

Legislation will protect farm land

State Senator Peter Brockman (R-Sisters), has drafted new legislation aimed at protecting farm and ranch land from being up-zoned solely because the owner is not financially able to continue active production. "Oregon farmers are being pressed harder than ever to continue operating in today's economy," said Brockman. "Special farm use assessments should not be withdrawn from an owner because operational financing cannot be located. This legislation would prohibit county assessors from eliminating farm use assessments on inactive farmland because the owner was unable to obtain financing."

Present law requires counties to disqualify these lands from present zoning and collect retroactive tax for from five to ten years past.

Brockman said he had the bill

drafted after talking with farmers and ranchers statewide who were having a difficult if not impossible time locating necessary operating loans. They also expressed concern over not only the potential loss of favorable assessments but the outright loss of their farms.

"The bill is in draft form and I would be happy to forward a copy of it to interested farmers for review and comment," said Brockman. "If that review is positive, this will be one of the first bills introduced for consideration during the 1987 Legislative session."

Copies of the draft legislation can be obtained by sending a request to Senator Brockman at 70825 Indian Ford Road, Sisters, Oregon 97759. For more information he can be contacted at 549-8522.

Obituary

John O. Nielsen

John O. Nielsen, 82, died at his Portland home Thursday, June 19.

He was born February 7, 1904 in Hellested, Denmark, son of Jens and Karen Nielsen. He came to America in 1923 and moved from Ukiah to Heppner in 1957. He was employed by the Oregon State Highway Dept. for 28½ years. He had been a resident of Portland for the past two years.

He was married to Olga Christensen in Walla Walla on May 7, 1925. She preceded him in death in December, 1964.

Survivors include daughters, Mary Ann DeVore of Portland, Betty Jane Solsvik of Seattle; sons John O., James O., Jerry E., all of Portland; sister Emilie Nielsen of Wawa, Canada; 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and other relatives in Canada and Denmark.

The Rev. Don Shelton officiated at funeral services Saturday, June 21 at the First Christian Church in Heppner. Kathryn Hoskins was organist and Kathy Hoskins soloist.

Casketbearers were John, Jerry, James, and Jimmy Nielsen, Stan Solsvik, and Gordon DeVore.

Private concluding services were held Monday morning at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in care of arrangements.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Rory Marc Spurgeon, Spokane - No PUC Permit, \$57 bail forfeited. Kevin Douglas Brown, Milton-Freewater - No Stoplight on Trailer, \$26 bail forfeited.

Silva Fred Allen, Hood River - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (72 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$57 bail forfeited.

Dale Ray Cox, Hermiston - Suspended Operator's License, \$342 fine.

Eldon Gene Powell, Kimberly - Failure to Drive to the Right of the Centerline, \$17 fine.

Barbara Louise Smith, Lexington - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (68 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$30 fine.

Ray Joe Miller, Heppner - Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian in Cross-Walk, \$17 fine.

Robert Lee Botefuhr, Heppner - Insufficient Number of Coast Guard Approved Life Saving Devices.

District Attorney's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Ronald Dale Williams, 39, Walla Walla, Washington, was sentenced on June 19 before Judge Charlotte S. Gray for Negotiating a Bad Check. He was fined \$300; to pay the Court for Court-appointed attorney's fees in the amount of \$318.29; be fingerprinted; pay restitution to the victim of \$239.40; and pay all court fines on a schedule at \$100 monthly.

Dale Ray Cox, 20, Boardman, entered a plea of Guilty to charges of Driving While Suspended before Judge Gray on June 23. He was fined \$337; ordered to pay Court appointed attorney fees and adhere to a payment schedule of \$50 monthly beginning September 11.

Births

Blake Kathryn Allstott - a daughter, Blake Kathryn, was born June 11 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston to Patti and David Allstott of Heppner. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Grandparents are Mike and Eileen Saling and Clyde and Jackie Allstott, all of Heppner.

