

Tri-Cities man sentenced on drug charges

A 28-year old Kennewick man has been sentenced to three years probation following his conviction on drug-related charges, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Eric Von Dellinger was sentenced by Morrow County Circuit Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currin on Friday following his earlier guilty plea. Imposition of sentence was suspended, and Dellinger was placed on three years formal probation, and fined \$1,500. He was also required to undergo evaluation for drug dependency and treatment as directed by his probation officer, and submit to random drug treatment and

to testing the polygraph examination, and to pay a \$50 fee to the crime victim's compensation account.

Dellinger was arrested by the Oregon State Police on June 17, 1989 following the discovery of a number of marijuana plants near Rhea Creek, south of Heppner. Morrow County Sheriff's office and the Heppner Police department also assisted in the investigation.

Dellinger was originally charged with manufacturing a controlled substance, but plead to possession of a controlled substance after cooperating with law enforcement authorities to locate additional marijuana plants in the Rhea Creek area.

Conflict causes change in garden club meeting

Because of conflicts the regular Garden Club meeting has been changed to Thursday, Nov. 2. It will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Vern Batty's home.

The program will be given by Bebe Munkers on the description and culture of species of canna plants. Plans for the Artfactory will be discussed.

Christian Church Harvest Festival this Sunday

The First Christian Church will hold their annual Harvest Festival Dinner this Sunday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

The festival will feature a sit-down

dinner, special music and guest speaker, Harry Orn, director of the Oregon Christian Evangelistic Fellowship. Everyone is invited to attend.

Church groups selling Christmas trees

St. William's and St. Patrick's Catholic Church Youth Groups are selling Christmas trees this year as a money making project. The trees are sheared, plantation grown Douglas Firs from Crooked Row Tree Farm.

The trees are available for \$2.50 per foot. Twenty inch wreaths are

also available for \$15.

The trees and wreaths will be delivered to the buyers' homes by December 10. All orders must be in by November 8 and must be prepaid. For more information or to place an order call Jeri McElligott at 422-7257, Linda Morter at 422-7494 or Sheridan Tarnasky at 676-5059.

Fair receives silver for 1989 efforts

The Morrow County Fair has received word this week that the 1989 fair was awarded a silver medallion for achieving 926 points.

Fairs that receive 950 plus points are considered to be Gold Medallion Fairs, those that receive 850-949 points are Silver Medallion Fairs, and those scoring under 850 points are Blue Ribbon Fairs.

Oregon has 36 county fairs. The County Fair Commission sends a fair evaluator around to each fair and merit rating scores are awarded. The fair evaluator this year said he felt

that our fair was "exceptional, but handicapped by being hemmed in a canyon with a highway, a creek and property tight on both ends."

He said he felt that the fair board was very dedicated in trying to manage on limited space and funds. He noted the "excellent community support," and Morrow County is so close to a gold but yet their hands are tied. "They are doing so much with what they have and I feel are really meeting the needs of most of the people," states Larry Bell, County Fair Commission evaluator.

Wheat aphid meeting Nov. 14

The Russian wheat aphid is very well adapted to conditions in Oregon, according to Fred Lundin, agricultural Extension agent in Morrow County.

This aphid can survive sudden freezes as low as -13° F, said Lundin, "and extended conditions of 23° F."

Lundin recently attended the third annual Russian wheat aphid symposium in Albuquerque. The symposium addressed such topics as aphid physiology, chemical control,

biological control, and plant breeding for resistance.

The Russian wheat aphid symposium in Albuquerque brought together over 200 scientists from the U.S. and Canada to discuss research on this pest.

"It looks like we're at least six years away from a good resistant variety," said Lundin, "and it could be much longer. The South Africans are just now ready to release their first resistant variety, and they've had the aphid for eleven years."

The Russian wheat aphid was first observed in Morrow County in 1987. It has become a very serious pest of wheat since then.

There will be a meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Lexington Grange to discuss some of the results of research on the Russian wheat aphid, according to Lundin. "We will review results of Dick Jackson's survey in Morrow County as well. Dick Jackson is an entomologist with the Oregon Department of Agriculture. He is currently surveying fields throughout the Columbia Basin for the aphid."

