

Wheatland grange met at Greenfield Grange in Boardman

By Delpha Jones

Wheatland Pomona Grange District #29 met at the Greenfield Grange Hall in Boardman on Saturday, January 28 with the Overseer Dor Halvorsen presiding. The meeting started at 10:30 a.m. after a short coffee hour. Following the roll call of officers the meeting was lowered to the 4th degree. Distinguished guests Dorris Reid State G.W.A. Director, and Delta Johnson, District Deputy of Sherman Hood River, and Wasco Counties and Wasco Co. Pomona Master were escorted to the Master's station, welcomed and introduced.

Subordinate Masters recognized at this time were Lyle Peck, from Lexington Grange, William Alford of Greenfield Grange, and Perry Reid of Columbia Grange.

Reports were heard from the officers of the various granges.

Perry Reid announced that there have been some old grange manuals found in Astoria dating back to the 1800's and the youth group of the grange are planning an initiatory degree at Columbia Grange, in Umatilla County, using these manuals on March 18. The meeting will start with a potluck dinner followed by the degree, which will have a fee of \$1 to help defray the cost for the youth's traveling expenses. All grangers are cordially invited to this activity.

Wilma Martin told of the danger of the Hanford works to the Columbia River and that we should be watching this development carefully, and perhaps the Wheatland Pomona might draft a resolution to this effect. This cleanup is to protect the Columbia River from pollution.

Mary DuPuis told of some wheat taken from King Tuts tomb, and a Cove citizen has planted some of this grain.

Nathan Thorpe read an article on the raise of the congressmen dues. He talked some on the school taxes etc. He also reported on the bill to raise the minimum wage and its effects.

Resolution Committee was Kenneth Smouse, William Alford, and Wilma Martin.

It was suggested that the District should plan two G.W.A. conferences. The County Deputy, Jones, stated that it is quite a few miles to travel and perhaps one should be held in the north part of the district and one in the south, perhaps Spray. Plans will be made later for this.

The group adjourned for lunch. Before opening again for business the cake walk was held with the Lecturer, Wilma Martin in the chair. She also reported on ways to use old tires in gardening, planting tomatoes and potatoes in them.

The resolution committee reported that there was only one resolution.

Delta Johnson gave a report on the County Deputy meeting she attended in the Eugene area. National Grange is going to raise the dues \$1.

The County Deputy reported that she had received five out of six reports. The granges are holding their own, membership wise, but are down in some areas in attendance.

The treasurer Cecil Jones, read the expense sheets in an old ledger of the 1926 accounts, which the group found interesting, and enjoyable. The expenses then were small by our views now, but large then.

The program for the afternoon was home movies by Dewie West, on the "Day the water came," a story of Boardman and the day the water raised to cover the town, from the building of the dam. One thing noted about the film was the interesting cloud formations and the sunsets. These were also movies of a caravan, that passed through the town, of covered wagons, horses and people involved with a Jimmie Stewart movie.

The next meeting will be at the Clarno Grange on April 29. All grangers are urged to attend.

Roll call was as follows: Greenfield 16; Lexington 6; Mikkalo 2; Willows 2; Columbia 5; Cold Springs 3; Tillicum 2; Stanfield 1 and Rufus 2.

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New Port Manager named

By Ed Glenn

Gary Neal will assume the reins as General Manager of the Port of Morrow following the resignation of former manager Bob Miller. Neal was named to the post by the Port Commission last week, following a recruitment period which attracted 52 applicants.

Neal is currently Manager at the Port of Clarkston, where, in the past five years he has seen the number of port district tenants increase from six to 24. "With such an abundance of land and such important transporta-

tion linkages, the growth potential at the Port of Morrow is immense," said Neal.

Morrow County's agricultural potential to support diversified food processing industries was high on Neal's list of attractions to his new position. Neal claims an "aggressive approach to growth," and points to just a couple of Port of Clarkston projects as examples of that approach. "In just two weeks, a motel and convention center will open here at the Port of Clarkston. With 75 units and a convention capacity of

350, this \$4 million project will employ 100 people and make a significant contribution to the local economy," Neal said.

