

Kegler elected as Boardman Mayor



By Ed Glenn

Art Kegler, owner of the Sentry Market, was elected mayor by the Boardman City Council at their January meeting last week. Kegler replaces Jerry Donovan who resigned to take a position at PGE's Trojan plant near Rainier.

Kegler was elected to the council in 1986 and has served as President since last May when Donovan vacated that position to move up to

Mayor. Kegler and his wife Rose purchased the Sentry Market in Boardman in 1983 and operate it as truly a family business with sons Mark and Dean and both of their wives, Tina and Karen involved in one way or another.

"The city will become 'pro-active' in its search for small business," Kegler promised. The city's emphasis would be on businesses with up to 25 employees since the Port district and others are working hard on bigger firms. Kegler intends to become personally involved together with City Manager Larry Dalrymple in an effort to attract new businesses to the community.

Kegler is completing a three year term as President of the Boardman/North Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and serves on a county-wide committee developing a Regional Economic Development Strategy.

Pharmacist Ray Michael was elected President of the council to replace Kegler in that post. The remaining vacancy on the Council will not be filled until the February 1 meeting in the hopes that all interested persons will let their interest be known to City Hall in time to be

considered.

In other business, Dalrymple reported that loan negotiations with Inland Empire Bank had finally been completed. Loan proceeds were used to pay the past due installment on the Knudson Commercial Park local improvement district bonds. Joe Locke, owner of the Commercial Park, still has not made the \$150,000 payment due last July, but agreed to meet with an emissary from the Council later in the week.

Linda Tatone Smith, Dodge City Inn, protested the new telephone company franchise agreement. Smith said the new agreement omits language from former agreements which requires the phone company to share pay phone income with the businesses where the phones are located. Telephone Utilities was invited to the February meeting to explain their change of policy.

Sanitary Disposal System was given approval of rates for a new optional service. The company will provide a kind of cart for garbage collection that is easier for residents to use and easier for the company to collect than the conventional garbage can.

Republican Central Committee holds Lincoln day dinner

By Ed Glenn

Abraham Lincoln will again be honored in Morrow County, this year on Saturday, February 13.

That's the date for the Lincoln Day Dinner sponsored by the Morrow County Republican Central Committee.

A number of politicians will attend and "The fund raising auction from last year will continue," according to Ed Glenn, chairman for the affair. Glenn added that "new and better items will be on the auction block this year."

This year's dinner will be held at The Nomad restaurant in Boardman, beginning with a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, at \$15, each are available from Glenn, 481-3151; Bob Jepsen, 676-9850 and any other member of the Central Committee.

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Wine growers search for potential winery developers

By Ed Glenn

"Oregon's Columbia Valley wants a winery." That's the name given a project of the Economic Development Committee of the Boardman Chamber of Commerce which may lead to one or more major wineries in this Eastern Oregon community.

According to a study by Oregon State University, Morrow County has more acres of wine grapes than any other county in the state and only one tiny winery to process them. "I crushed about 5 tons of grapes last year," said Ed Glenn, winemaker at La Casa de Vin winery. "And that's hardly worth mentioning when you consider the more than 700 acres of winegrapes in the area." An acre of winegrapes will produce 5 or more tons at maturity.

While the Morrow County vineyards are young and just coming into full production, the Chamber's Committee believes now is the time to start promoting the area for location of a major winery.

"We're calling for proposals to prepare a preliminary feasibility study," said John Grace, committee chairman and manager of Inland Empire Bank. "Potential winery developers should know the details of our great supply of grapes, the availability of winery sites and the tourist potential," he added.

Boardman is located on the Oregon side of the Columbia River, just across from the Columbia Crest winery, (formerly Ste. Michelle), the largest winery in the Pacific Northwest.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) has recognized the Columbia Valley on both the Oregon and Washington sides as a unique viticultural area. Most Washington State vineyards are in the Columbia Valley and the Morrow County vineyards have the same favorable soil and climatic conditions.

Once completed, the preliminary feasibility study will be widely circulated in the hopes of encouraging a winery developer to build near Boardman.

"There soon will be enough winegrapes here to supply four wineries, each of which could be larger than any winery in the state," Glenn added.

For further information contact: Mr. John Grace, Inland Empire Bank, Boardman, OR 97818, phone 481-9201, or Mr. Ed Glenn, PO Box 428, Boardman, OR 97818, phone 481-3151.

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Boardman Trailer sales expand to Irrigon

By Joyce Hensley

The pace of activity has increased on a four acre site located on highway 730 at the outskirts of Irrigon's city limits.

Single-wide trailers and double wide mobile homes have been moved in periodically during the last three months, but, now, Sunridge Homes, Inc. is open for business. "We are just getting cranked in," said salesman, Mike Pearsall, last week. "They just hooked our phone up today."

Sunridge Homes, an expansion of Sunridge Homes in Boardman, owned by John Gorham, have available on their new sales lot an assortment of new and used mobile homes; and will soon have available a full line of Skyline and Fleetwood recreational vehicles such as campers, fifth wheelers, trailers, and tent trailers. "We are still clearing land for the R.V.'s," said Pearsall. "The lot should be fairly full by spring."

"We will also be the dealers for Four Seasons bus type motor homes," he said.

Delivery and set-up will be part of their service. "We take care of all moving permits," said Pearsall.

"We are going to try and do it all. I think our biggest problem will be keeping inventory," he added.

Owner Gorham, with 21 years of mobile home and trailer experience behind him, bought a sub-division for mobile homes in Boardman a little over three years ago. He has been selling mobile homes from his office on an 'order only' basis since then.

After several banker's approach Ed Gorham with the idea of selling their repossessions for them, Gorham followed up on the idea by establishing the sales lot in Irrigon.

Before a mobile home becomes liveable, the securing of water, electricity, and plumbing must be attend-



Photo by Joyce Hensley

"Nope, REPO isn't the name of our trailer sales," said salesman, Mike Pearsall, standing with Buffy by a sign which has been propped in place for three months while Sunridge Homes, located on Highway 730 on the outskirts of Irrigon, have been moving in their merchandise for their new and used trailer sales lot. "We even have a new Irrigon phone number 922-3509," he added.

"We take a lot of the headaches out of installation for our customer," said Gorham. "We offer a complete package program, if the people want it."

Besides the excavation of the building site, Sunridge Homes, being licensed contractors, can see to the installation of the septic tank, well drilling, and plumbing, according to Gorham.

"We can obtain the various permits for the customers to fill out and make arrangements for state and county inspections," he said. "We can contact the electric company to get electricity to the site." An electrical contractor will be needed to install the pedestal and 'hook-up' the mobile home to electricity.

Requirements for mobile homes setting-up on private property in Morrow County, according to Lori Bush, assistant planner for the Morrow County Planning Department, are: zoning approval obtained from the county planning office; sanitation approval from the Department of Environmental Quality, Pendleton; electrical and plumbing permits from the county planning department; and mobile home placement permits from the Pendleton Building Code Agency.

If the home is to go on a mobile home park site, only three permits are needed, an electrical and a plumbing permit from the Morrow County Planning Department and a mobile home placement permit from the Pendleton Building Code Agency.

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