

## Rietmann attends conference

Morrow County Veterans Service Officer, Donna Rietmann, attended the semiannual statewide Oregon County Veterans Service Officer Conference held April 13, 14, and 15 in Wilsonville.

The session, sponsored by the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, provided county veterans service officers with updated information necessary to assist Oregon veterans, their widows or dependents in applying for state and federal veterans' benefits in such areas as: housing, education, counseling, claims, insurance, employment, medical, compensation, and pension.

Keynote speakers included Small Business Administration Veterans Affairs Officers, Joe Martinez and Tom Sullivan; Oregon Commissioner for the Handicapped Executive Director, Eugene Organ; Oregon Department of Revenue District Coordinator, Robert R. Fielder; District Representative for Congressman Denny Smith, Rodney Wenz; Volunteer Services Coordinator for Disabled American Veterans, Teresa Followell; and Intergovernmental Affairs Director, U.S. Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., Gail Gompf.

## New danger in drug activity

**Attention Parents:** There is a new danger in drug activity that will affect our children and grand-children, especially the very young.

It is a form of tattoo called "Blue Star" and it is sold all over the United States.

It is a small sheet of white paper containing blue stars the size of a pencil eraser. Each star is soaked with LSD.

East star can be removed and be placed in the mouth. The LSD can also be absorbed through the skin simply by handling the paper. There are also brightly colored paper tabs resembling postage stamps that have pictures of superman, butterflies, clowns, mickey mouse, and other Disney characters on them.

These stamps are packaged in a red cardboard box wrapped in foil. This is a new way of selling acid by appealing to our young children.

A young child could happen upon these and have a fatal "trip". It is also learned that little children could be given a free "tattoo" by older children who want to have some fun or by others cultivating new customers. A red stamp called "Red Pyramid" is also being distributed along with "Micro Dots" in various colors. Another kind called "Window Pane" has a grid that can be cut out.

These are all laced with drugs. **Please advise your children about these new drugs.** If you or your children see any of the above, do not handle. These drugs are known to react very quickly and some are laced with strychnine.

Call the police. Symptoms include: hallucinations, severe vomiting, mood change, and change of body temperature. If you come into contact, or if any of the above symptoms occur, get to the hospital immediately.

This information was provided by Portland Elks Lodge No. 142, Drug Awareness Committee.

## Oregon State Fair looking for talent

Talented Oregonians can gain valuable exposure and name recognition by appearing on the Oregon State Fair's Showcase Stage this year between August 26 and September 5. Fairgoers have traditionally given enthusiastic support to the quality acts presented on the stage in years past, according to Ed Dougherty, state fair entertainment director.

Musicians, magic acts, comedians and other stage performers wishing to be considered this year should contact Dougherty at the Oregon State Fair, 2330-17th St., NE Salem, OR 97310. A photograph, and, in case of musical acts, a tape, must accompany each application, he said. Applicants are encouraged to get their applications in by May 2.

Showcase Stage entertainers are in addition to the major acts that will appear at the L.B. Day Amphitheatre.

## IHS Tennis team cleans up

On April 19, Lone High School played Riverside High School at lone.

Angie Rudisill won the first singles, 6-2, 6-3. Linda Morter lost the second singles 5-7, 3-6. Angie and Linda won the girl's doubles, 6-0, 6-1. and Ken Snider won the boy's first singles 6-0, 6-3.

April 23 lone played Stanfield and won all of the matches, 6-0.

Angie won the first girl's singles 8-4. Linda won the girl's second singles 6-0, 6-3. Ken Snider won the boy's singles 6-1, 6-0 and Kevin Ball won the second boy's singles 8-3.

Angie and Linda won the girl's doubles 8-0 and Ken and Kevin won the boy's doubles 6-3, 6-2.

## HHS track teams participate at Kiwanis Invitational

By Jason Dougherty

The Heppner boy's track team placed fourth and the girl's team placed ninth out of the eleven teams that attended the Hermiston Kiwanis meet last Saturday, April 23 at Umatilla.

Gene Lancaster, Bryan Padberg and Jason Dougherty all placed first in one of their events to help the

Mustangs in points. Duane Ball jumped 5'11" to bring in a second place in the high jump. Padberg and Dougherty also received second places, Padberg in the 800m and Dougherty in the 300m hurdles.

Jennifer Curran placed fourth in the 400 meter dash and both girl's relays received sixth place.

## Heppner Invitational



(L) Jason Dougherty, Heppner; (Center) Sean Warren, lone; (R) Brian Ball, lone run relay at Heppner on Tuesday.

## North Morrow Vector Control

Sometimes the economics of weed control programs are questioned, especially when it's time to vote on the county budget. It seems that spraying a few roadside weeds is senseless in the face of all that knapweed and mustard we already have.

But often it's the weeds we don't have that are most important to control. Morrow County has had a few skeletonweed plants and a few dalmation toadflax weeds. We don't yet have leafy spurge, though Umatilla County does.

Early in this century skeletonweed was accidentally introduced into Australia where it gained a foothold, spread, and came to be a serious problem in dryland cereal production. Competition from the weed can reduce wheat yields as much as 70%. Skeletonweed currently costs the wheat industry there \$25 million a year.

If you think knapweed is a problem and expensive to control, you are right. But knapweed doesn't hold

a candle to leafy spurge. Knapweed can be controlled with a pint (1/4 lb.) of picloram at a cost of \$10 per acre, but leafy spurge control requires a gallon (2 lbs.) per acre. No other chemical provides the necessary long-term control. It is essential we control this weed early-before it becomes established.

Dalmation toadflax is one of the prettiest weeds around. It is, in fact, an escaped garden flower. This weed provides poor forage and crowds out good rangeland plants. It was well established on Rock Creek, but the weed district has been controlling it for a couple of years now. Registration on the only good, cheap control agent for this weed was lost a few years ago, which makes it doubly important to keep it out of Morrow County.

There are many other weed problems and potential problems the weed district addresses. But if it did no more than keep these weeds out of the county, it would be worth the expense.



Fleas can be a problem in Oregon, especially later in the year. Spring is not too soon to control them, however.

While fleas usually live on (and bite) dogs and cats, they can and will bite people when pets are not available, or when flea populations become high.

Fleas can also transmit certain diseases (such as plague). Flea larvae feed on detritus (dog hair, waste material, etc.), and can be found in dog bedding or in the carpet if you pet is kept indoors.

The eggs will also be in the dog bedding or the carpet rather than on the dog. They are small, oblong, white, and easily visible to the naked eye.

Adult fleas are small, dark brown and flattened sideways. They can hop as far as one foot when disturbed. Unless flea populations are very high, they will be on your pet. If

your pet is scratching or fur chewing a lot, look for fleas.

Control is relatively easy. First, the home should be thoroughly cleaned and vacuumed. Repeated vacuuming of carpets, floors, and furniture and regular laundering of pet bedding should take care of eggs and larvae.

Aerosol space foggers seem to offer a simple solution to serious problems, but rarely are effective. They take care of exposed insects. Few adults are truly exposed, and the eggs and larvae are not exposed at all. What really happens when foggers are used is that all interior home surfaces are coated with toxic residue; walls, ceilings, floors, and furnishings, most of which do not harbor insects.

It is far better to clean up (as discussed above) and use flea soaps or flea collars (or both) on your pet.

## New members added to Park District Board

Arnie Hedman of Heppner has been named to the Willow Creek Park District Board of directors. He replaces David Sykes who has resigned.

Don Stroeber has been named safety and security director for the district, and Rick Curtis will help with budgeting.

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