The other example is a 140 ton crane with "pick" capacity unique on the upper Snake River which brings high value cargo through the Port.

Neal is anxious to make the move complete, hoping to have his wife Kathy and children Rochelle, 15 and Ryan 7, settled into a home in Boardman prior to his first day at the Port of Morrow on March 1.

Storyteller program by Thomas Doty

The Friends of the Boardman City Library are pleased to present Stories and Songs From The Native Northwest by Thomas Doty, on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sam Boardman Elementary School Library.

Thomas Doty is the fourth generation of a family in the Rogue Valley of southwest Oregon. His educational background is from Southern

Oregon State College in Ashland and Reed College in Portland, with studies in literature, creative writing, music, drama, anthropology and folklore.

Since 1981 he has averaged nearly 500 programs a year. His work has been acknowledged and supported by regional and national arts groups, as well as Native American, educational, historical and public

service organizations. In addition, he has published several books, made many recordings and had an article in the November 13, 1988 Northwest Magazine, in the Sunday Oregonian.

An evening with Thomas Doty is a delightful experience. His ability to tailor his performance to his audience is exceptional. All ages are invited to this program.

Ammons documents career fields in Japan



Mike Ammons

By USAF Cecil B. Newberry

As fog marches in from the Sea of Japan, you can almost see old Samurai warriors moving up to stop the advancing enemy. Today, Japan's modern Samurai is Air Force Airman Michael L. Ammons.

Ammons, son of James L. and Cheryl M. Ammons, Boardman, is a visual information documentation specialist at Yokota Air Base on the main island of Honshu.

"My job is to document events on video tape. I use equipment that ranges from the most sophisticated television cameras to a television set," said Ammons.

"During my actual performance of my job, I photograph people at work in various areas of different career fields in the Air Force. As I'm taping these events, I must plan how this coverage can be put together to form a story or documentary that is short but yet interesting and gives the viewer an idea of what happens or is happening.

"After I have shot all of the video, I take it back to the shop for editing which is the 'putting a story

together' part of it. This is where creativity can come into place, as much as goes into the filing stage of the process. When I finish a product, it is ready to be sent to the customer."

Located 28 miles west of Tokyo, Yokota Air Base is just minutes by air from Vladivostok and Soviet military forces. The Americans and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force are the island's first line of defense.

"Since I have been in Japan, I have been to many temporary duty assignments. I have been to Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, New Zealand and more," explained the 1987 graduate of Riverside High School.

Japan, known as the 'Land of the Rising Sun,' is rich in history and tradition. But, it is also one of the fastest growing technical and industrial nations in the world. The two facets of Japan create a contrasting view for the Americans stationed there.

Tokyo, where East meets West, is one of the largest modern cities in the world today. It is a combination of Hollywood, Chicago, New York and Washington D.C. Tokyo is the nation's capital, and home to the entertainment, transportation and financial centers. Although Tokyo is a city of over 12 million people, it is relatively crime and violence free.

"Living in Japan has offered me the opportunity to see a different part of the world. Japan is a very beautiful place which offers me a view of a different culture everyday, with no two days the same," said Ammons.

"The cost of living sure makes things expensive here. But, with the cost of living allowance the government gives us, I'm able to do some traveling around the country. I could do more traveling if it would ever stop raining. Japan has a long and hard rainy season; in fact, it has been

raining for the past 60 days."

Less than 40 years ago, the United States and Japan were locked in battle that spread all over the Pacific.

The people of Japan, with their Geisha girls, Buddhist temples, bamboo groves and rice paddies, were as mysterious to Americans as the land they called home. However, today, Japan and the United States are allies, and economic leaders in the world. Japanese and Americans live and work side-by-side, developing mutual understanding and cooperation.

