

New mental health program to serve Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Contracts were signed last Wednesday during a meeting of Morrow County Court to form a Tri-County Mental Health Program between Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties. According to the contract, the state will provide funding for Gilliam and Wheeler counties to use the

Morrow County Mental Health Department.

The two counties will be responsible for rent of an office in Condon and salary for a secretary. In the past, Wheeler and Gilliam counties have pooled their funds for a mental health director who served in both counties. But since the resignation of their director, Bart Murray, a few

months ago, they have had to seek other possibilities.

According to Judge Don McElligott, with Gilliam County's population being 2,050 and Wheeler's being 1,400, they can't afford their own mental health program.

For the use of a fulltime clinician, provided by Morrow County, the county will receive Gilliam's and Wheeler's

state funds for a Mental Health program, plus any fees that the clinician may bring in, explained McElligott. Allison Turner, caseworker for the north end of the county, will also handle some cases for north Gilliam county.

"The state encouraged the program," said McElligott, "and it looks like it's going to be beneficial for everyone."

In other business, Bill Kuhn, attorney for the city of Heppner, came before county court to settle an issue over the diversion of utility costs for the library-museum building in Heppner.

Kuhn proposed that the city provide \$822 in utilities for the 1983-84 year with a percentage increase. He also stated that the city has been and will continue to maintain the grounds and provide sewage and water at an estimate of \$600.

McElligott estimated that the total for utilities for the year would be approximately \$5,000. The court expressed some dissatisfaction over the division of costs.

"All I'm asking is for some cooperation with the county and that the county recognize that the city library is a service for Morrow County not just the city," said Kuhn.

Kuhn stated that there are approximately 200 people outside of the city who are using the library. He also pointed out that because of the contents of the museum, that side of the building has to be kept at an even temperature while the library does not.

"We're not too happy with that (the cost division) but if that's the way it's set up that's what we've got to do," said Commissioner Irv Rauch.

"There's really nothing much we can do. We can't get blood from a turnip," McElligott told Kuhn in settling the discussion.

Missing 5-year-old found O.K.



Barbie Thomason, five, is reunited with her parents, Kenneth and Ollie Thomason, of Boardman more than eight hours after she was reported missing near Tatone Pond. Search and Rescue Posse members in the background load their bus after the search ended.

A five-year old Boardman girl was found unharmed early last Thursday morning near Tatone Pond after being lost for over eight hours. Barbie Thomason was reported missing by her mother, Ollie, from the pond area where the family was picnicking. The pond is located about seven miles west of Boardman.

The Boardman Police Department, the Boardman Fire Department, a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy and the Morrow County Search and Rescue Posse arrived to search for the girl, reported Morrow County Sheriff Roy

Drago Tom Campbell of Pendleton arrived with blood hounds at about midnight, to aid in the search.

Drago said after four hours of searching it was feared that the girl had fallen into the pond and drowned.

The group continued to search, and Union Pacific Railroad was advised and slowed down trains that were moving through the area. U.P. crews also helped search for the girl.

At about 4:30 a.m. she was spotted about three miles west of where she disappeared by her grandfather, Chuck

Thomason. The sheriff said Thomason's headlights reflected in the dog's eyes, leading him to the girl.

Drago said about 30 people were involved in the search, and eight or nine were volunteers.

Barbie is the daughter of Kenneth and Ollie Thomason of Boardman.

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13 HHS grads reap scholarships, awards

Many Heppner High School seniors received scholarship awards during commencement exercises at the school June 2, and almost all the winners won more than once. Valedictorian and salutatorian awards were presented to Wes Marlatt and Greg Connor by Principal Jim Bier.

Carl W. Troedson scholarships of \$750 were awarded to

Sherry Clement, Greg Connor, Diana Epping, Denise Kennedy, Wes Marlatt, Anne Murray, Glenn Smith, Annette Wilgers and Lisa Wilson by Morrow Co. School District Superintendent Matt Doherty. An Improvement Award was given to Kelly-jo Rice by counselor Michele Portmann. Portmann also presented awards to Shane Laughlin for

the Chris Wright Memorial, to Judy Ward from the American Legion, and to Sherry Clement for winning the John Bier-Bonnie Nix Award.

Judy Ward and Mike Currin both received Blue Mountain Community College Tuition Waivers from Jim Bier.

Vi Wilgers presented scholarships to Anne Murray

and Sherry Clement on behalf of the Heppner Soroptimist Club.

Duane Disk presented scholarships to Anne Murray, Sherry Clement, Denise Kennedy and Wes Marlatt from the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Bier also gave Greg Connor the Charles Kvd Memorial Scholarship and a scholarship from Kinzua Corp.

Mike Currin was given the Jim Barrett Trophy by John Sporseen.

The Stookey Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Sherry Clement and was presented to John Sporseen. Clement also received a Lions Club Scholarship from George Koffler.

