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## Extension Woman of the Year Jones honored by Morrow County Women



Delpha Jones

The Morrow County Extension selected Delpha Jones of Lexington for the Extension Woman of the Year Award. She was nominated for the honor by the Rhea Creek study group.

"Of course one is very pleased and happy, but humble, too," says Delpha about receiving the award. She confesses to "mixed emotions" and says that she is "grateful to be able to give to the community" and she "plans to continue to do what she can to serve the community."

She came to Lexington in the late 1920's, and graduated from Lexington High School in 1935. She married Charles C. (Cecil) Jones at LaGrande August 12, 1937. Their daughter Charlene was born at Yakima and their son Kenneth was born at Heppner. Cecil was a well driller and they moved around Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana before settling at Lexington when their daughter reached school age. Cecil was employed by the Lexington Oil Co-op and drove gas truck.

After the death of Delpha's

step-father in 1962, Cecil leased the farm where they still reside from Delpha's mother, Mrs. McMillan.

As their children were growing up, she was involved in many school activities; she taught Sunday school classes, was a leader of Campfire Girls, and a Cub Scout den mother.

The children are now married and Charlene's daughter Kimberlee Davis lives in Arizona. Kenneth married Linda Starks and they have two sons, Michael and Chris.

As the children grew older and demanded less of her time, Delpha became involved in many civic organizations.

Delpha has been a member of the Holly Rebekah Lodge for 34 years, filling the office of secretary of the Lodge for 22 years. She has received the highest honor which the Lodge awards - the Decoration of Chivalry - given for her community service.

She has been a member of the Lexington Grange for 36 years, filling most of the offices at various times, including Master. She belongs to Wheatland Pomona Grange and has been district deputy and secretary of that organization.

She was Morrow County Fair Committee chairman for eight years during which time many activities were added to the fair. She is active in the garden clubs of both Lone and Lexington. She has helped judge the Fair and Rodeo parades at Heppner, the Fall

Festival parades at Boardman and the Christmas lighting contest at Heppner.

Delpha was chairman of the Oregon State Centennial Committee from Morrow Co. from which the county historical society evolved; she also agreed to take the office of chairman and has very efficiently organized the "marking of out-lying graves project," the committee which is working to give recognition to the "Century Farms" of Morrow County, and the bus tours which the society schedules to places of interest once or twice each year, and she helped put together the recent Morrow County History Book project. Delpha says that the Historical Society will be working with the County Court in observance of Morrow County in 1985.

She has served on the Oregon Lung Association for many years, is a member of the Hospital Auxiliary, is on the Lillian Turner Foundation of the Lexington school, and has been a news reporter for Lexington for the Heppner Gazette-Times for 30 years.

Delpha has belonged to the Extension Study groups from the time they were organized in the county, attending the study group at Lexington until it was no longer active. She later joined the group in the Ruggs area, the Rhea Creek Study Group. She serves as project leader and because this group meets at the member's homes has hosted the study group many times.

## Corps agrees to pay for fence at Hager Park

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to pay for a fence to be installed along Willow Creek at Hager Park in Heppner, it was reported at Monday's city council meeting.

Fears about children playing at the park, and the danger of them falling into the swiftly running creek and drowning were raised by concerned parents near the park and across Heppner.

Parents attended last

month's council meeting to request the fence, and petitions were circulated around town asking that the fence be built.

Last month Mayor Cliff Green said he would speak with the Corps about installing the fence and Monday told the council and gathered parents that the Corps had agreed to pay for materials, but it had not yet been determined whether the Corps or the city would pay for installation.

Marsha Anderson, who lives

across from the park and was one of the organizers of a petition drive requesting the fence, said Tuesday she was very pleased with the decision. "I'm very happy about it, of course. I think it's wonderful and we're very pleased."

Anderson, who along with other parents collected 260 signatures on petitions around town, said she hoped the fence would be built soon before the busy summer use of the park.

