

## County received federal money

Morrow County has received \$15,966 in federal government in-lieu-of-tax payments made this month, according to Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan.

Local governments in the Pacific Northwest received more than \$3.2 million.

The annual payments, commonly referred to as "PILT" payments, are distributed to eligible units of local governments by the interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to help offset the loss of revenues caused by the presence of certain tax-exempt land within local government boundaries.

Oregon counties garnered \$2,899,237 in payments while Washington counties took in \$1,430,526.

Across the country, 1,932 local government units received a

payments totalling \$103,854,065. The money is paid under the 1976 Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act.

"These payments are very helpful to local governments, especially for sparsely populated counties that contain large acreages of tax exempt federal lands," Lujan said. "These payments are used to help local governmental units provide such vital services as fire and police protection, search and rescue operations and road construction as well as for a wide variety of other worthwhile governmental purposes."

The BLM administers the PILT program because it is the largest single federal land-management agency, with responsibility for over 270 million acres of public lands.

In-lieu payments are made for tax-exempt federal lands administered by BLM and for National Forests,

National Parks, and National Wildlife Refuges. These payments are also made for federal water projects and some military installations. These monies are in addition to revenues from oil and gas leases and sales of minerals, timber and other materials and products derived from public lands which the federal government also shares with State governments.

"While tax-exempt federal lands help preserve the many different types of land all of us value, their existence can have fiscal impacts on the governmental units that surround them. This partnership is the federal government's way of helping to minimize those impacts," BLM Director Cy Jamison said.

Including the current payment, more than one billion dollars has been delivered to local governments since the program began.

## Austrian missionaries to speak

Dougg and LeAnn Custer are missionaries to Austria, serving with the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society (CBFMS) of Wheaton, Ill. The Custers are currently in the U.S. and will speak about their work in Austria at Lexington Baptist Church on October 8 at 6 p.m.

For six years the Custers have been church planters in Villach, Austria. They define church planting as "an ongoing cycle of evangelism,

discipleship, and leadership training."

Custer's ministry focuses on preaching, counseling, theological training and character development of the men. In addition, he is field chairman for the CBFMS missionaries in Austria. Mrs. Custer is involved in teaching ministries, including Bible studies together as a husband-wife team.

## Missionary to visit Heppner

Dumitru Duduman from Romania will be visiting the Heppner Christian Missionary Fellowship, 140 W. Baltimore, Friday, October 13 at 7 p.m.

Duduman is a minister who was forced from his country because of his testimony of Jesus Christ.

"His message is about the fantastic keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ, while he was tortured unmercifully in prison," said the Reverend Lynda Crane, "but God preserved him to be a witness."

Dumitru travels extensively throughout the U.S. "God has given him a strong message for America," said the Rev. Crane.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## 19 violations issued opening weekend

A total of 19 game violation citations, from killing an antelope to tag violations, were issued to hunters the first two days of hunting season, reports Norm Zeller of the Oregon State Police.

Twenty two game cases were investigated Zeller says, resulting in the 19 citations.

The antelope was killed near Hardman, and police also cited a hunter for killing an elk, and hunters for shooting from the road, waste of an animal, killed does and tagging violations.

## Queen and Court tryouts Oct. 22

The 1990 Queen and Court will be selected at Court tryouts on Oct. 22 at the Morrow County fairgrounds beginning at 1 p.m.

All interested young women between the ages of 16 and 21 may submit an application for the tryouts. Application forms and court rules can be obtained from the fair office on Tuesdays and Thursdays or by leaving a message on the answering machine and the application will be mailed to you. Deadline for application is Oct. 19.

"The Queen and court are ambassadors for the fair and rodeo. They travel to various rodeos and public functions where they make public appearances advertising and promoting the fair and rodeo," states Charles Daly, chairman of the fair board. "It is a good experience for the young riders and it allows each member of the queen and court to grow and gain self confidence," Daly adds.

The tryouts will begin at 1 p.m. Each candidate will need to bring a horse, her equipment, and a prepared speech for the competition on the 22nd. There is riding and speaking competition, as well as an interview with members of the Rodeo Committee, Fair Committee and Fair Board.

The public is welcome to attend the court tryouts.

Morrow County's young horsewomen will represent the Fair and Rodeo all summer and their memories, growth and abilities should broaden greatly following the court's appearances.

## Nancy Miller to attend program

Profiles for Tomorrow is a new 4-H Leadership program taking place in Washington, D.C. Oregon is sending two 4-H members and one adult chaperone. Nancy Miller, Ione, has been selected to accompany the two Oregon 4-H delegates.

The conference will be October 6-9 and will focus on leadership training. The workshops will cover such topics as: Leadership styles, goal setting, training, other teens, leadership through communication and group dynamics.

"It looks like a great opportunity and Morrow County will be anxious to hear about the new program from Nancy," says Bill Broderick, Morrow County Extension Agent.

## Fire marshal to adopt clear cardlock rules

In response to a letter from eight Eastern Oregon DA's, the Oregon Fire Marshal will adopt rules clarifying the gasoline cardlock situation in Oregon.

According to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace, the fire marshal will be filing proposed administrative rules with the Secretary of State's Office this month. These rules will be designed to clarify the distinction between allowed "commercial" customers and those customers of card-locks who would be illegal "retail" customers.