Great-grandparents are Dolly Allstott of Pendleton and Christine Schmidt of Lewiston, Idaho.

4-H Clubs

Two Trackers

Saturday, June 28 is the tune-up clinic for the fair. Everyone is urged to attend and learn what to do at fair. Barbara Weedman will be judging and giving lots of good advice 9 a.m., Tatone's arena in Boardman.

The overnight Trailride is July 5 and 6. 4-H horse members and their families are invited. Organizers need to know who will attend by July 1 so they can get the groceries. Call Al Brazier at 989-8505 during the day or 989-8132 evenings and weekends.

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police Dept. reports handling the following business during the past week:

June 16: 2:07 p.m. - assist motorist; 10:35 p.m. - officer requested for Security Check.

June 17: 12:25 a.m. - received a report of a Speeding Vehicle in an alley; 3:15 p.m. - assist outside agency.

June 18: 1:35 p.m. - citation issued for Driving While Suspended; 11:03 p.m. - Officer requested for Security Check.

June 19: 10:45 a.m. - police took three reports of Negotiating a Bad Check.

June 20: 8:10 p.m. - responded to two-vehicle accident; 8:49 p.m. - responded to a one-vehicle accident; 10:47 p.m. - assist outside agency.

June 21: 10:29 p.m. - citation issued for Careless Driving.

June 22: 1:15 a.m. - citation issued for Disobeyed Stop Sign.

June 23: 8:46 p.m. - assist outside agency.

June 24: 11 a.m. - one subject arrested for alleged violation of Restraining Order; 11 a.m. - one subject arrested for alleged Assault IV.

Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past two weeks:

Greg Mabeir, Heppner - admitted June 10, discharged June 13; Albert Osmin, Heppner - admitted and discharged June 13.

Alphonse J. Ista, Hood River was admitted to the hospital June 17 and was still receiving care Monday.

Tourism expert says look for positives

Locals often overlook the positives in their area and there are many things here to attract tourists. That's what the representative of Oregon tourism felt after meeting with a number of local people recently including representatives from Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Economic Development Committee, and the Heppner Merchant Committee.

Developing a plan to attract tourists is the starting point. Alice Trindle of the State Tourism Department has some time to assist locally, but stresses, "It's up to the people of the area to determine what they have to offer." After listing the attraction of the area, then promotion can begin.

At this time, individuals who are interested in the community and attracting travelers to or through the area, are needed to serve as a steering/planning committee. It will be work-but rewarding.

If you are enthusiastic about the local area and feel tourism has a possibilities for attracting new dollars to the community, check with the Heppner/Morrow Chamber of Commerce or Heppner Economic Development Committee. Either will steer you in the right direction for becoming involved.

Where To Write

Following is a list of the state's and Northeast Oregon's elected officials:

Congress
U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield: Room 114 Pioneer Courthouse (555 SW Yamhill St.), Portland, Or. 97204, phone 221-3386; 475 Cottage St., Salem, Or. 97301, phone 399-5731; 711 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, phone 202-224-3753.

U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood: 1220 SW Third St., Room 385, Portland, Or. 97204, phone 221-3370; 259 Russell Senate Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510, phone 202-224-5244.

U.S. Rep. Denny Smith: 4035 S. 12th St., P.O. Box 13089, Salem, Or. 97301, phone 399-5756, or 800-452-7889 toll-free; 1207 Longworth Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515, phone 202-225-5711.

U.S. Rep. Bob Smith: 1150 Crater Lake Ave., Suite K, Medford, Or. 97501, phone 776-4646, or 800-533-3303 toll-free; 118 Cannon Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515, phone 202-225-6730.

U.S. Rep. Les AuCoin: 1716 Federal Bldg., 1220 SW Third St., Portland, Or. 97204, phone 221-2901, or 800-422-4003 toll-free; 2159 Rayburn Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515, phone 202-225-8055.