## Green Feed to offer backhoe service

Green Feed owners Leland and Barbara Anstogui have purchased a backhoe and dumptruck and will now be offering excavating, septic tank digging, hauling and other services with this equipment to people of the area.

The Anstoguis purchased the equipment from Roger Britt of Heppner.

Green Feed is located at 242 Linden Way in Heppner and the phone number is 676-9422.

## Voters to mark ballots in May 15 Primary election

Next Tuesday, May 15, is the Oregon Primary election. Locally, voters will be deciding four measures and nominating candidates from both the Democratic and Republican parties for several county offices.

Four people are running unopposed on the Democratic ticket for county offices: however, for the offices of county clerk and county commissioner voters will pick a nominee.

Two candidates are running for the Republican nomination for State Representative of district 59. The candidate who wins the nomination will then face the Democratic nominee for that office in the November General Election.

Ten candidates are running for judiciary positions on the

non-partisan ballot. (See Candidates Forum, Page 4).

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Tuesday for voters in the following locations: Precinct No. 1, North Boardman at Greenfield Grange; Precinct No. 2, South Boardman at Sam Boardman School; Precinct No. 3, Hardman at I.O.O.F. Building; Precinct No. 4, Lone at Lone City Hall; Precinct No. 5, North Irrigon at North Morrow Annex; Precinct No. 6, South Irrigon at Columbia Jr. High School; Precinct No. 7, Lexington at Lexington School Office; Precinct No. 8, N.E. Heppner at Heppner Neighborhood Center; Precinct No. 9, N.W. Heppner at Museum; and Precinct No. 10 and 11, S.E. and S.W. Heppner at Morrow County Courthouse.

## New council member sworn in

Cara Costa was sworn in Monday night as a new Heppner city council member. She will replace Joyce Winter who resigned earlier.

Costa, 36, works as secretary at Morrow County Abstract and Title in Heppner, and has lived in the community since August of 1981.

She is active as secretary of the local Cub Scout Pack, the United Methodist Church Sunday school, and is a member of the local American Association of University Women.

"The City of Heppner has a lot to offer. I have been wanting to become more involved with the decision-making process in regards to city planning, and decided to fill the vacant City Council seat for this opportunity. I hope to be able to contribute and help Heppner take even greater pride in its endeavors for its



Cara Costa

citizens," Costa said about her appointment.

She is married to Bob Costa, Morrow county extension agent, and they have a son Ryan, nine.

## On formation of Willow Creek irrigation district Decision postponed until after 1985 season

The Willow Creek Development Association met April 25, 1984 at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner to discuss the formation of a Willow Creek Irrigation District which would allocate water from the lake behind Willow Creek Dam for irrigation purposes.

Approximately 23 irrigators on Willow Creek below the dam, along with Watermaster Larry Nunn, and Lee Robinson and Larry Parsons, representatives of the Bureau of Reclamation, Boise, Idaho, were present at the meeting.

A spokesperson for the development association said that Larry Nunn, Watermaster, responded to questions from the irrigators and explained that all water rights used are valid whether the dam is working or not. Nunn further explained

that Rhea Creek water is Willow Creek and subject to Willow Creek rights after it joins Willow Creek. Willow Creek flows an average of 13,800 acre feet a year, Rhea Creek an average of 11,800 feet. "If stored water is allocated, weirs will be required at headworks...Pump rights require flow meters manufactured to State standards, he said.

With the formation of an irrigation district, irrigation

water drained from the regular flow level of the creek would be available as before, without charge, but if irrigators wanted to reserve a certain number of acre-feet of water behind the dam beyond the average 2,000 acre-foot level for later irrigation uses, there would be a charge for the water which is estimated to be about \$8 per acre-foot.

Dick Wilkinson, chairman of the Willow Creek District Improvement Co. had explained at a prior meeting.