Since 1951, it has been illegal for gasoline dispensers to allow retail self-service in Oregon. However, a 1966 Oregon Attorney General's opinion allows an exception for commercial customers.

The DA's from the eight Eastern Oregon counties have been asked to prosecute card-locks for violation of the ban on retail self-service.

Because of the vagueness of the definition of what constitutes a "commercial" customer, the district attorney's requested the fire marshal to adopt these rules.

According to Wallace, a series of statewide public hearings will be held later in October to give both sides in the issue the opportunity to provide input into what the final rules will be. One of the three hearings will be held at 9 a.m. on October 27 at the Pendleton City Council Chambers in Pendleton.

It is contemplated that the final rules will be adopted in early November, following the public hearings.

"I greatly appreciate the State Fire Marshal's offer to adopt clear administrative rules, and to give both sides to the dispute input into the rules prior to their final adoption," says Wallace, and I look forward to working with all parties in a constructive way to resolve the matter."

## Fillies slow start costs game

A slow start by the Heppner Fillies cost them dearly Tuesday, Sept. 26 when they traveled to Athena to take on the Tiger-Scots in CBC volleyball action. The Fillies were beaten in two games 3-15, 17-19.

"We started the match slow and didn't pick up any momentum to beat the Tiger-Scots," commented Coach Terri Gentry.

In the first game the sluggish Fillies didn't even get through the full serving rotation and managed only three points as the Tiger-Scots rolled to the victory.

The Fillies once again found themselves trailing in the second game, before Dulcie Palmer's serving pulled Heppner back in the game. The Fillies played hard but fell short as Weston-McEwen won the second game, 17-19.

Palmer had an outstanding night at the serving stripe as she served 24 out of 24 for a perfect serving record.

One bright spot in the Heppner loss was the net play of the Fillies. Heppner, led by Jennifer Currin, had some good blocks at the net throughout the evening.

## Ione takes first in Wahtonka tournament

By Melissa Rowell  
On September 16, the Ione volleyball team traveled to The Dalles to Wahtonka High School for the Wahtonka Tournament.

Ione played Goldendale, Wash. for their first match of the day. The Cards started out slow and let Goldendale take the game 14-16.

The Cards came back fighting in the second game, taking it 16-14.

In the third game, the Cards were still charged up and took the game 15-11.

After this match, the Cards didn't get a break, they played Wahtonka next.

Darcee Padberg served eight points to lead the Cards to the win of 15-13.

In the second game, Wahtonka seemed tired and Ione took advantage of that. Freshman Crystal Monster came off the bench to serve six points. Ione made quick work of Wahtonka beating them 15-3.

In the Cardinal's third game and final match of the day, they took on Hood River Valley.

Again, Ione came out slow and let Hood River have it 11-15.

In the second game, Ione was fired up and ready. Only three of Ione's players got to serve. Linda Morter made five points with her strong serves. The third and final person to serve was Jo Cupps, who served eight straight points to finish the game 15-2.

Again in the third game, Linda Morter served seven straight serves to lead the Cardinals. Jo Cupps also served six points to win the game and match, 15-5.

This year was the second time the Ione Cardinals have brought home the trophy. They also brought it home last year.

## Lady Cards stomp Echo

By Melissa Rowell

The lady Cards traveled to Echo on Sept. 19 to take on the Cougar volleyball team. The Cardinals were charged up and ready to win as they stepped on the court.

Mary Cupps made six points in the first game to lead the Cardinals to a 15-0 win.

Darcee Padberg started the second game with six straight points. Jo Cupps continued with seven more and Amy Wagenblast took the final two more to finish the game winning 15-6.

Echo took the JV game 15-12.

## Lexington News

By Delpha Jones, 989-8189

--Holly Rebekah Lodge met for the regular meeting and potluck dinner enjoyed jointly with the Odd-fellows. Plans were further discussed for the Card Party Sat. Oct. 7. The committee plans a costume party and those in costumes will be judged before the playing begins at 7:30 p.m. There will be prizes for costumes as well as cards. Refreshments will be served. This is the first of the fall and winter card parties sponsored by the lodge.

Get well cards were sent to ill members. Following the business meeting a birthday gift exchange was enjoyed.

--Lexington residents were sorry to hear of the death of Gaylord Davis former resident. His son Scott lives in Lexington.

--The Charles Sumner family are doing extensive remodeling to their home in Lexington.

--Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Bigelow from Prineville were visitors with Martha and Gary Munkers and family on the weekend.

--Pastor and wife Phyliss Anderson were Portland callers last week to see Leita Messenger who was critically ill there. Friends in Lex-

ington are greatly grieved to hear of her death on Saturday. She and her husband have spent most of their married life in this area, and raised their family here. She will be greatly missed.

--Visitors at the Cecil Jones home have been their daughter Charlene Whitney from Portland, Joyce Wajak who has recently moved to Pendleton from the Los Angeles area, and Max Akers of Portland. On Saturday they visited with friends of Joyce's who she hasn't seen for several years. She will be remembered as Joyce Peck and was raised in Lexington.

--Josie Peck has returned home from a trip with her daughter Dorothy Tucker to Alaska where they visited another daughter Jeanette and family in the Juneau Alaska area. She returned home with Ed and Dorothy Tucker last week.

--Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson and son spent several days in Lexington where they visited her father and wife Barbara and Jim Bloodsworth, and her grandmother Eula Bloodsworth who is a patient in Pioneer Nursing Home.

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