U.S. Rep. James Weaver: 711 E. Seventh St., Eugene, Or. 97401, phone 687-6732; 1226 Longworth Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515, phone 202-225-6416.

U.S. Rep. Ron Wyden: Lloyd 500 Bldg., 500 NE Multnomah, Suite 250, Portland, Or. 97232, phone 231-2300; 1406 Longworth Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515, phone 202-225-4811.

State
Gov. Vic Atiyeh: State Capitol, Salem, Or. 97310, phone 378-3100.

State Sen. Mike Thorne, Holdman Route, Pendleton, Or. 97801, phone 276-7473; Room S206, State Capitol, Salem, Or. 97310, phone 378-8803.

State Sen. Eugene Timms: 1049 N. Court, Burns, Or. 97720, 573-2744; Room S302, State Capitol, Salem, Or. 97310, phone 378-8849.

State Rep. Bob Broggetti: 1511 Adams Ave., La Grande, Or. 97850, phone 963-5670; Room H385, State Capitol, Salem, Or. 97310, phone 378-8042.

State Rep. Roy French: Route 2 Box 2396, Heppner, Or. 97836, phone 675-5365; Room 369, State Capitol, Salem, Or. 97310, phone 378-8021.



6th Annual Church Auction
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Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling or dispatching the following business during the past week:

June 16, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office arranged assistance for a standard male in the Boardman area.

Also on June 16, a Morrow County Sheriff's deputy arrested Charles Lynn Stacy, 22, Boardman, on an Irigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine; original charge was Driving While Suspended.

June 18, the Heppner Police Dept. cited Ruth D. Williams, 55, Boardman for allegedly Driving While Suspended.

Also on June 18, the Sheriff's Office investigated a complaint of a suspicious vehicle with four-five persons carrying rifles at SK Farms near Boardman.

June 19, the Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle apparently abandoned along highway 74 north of Ione. A Deputy investigated.

Also on June 19, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office received several reports of a grass fire just south of Kunze Road in Boardman. The Boardman Fire Dept. responded.

June 21, the Sheriff's Office dispatched the Boardman Police Dept. to investigate a report of vandalism to a residence in Boardman.

In another June 21 incident, the Sheriff's Office investigated a complaint of an injured animal in the Boardman area.

Also on June 21 the Wheeler County Sheriff's Office investigated a burglary that occurred at the Blueberry Muffin Cafe in Mitchell. Numerous video cassette tapes and food items were taken. The investigation is continuing.

Also on June 21, the Sheriff's Office assisted the Pendleton Police Dept. in locating the owner of a possible abandoned vehicle in Pendleton.

In a final June 21 incident, the Sheriff's Office backed up the Boardman Police Dept. in a report of a possible fight occurring near the U&I Corp. in Boardman.

June 22, the Sheriff's Office assisted the Boardman Police Dept. in the arrest of Cindi M. White, 27, Boardman for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. She was released on her own recognizance.

Also on June 22, the Sheriff's Office assisted the Boardman Police Dept. in locating a vehicle and the driver involved in a Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident resulting in an unknown amount of minor damage and no injuries.

Also on June 22, the Sheriff's Office received a complaint of a suspicious noise in the Lexington area.

In another June 22 incident, the Sheriff's Office and the Boardman Police Dept. attempted to locate an intoxicated driver reported by a citizen on Hwy 730.

Also on June 22, the Sheriff's Office, the Oregon State Police, and Boardman and Irigon police departments investigated a fatal accident which occurred at the junction of Hwy 730 and I-84. Three persons were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital by the Boardman ambulance.

Also on June 22, the Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police investigated a two-vehicle accident on I-84 at milepost 162. A Boardman ambulance transported an unknown number of persons to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Also on June 22, the Sheriff's Office dispatched a Boardman ambulance to a call at West Glen Estates to a possible drowning of a child. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

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