Lee Robinson of the Bureau of Reclamation explained that leakage at the dam is presently four to six cubic second-feet or eight to twelve acre-feet in 24 hours. "This," he said, "is in excess of 1,000 gallons per minute." Robinson said he feels that the average stored amount of water will be 2,000 acre feet, but with the present seepage, there may be only 1,000 acre feet of stored water available for use.

Robinson told the irrigators "there will be no carry over between years unless inflow equals or surpasses seepage. There are 2,000 acre feet of dead storage with Morrow County owning the rights. 1750 acre feet (present pool) has been adjudicated to the Bureau of Reclamation, 1750 acre feet joint use between the Bureau and Engineers for irrigation

and flood control. There will be 7,000 acre feet above this for exclusive flood control. In low water years, any loss through leakage in dead storage must be filled before irrigation storage."

Robinson stated that the Corps of Engineers would like to have one or two years to monitor the reservoir before selling the water for irrigation. "We may only have flood control and recreation."

Irrigators responded to the information by unanimously

passing a motion which would allow the Army Corps of Engineers two irrigation seasons study before the irrigators make the decision whether to purchase the stored water.

Irrigation water rights will be held by Morrow County until the group reaches a decision.

A general meeting of the group will be called following the 1985 irrigation season at which time further discussion and a decision will occur.

## Farewell pot luck to honor Supt. Doherty

A potluck dinner to say "farewell" to Matt Doherty is scheduled Sunday, May 20, at Riverside High School in Boardman, said a spokesperson from the Morrow Co. School District office.

There will be an open house coffee hour from 4 - 5 p.m. for those who would like to stop by and wish Matt well, but are unable to stay for the potluck dinner which will start at 5

p.m. Persons whose last name begins with the letters: A - G, are asked to bring a salad; H - R, to bring a main dish; and S - Z, a dessert.

The district office needs to have an attendance count no later than May 15 so that arrangements can be made accordingly. Reservations and information are available by calling 969-8202.

## Greens take over local Coast to Coast store



Cliff & Cindy Green

Cliff and Cindy Green of Heppner plan to re-open the Heppner Coast to Coast Store Wednesday morning. It has been closed for inventory. The Greens are replacing Ralph and Chris Limanen as owner-managers of the store.

The Greens will maintain ownership of the Heppner Garbage Disposal Service which Cliff has operated for 11 years and which his father ran for 23 years prior to that. He anticipates the same quality of service will be maintained with Jeff Maben as the new operator of the garbage truck. Green, however, will continue to do the billing. Questions about the garbage service may be routed either through Green or Maben.

The Greens attended a "new owners training seminar" at the Coast to Coast headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota Sunday April 29 through Fri-



Jeff Maben

day, May 5. They will both be working in the store and plan no changes until they have gained some experience. "We will try to provide the best service possible," said Green. "The store's grand opening will probably be about June 1," Green concluded.

## School district tax base faces voters

Voters in Morrow County will be asked to approve a \$5,539,392 tax base for the school district at the election next Tuesday.

The present base for the school district is \$742,978, which is inadequate to operate the schools, requiring voter approval of additional taxes each year.

The measure itself does not levy a tax, but does authorize the district to tax over \$5

million without a vote of the people each year.

If this measure is approved, the school district would still be subject to the six percent constitutional limitation and could not exceed this limit without the consent of the voters.

According to the school district officials, the original tax base for Morrow County has never been increased.

## County parks to open on schedule

By MARY ANN CERULLO

Cutsforth and Anson Wright Parks will be opened as scheduled, reported Judge Don McElligott to Morrow County Court Wednesday, May 2. However, the ponds within the parks will not be cleaned out this spring because the ground is too wet to get a dragline across it, explained McElligott.

The project has been tentatively rescheduled for late summer.

In other business the court:

reviewed a grant agreement from the State Historic Preservation office for the preservation of the county courthouse. The proposed grant is for \$2,000.

signed a Computer Consortium Agreement with Crook, Harney and Lake counties for the selling of computer programs between them.

signed an amended agreement with the state to allow oversize-overweight permits to be issued for Bombing Range Road.

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