

Competency of EOTEC leadership questioned

Initially, the fair/rodeo grounds were job No. 1 for relocation and I understand the reasons. Then, the "grand scheme" became EOTEC. Now the millions of dollars are gone and the fair/rodeo facilities are with "tin cup" in hand wanting to build the required structures for the fair/rodeo.

One example stands out. Vice chairman Dan Dorran, stated Oct. 26, 2015 that he thought the barns were just

that, barns. Well, once codes and requirements were figured in the \$14 per square foot becomes \$24 per square foot, and that's just the roof, no walls! However, the "trade center" is close to completion.

I could expound from here but, just ponder the competency of our local leadership.

ROD TRIPLETT
HERMISTON

The Arc thankful for community support

A little over a year ago The Arc of Umatilla County

began a journey to raise over \$40,000 to replace the condemned heating unit at The Arc Building. Throughout the last year an outpouring of support for this project has resulted in a new heating system for this beloved building at 215 W. Orchard Ave.

Due to the installation of a new heating system this past fall, The Arc Building is now able to house the Hermiston Warming Station along with providing a place for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their family members to enjoy activities and educational

opportunities year round.

The following organizations, businesses, and individuals have made a project of this magnitude a reality:

The Wildhorse Foundation; Blue Mountain Community Foundation; city of Hermiston; Umatilla Electric Cooperative; AFSCME Local 835; Hermiston Eagles; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Beason's Chuckwagon; Desert Arts Council; Mark and Kristi Smalley; Maryann Elquezabal; Jamie and James Jundt; Norman Schroth; Carol and Sheryl Poulson; Carol Clupny; Bob and Jan

Schroth; Sid and Joyce Priest; Jolene Oden; everyone who supported the bowling tournament last May at Desert Lanes; the Thursday Night Bingo Players who cooked and sold dinners to benefit the furnace fund; Bonnie James for making all of the beautiful scarfs to sale; everyone who donated to support Kristi Smalley as a participant in the "2015 Dancing With Your Hermiston Stars" Event; Joe Ferretta who donated the stay at a condo for a raffle; everyone who bought tickets or made donations in support of the potato feed; Fence Tite

Rite for donating fencing to protect the new exterior units; Bruce Heating and Air-conditioning, Inc. and Fred Carlson, Jr. Electrical Contractors, Inc. who have been great to work with on this very complex heating system replacement project. All other organizations and individuals who we inadvertently have failed to list, we sincerely appreciated your help and could not have accomplished this task without your support.

KRISTI SMALLEY
"HEATING THE ARC BUILDING" FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE, HERMISTON



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CHAMBER NEWS

CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Next Wednesday, January 20 at noon
Speaker is **Tillman Carr - Executive Director**, Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation
Lunch is \$12. Please call 481-3014 to RSVP by this Fri., Jan. 15! Thanks to all who attended our Newcomer Luncheon in December, to the **Riverside High School Choir** for adding to the atmosphere, and to the **River Lodge and Grill** for feeding us! Congratulations to **Anna Aylett - SAGE Center** for winning the door prize - a \$25 gift card to **Main Street Sinclair** (and thanks to them for donating it!), and congratulations to **Scott Green - Parks and Recreation** for winning the Raffle (he donated half of the pot to Christmas Angels Giving Trees).

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT - GET INVOLVED IN THE CHAMBER BY VOLUNTEERING!

Join the Chamber Ambassadors!

The Chamber Ambassadors are one of the most visible groups in the community! From doing a groundbreaking or ribbon cutting for a new business, to welcoming dignitaries, they represent the city of Boardman and the Chamber! If you are interested in joining this elite group of volunteers, call us right now!

Community Awards Banquet Planning Continues

If you are interested in helping plan this event on Friday, February 12, join us for our next Planning Committee meeting **this Friday, January 15 at 11 a.m. for a Dutch-treat lunch at the Sunrise at Boardman Café**

Membership Committee

The Chamber will be starting this new committee in the very near future, another way to get involved.