"The Japanese people are very kind and accept Americans. They often go out of their way to help if you need directions or if you're lost," said Ammons.

"The Japanese are honest in every respect. They are the best hosts I think we could find in the world. They will invite you everywhere, to parades, festivals, and sometimes they even ask you to participate."

In the Service



Airman Shiela M. Gallego, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Town of Boardman, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

The airman is a 1982 graduate of Riverside High School.

Duane W. Yunker, son of Gordon L. and Delores J. Yunker of Tygh Valley, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force under the stripes for exceptional performers (STEP) program to the rank of master sergeant.

The STEP program allows commanders of major air commands to promote ahead of their peers a limited number of enlisted personnel who perform outstandingly under unique conditions.

Yunker is a security police investigations supervisor at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., with the 62nd Security Police Squadron.

His wife, Sharon, is the daughter of Vernon D. and Marilyn Stewart of Irrigon.

He is a 1972 graduate of Umatilla High School.

Rummage and food sale at Stokes Landing in Irrigon

There will be a rummage and baked foods sale at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon Thursday,

Friday and Saturday, February 9-11. Chili beans, all you can eat for \$1, will be served to shoppers at noon.

Births

Zachariah James Martison, a son Zachariah, was born Jan. 31, 1989 to Robin and Kim Martison of Irrigon at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs.

Nicholas Ira Bozarth, a son Nicholas, was born Jan. 28, 1989 to Tammy Bozarth of Boardman at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

Katelyn Ann Stevens, a daughter Katelyn, was born Jan. 4, 1989 to John and Marie Stevens of Pendleton at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 8 ozs.

Grandparents are: Bob and Judy Stevens, Hepner; Robert Kowolchuk, Camas, Wa.; Caralee King, Walla Walla, Wa.

Great grandparents are: Harold and Helen Stevens and Verna Brinda of Hepner and Carmi Meske, Las Vegas, Nev.

Hepner Police Report

The Hepner Police department reports handling the following business during the past week:

Feb. 1: 12:15 a.m. citation issued for Careless Driving; 1:30 p.m. funeral escort; 7:36 p.m. assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

Feb. 2: 1:53 a.m. Motorist Assist; 1 p.m. assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

Feb. 3: 8:59 a.m. assist ambulance; 11:56 p.m. assist fire department.

Feb. 4: 1:25 a.m. assist motorist; 4:25 p.m. report of Kids in Middle of Street; 6:06 p.m. assist at Hotel; 10:52 p.m. assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

Feb. 5: 2:47 p.m. report of Accident.

D.A.'s Report

The District Attorney's office at the courthouse in Hepner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Rocky Rodriguez, 21, Hepner, was sentenced to Burglary in the Second Degree, before Judge Ralph Currin on January 27. He was fined \$50 for Crime Victims Compensation, \$500 attorneys' fees and \$2,309 in restitution to the victim. Rodriguez is to serve five years at Oregon Corrections Division with one year mandatory minimum, suspended on the condition that he successfully complete five years probation and pay 25% of his income towards his restitution until paid in full and then, all funds to be paid to his court-ordered fees and assessments until paid in full. Defendant shall not possess any drug paraphernalia, and subject his person, residence, vehicle and real property to search and seizure by a probation officer to determine the presence of stolen property, and/or drug related items. Defendant to be given random urinalysis test. Defendant is required to stay in the State of Oregon during his probation time.

Dan Greeley Price, 18, Irrigon appeared before Judge Ralph Currin on January 27 and entered a plea of Not Guilty to Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Attempted Assault in the Second Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree and Failure to Carry or Present Operator's License. No trial date has been set at this time.

Wagon Wheel Lunch Specials!

Thurs. Feb. 2nd	Chinese Pork Noodles
Fri. Feb. 3rd	Fish Sandwich-Clam Chowder
Sat. Feb. 4th	Buckaroo Stew
Sun. Feb. 5th	Steak Sandwich
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