors Association) were excited when the big announcement was made at this conference that next year this event will be held in Eastern Oregon, with the Wild Horse Casino Hotel serving as the host hotel! This will be good news for Boardman and many of us in this area as we will be right on the way for many tourism-related people from across the state traveling to Pendleton. We have a great opportunity to plan now for ways to encourage them to stop in Boardman, visit the SAGE Center, etc. on their way to, or back from, the conference!

As I write this article, I am at the NACA Association (National of Chamber Ambassadors) Conference in NM. While at this event, I represented Boardman and bid on hosting this conference in Boardman in 2017. This conference usually has 75 to 100 attendees and is the perfect size for our community. We won the bid and will have Chamber ambassadors from across the country coming to Boardman in 2017! Other activities in May include:

- Cinco de May was May 5 we had our own local celebration last Saturday
- A focus on nurses this week during National Nurses Week (May 6-12), with May 6 being designated as National Nurses Day
- Mother's Day is tomorrow (Sunday, May 10) so remember to recognize moms and other women who have made a difference in your life
- Armed Forces Day is May 16 and Memorial Day is May 25 - both are times to remember those who serve, or have served, in the military, with a special focus on those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day
- And don't forget proms, graduations, and weddings!

Be sure and shop local Chamber member businesses and the Chamber's Store at the SAGE Center for gifts for this occasion filled month of May!

Emily L. Waite Executive Director



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