Help man our booth at the Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show!

Friday-Sunday, Jan. 22-24 at the TRAC in Pasco, WA
We need volunteers from 1-7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Call The Chamber at 481-3014 if you can help!

COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET

**Friday evening, February 12
Port of Morrow Riverfront Center
for Amoré with a French romantic theme!**

The evening begins with a social hour from 6-7 p.m., dinner at 7, with Awards and Live Auction afterward! Take advantage of this event to promote your business by choosing one of the sponsorship opportunities listed below

NOTE: All sponsors at any level are asked to decorate at least 1 table at the event, including a centerpiece that will be live auctioned off at the end of the evening. Be sure and include takeaways for those seated at your table! If you prefer, add \$500 to your sponsorship and The Chamber will do this for you!

Platinum Sponsor: \$750

- Full page advertisement in the program
- Night of the event recognition & ability for a company representative to address the attendees
- Company name and logo on ALL marketing materials
- Includes 8 tickets to the event

Gold Sponsor: \$500

- same as Platinum, but does not include tickets (which can be purchased separately for \$35)

Silver Sponsor: \$250

- Half page advertisement in the program
- Recognition in most marketing materials and night of the event

Bronze Sponsor: \$100

- Quarter page advertisement in the program
- Recognition in some marketing materials

It's also time to submit your nominations for the following awards:

- Citizen of the Year**
- Business Person of the Year**
- Educator of the Year**
- Youth of the Year**
- Firs and Safety Award**
- Pioneer Award**

Just send us the name of the person you are nominating and explain your reason for nominating them in 500 words or less. We also need your name and phone number. You can nominate someone by mail (PO Box 1), email info@boardmanchamber.org or drop it off at our office (101 Olson Road in the SAGE Center).

The deadline is this Friday, January 15!

You may also reserve your tickets to the event by calling The Chamber at 481-3014. They are \$35 each and a limited number are available.

DIRECTORY TIME AGAIN!

The Chamber will be contacting members in the next few weeks to ensure that all of your information in the 2016 Chamber Directory and Visitor Guide is accurate and to help you secure your ad space! This annual publication is usually ready in early spring!

BOARDMAN CHAMBER ON THE KOHU (1360 AM) RADIO SHOW

Monday, February 8 between 8:30 to 9 a.m.

BIG THANKS TO...

...everyone who helped make our community look so wonderful for the holidays, especially the **City of Boardman**, the volunteer **Christmas Decorating Committee**, and the **SAGE Center/Port of Morrow!** ...all who were involved in making the **Community Christmas Tree Lighting** event a success, especially **Anna Browne, Teiko Szasz, Marcy Hernandez, Mike and Toni Connell, Brent Dean, the Boardman Senior Center, City of Boardman, Select Market, Sunrise at Boardman Café**, and so many others! ...all who participated in our **"Shop at Home for the Holidays and Always"**, especially the following for donating prizes: **Select Market, Boardman Hardware, Tire Factory, Main Street Sinclair, and the SAGE Center.** ...The **Kiwanis Club** for hosting **Breakfast with Santa!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

GREENFIELD GRANGE BREAKFAST

This Saturday (January 16) from 7-10 a.m.
209 NW 1st Street in Boardman
Adults \$5, children under 10 are \$2.50
Call (541) 720-7267 for more information

SAGE CENTER MOVIE WEEKEND!

Next Friday night, January 22 at 7:15 p.m.
Or take in a matinee next Saturday, Jan. 23 at 2:15 p.m.
The movie is "Minions". Cost is \$5 for general admission, \$3 for children and seniors (62+)
Free bag of popcorn with admission.
Water is available for \$1.

SENIOR CENTER FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 6 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.
at the Senior Center at 100 Tatone Street
Breakfast is \$5 and includes eggs, ham, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice, and milk. Call 481-3257 for more information.

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