



Josephine County Commissioners Harold Haugen, Jim Riddle and Kerby Water District board member Gail Lebowitz. (Photo by Steve Fairchild)

Kerby Water District is official ...

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ter Ditch dried up, a lot of wells went with it," Plute said. "There were a lot of people helping people with 'Come to my place, we'll fill you up.'

"It's sad to see little old ladies saving dishwater to flush the toilet," she added.

Forming the water district is the first step to getting water in the area since the Kerby Ditch, which used to supply the town with drinking water, was closed about six years ago because of leakage.

Currently about 60 families get seasonal irrigation water from the Illinois River from a ditch that starts at the river off

Finch Road.

The new district provides landowners the legal teeth they need to get the infrastructure built.

The plans are to run three large pipes up Redwood Hwy. from Cave Junction as the main water source with smaller service lines to feed individual landowners, according to John A. Plute, a director of the KWD board.

Only those landowners that wanted to join are currently in the district. Others will be able to join later, but the cost likely will rise.

Lebowitz, who will sit in the No. 1 position of the board of the water district, said that KWD is the cul-

mination of 11 years of hard work.

"I want water and fire hydrants," she said. "In order to build businesses we gotta' have water."

Lebowitz added that hiring contractors and designing the plans should come quickly with formation of KWD.

"Now that we're a government entity we have to apply for all the grants and loans which we pretty much have been told we will get," she said. "At this point it should move fairly fast once we apply."

The other members of the water board are Sharon A. Miller, Geraldine E. McLean and Shirley Frederickson.

Volunteers needed to fill vacancies with various county organizations

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from volunteers to fill several vacancies on county boards.

A vacancy on the Josephine County Board of Health is one position open.

The committee provides recommendations to the local public health authority, which is the county governing board and the dept. of public health administrator, for providing effective and efficient public health services to Josephine County residents.

The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 19.

The commissioners and the county assessor are also accepting applications from volunteers to fill vacancies on the Farm Review Board.

The purpose of this board is to review and advise the assessor with respect to the use of comparable sales figures in assessing agricultural land.

Members must be knowledgeable and experienced in agricultural land values and sales figures.

The application deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 30.

There is a non-attorney member vacancy on the

Josephine County Law Library Advisory Committee.

The purpose of this committee is to advise the law librarian on the proper administration and policies for the county law library.

The application deadline is Sept. 19.

The commissioners are looking to fill vacancies on the Josephine County Food Service Advisory Committee.

The purpose of this committee is to advise the board on matters related to food services, operation of the Environmental Health Services, etc., provide liaison with the county board of health and provide public and industry input into local and state planning efforts, legislation related to food services and inspections.

Applications will be accepted until Sept. 19.

Vacancies on the Josephine County Emergency Food and Shelter Program will also be filled.

The purpose of this committee is to advise and assist the commissioners in the distribution of funds received for emergency food and shelter.

The current vacancies are for members represent-

ing the following areas: Jewish Community, Native American Community, and Other Local Board.

The deadline is Sept. 19.

Commissioners will also accept applications from volunteers to fill a vacancy on the Mining Advisory Committee.

The purpose of this committee is to study and advise the BCC of the environment problems, concerns of the timber industry, illegal mining on private and government lands, on mining ventures of large corporations and how this could effect the citizens of Josephine County and other matters relating to mining as deemed appropriate.

The deadline for accepting applications is Thursday, Sept. 18.

Applications are available in the Board of Commissioners Office, Room 154, Josephine County Courthouse, Grants Pass, (541) 474-5221.

ODF ruling would affect wood exports

A hearing to consider changing an administrative rule that would exclude log exporters of softwood from purchasing hardwood logs from state lands was held on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in Salem.

It was conducted jointly for the Oregon Dept. of Forestry (ODF) and the Division of State Lands (DSL).

Public comments on the proposed rule change will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19.

The change in administrative rule would rescind a rule change made in 2000 that allowed softwood exporters to buy hardwood from state lands.

The reconsideration comes after a group of seven present or former owners of alder sawmills submitted a petition for rulemaking.

In July, the two state agencies filed the notice of rulemaking with the secretary of state's office.

ODF manages forestland for the Board of Forestry and the State Land Board (through an agreement with the DSL). These two types of state-owned forestlands are managed under the same plans.

The rule-making process is intended to provide fiscal and economic information that will assist in determining the short-term and long-term affects of the proposed rule.

The State Land Board and the state forester are expected to independently consider the hearing officer's findings in the fall.

If adopted, the rule would mean persons who export any unprocessed softwood or hardwood logs would not be allowed to purchase hardwood logs from state forestlands.

Comments can be submitted to Michelle Remmy, State Forests Management, 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310.

Two men arrested for menacing GP juvenile

Josephine County Sheriff's deputies arrested two men for menacing a juvenile boy in Grants Pass on Thursday, Sept. 4.

The youngster was walking on the 200 block of Frankham Road when Robert James Bayard, 53, and Shawn Joseph Nurre, 37, approached him.

Deputies said Bayard accused the boy of casing their house. Bayard then brandished a .22 caliber revolver pointing it at the juvenile.

The youngster was forced from the roadway and into Bayard's driveway where he was pushed up against a pickup truck.

Nurre demanded to see the juvenile's wallet while Bayard held the gun to the victim's neck.

Bayard and Nurre told the victim they now know

where he lives and threatened harm to the victim and his family should he report the incident to law enforcement.

With the assistance of Oregon State Police, Sher-deputies were able to take Bayard and Nurre into custody without incident.

The firearm used in the crime was seized from the residence.

Bayard was arrested on charges of first-degree kidnap, menacing, first-degree robbery, felon in possession of a firearm, second-degree assault, reckless endangering and unlawful use of a weapon.

Nurre was arrested on charges of first-degree kidnap, menacing, conspiracy to commit first-degree robbery, conspiracy to commit second-degree assault and tampering with a witness.

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