C.B.C. Scholarships were given by Sporseen to Wes Marlatt and Anne Murray. Glenn Smith received an O.S.C.E. scholarship, presented by Fave Seitz.

Shirley Connor of the Degree of Honor presented a scholarship to Greg Connor.

Annual Field Days slated

Review of progress in agricultural research and revelation of emerging technology are rewards awaiting visiting farmers at the Annual Field Days of the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center, announced Darrell Maxwell,

area extension agronomist. Registration at the Pendleton Station Field Day will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22. Maxwell is also publicity chairman for the event. Reservations for lunch will be available to participants during registration at approximately \$3.50 per person.

The morning session will start with Harold Kerr, Associate Director of the Oregon State University Extension Service, presiding. Research reports at the session include: Joe Pikul, A.R.S.-U.S.D.A. soil scientist, reporting on "Daily Heat and Moisture Flow in Soil"; Dr. Ron Rickman, A.R.S.-U.S.D.A. soil scientist, discussing "Root Development of Winter Wheat"; and Marlow Freckleton, state agronomist for the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service, reporting on "Management of Acres Used

for Conservation."

At 11 a.m. the speaker will be William E. (Bud) Davis, chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education. Dr. Davis' topic is "Support for Research and Extension."

Feature attraction of the afternoon program is a tour of experimental plots at the station. Starting at 1 p.m., the plots to be viewed consist of the following:

1. Dr. Charles Rhode - "Progress in Breeding for Root and Foot Rots in Winter Wheat";

2. Charles Crampton and Kathleen Van Wagoner - "Cereal Varieties for North-eastern Oregon";

3. Dr. Robert Metzger - "Progress in Identifying and Breeding for Common Smut Resistance in Winter Wheat";

4. Paul Rasmussen - "Winter Wheat Response to Fertilizer in No-Till Recropping"; and

5. F.V. Pumphrey and Dale Wilkins - "Tillage Practices in Processing Peas and Edible Legumes."

Adjournment will be at 4 p.m.

Field day at the Sherman Station at Moro is scheduled

for Thursday, June 23. Maxwell says. The program gets underway at 10 a.m. after introductions with Don Rydych, OSU weed researcher, reporting on "Progress on Goatgrass Research."

At 10:45 a.m., tours of the research plots will begin.

Scheduled stops are as follows: Wheat, Barley, and Oat varieties by Charles Rhode, Charles Crampton, and Kathleen Van Wagoner; Progress Report on the Development of New Wheat and Barley Varieties by Warren E. Kronstad, Mary Verhoeven, Ann Scott, Ann Corey, and Pat Hensleigh; Effect of Chloride Fertilizer on Drought Stress in Wheat and Barley by Tom Fairweather and Neil Christensen; Phosphate-Nitrogen Interaction Trial by Floyd Bolton and Raul Agemennoni; Sulfur Response Trial by Floyd Bolton; Reaction of Wheat and Barley Varieties to Different Tillage Practices by Tom Fairweather and Warren E. Kronstad; and View Plots Sponsored by Oregon Wheat Growers League Showing Effects of Herbicides and Fertilizer by Don Rydych.

The final event of the Sherman Field Day is a lunch at 1 p.m., courtesy of PPG Industries, Dupont, Monsanto and Rohm & Haas.

Maxwell points out that everyone is welcome at these field days. Farmers and non-farmers alike can see the value of agriculture to the community and of research to agriculture, he said.

Ione honor roll announced

Ione Junior-Senior High School has released the following names of students appearing on the honor roll for the fourth nine week period of the 1982-83 school year:

A Honor Roll (3.5-4.0)

Seniors - Craig Gutierrez, Tim Patton and Denny Starr + Freshman - Eric Pointer. Eighth Grader - Patty McElligott.

Seventh grader - Cathy Martin.

B Honor Roll (3.0-3.4)

Seniors - Roger Childers and Roger Morter. Junior - Howard Leavitt. Sophomores - Jeff Ball, Donnie Doherty and Mark Meyers.

Eighth graders - Ashley Conklin, Deena Hams, Kim McCabe, Christopher Rea and Michael Rietmann.

Seventh graders - J.J. Osmin and Ken Snider.

These students were named to the honor roll for the second semester of the school year:

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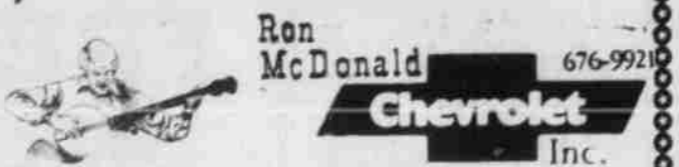


Question: "After the recent spill of Sevin 4-Oil near Cutsforth Park, how do you think chemical accidents could be avoided?"

"I think they should have more safety equipment," said Beth Forrar of Heppner.

"They should check the trucks to make sure everything is okay before they leave," said Christy Rathbun, also of Heppner. (left)

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