Mike Stoltz, Umatilla County Agricultural Extension Agent will be with Lundin on the program. The agenda includes a discussion of seed treatments and in-furrow treatments for aphid control, agronomic practices and their effect on aphid infestations, and pesticide efficacy trial results.

In the Service

Deborah L. Driver has received a four-year U.S. Air Force ROTC scholarship, the Army and Airforce hometown news service has announced.

The recipient was selected on the basis of comprehensive tests, high school scholastic achievement, and extracurricular activities.

The scholarship covers full tuition, textbooks, laboratory fees, and pays a monthly subsistence allowance.

Upon graduation and completion of the ROTC program, the cadet will be commissioned an Air Force second lieutenant.

The cadet is a student at the University of Portland.

Driver is the daughter of Ivan G. Driver and Linda K. Ellison both of Irrigon.

She is a 1989 graduate of Riverside High School, Boardman.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Marvin Robert Padberg, 45, Ione. Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone. \$30 fine; Shawn Allen Gibson, 24, Heppner. Violation of the Basic Rule. 41 mph in a 25 mph zone. \$49 fine.

Walter G. Balczewski, 44, Tigard. Open Container. \$49 fine.

4-H horsemen to practice Nov. 5

South Morrow County 4-H horse practice will be held Sunday, November 5, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Persons wanting to sign up for the Ival Sullivan Clinic Nov. 11 and 12 must pre-register at the Extension office.

EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett

Rumors Dispelled About Limited-entry Elk Hunts

Popping tamarack and lodgepole pine in an oversized campfire shoots profusion of sparks spiraling into the bitter night air, climbing like a squadron of orange fireflies then winking out. Tents and RVs of every description loom at the edge of the yellow glow, while nearer the inferno an equal mix of flickering backsides and frontends encircle the crackling magnet. Invariably, the only unoccupied block of wood supports a half-full bottle of Canadian spirits, though

it rarely rests for long.

One can almost imagine the murrain.

"Better enjoy it while we can; I hear next year this'll be a limited-entry unit for elk."

"Hell, I hear they're all going to be limited entry--won't be no open areas," another mumbles, flicking a twig with the toe of his boot. "Guess they want that extra fee out of everybody."

"They already got mine anyhow," says a third. "Reason me an' Fred are here this year is because we didn't draw none of our choices."

"You didn't," corrects Fred, "I just plain forgot to send mine in last spring. The last thing on my mind in April was elk hunting. I ought to have my butt kicked."

Rumors of a potentially inconvenient hunting or fishing regulation run faster through the sporting community than infidelity hearsay through a corporate-office lunchroom. Now, in the midst of elk season, the buzz is that all game management units of eastern Oregon will be restricted to limited-entry elk hunting next year.

"I know damn well it is," one hunter told this outdoor reporter. "I read it right in the regulations."

"Wrong," says Greg Hattan, ODFW District Wildlife Biologist from John Day. "We did mention in the regulations that there are three units that may go in (for limited-entry status), but not all of them. And I would question whether those three units are going to go in."

Hattan said the Desolation, Ukiah and Heppner units are being considered for limited-entry designation to bolster dangerously low bull-to-cow elk ratios. Not only does fewer mature bulls mean decreased opportunity for hunters, it jeopardizes future herd recruitment.

"The Ukiah and Heppner units have been logged so heavy, and there is so little cover and so many roads that there's just no bull survival," Hattan said. "If those two go, Desolation is almost surrounded by limited-entry, and that would put more pressure on it than it could stand and bull ratios would go to heck there, too."

Hattan said the department is hoping to work with the Forest Service to correct the problem, stating that if an aggressive road-closure program can be effected, limited-entry status for the three units may not be necessary.

"If I had to guess right now, I'd say no more units will go in next year, and certainly not more than those three," he offered.

In order for any unit to be changed to limited entry, the subject must first be proposed to and approved by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Hattan expressed strong doubts that the rumored concept of restricting all hunt units to limited entry would be well received by the commission.

"They are very reluctant to not allow an opportunity to hunt somewhere, and that's understandable," Hattan said, "so it's going to have to be real critical conditions before we go to total limited entry. And we'll try every avenue we can to keep from doing that--before taking that last step. That's not to say it won't happen somewhere down the line, but it's not going to happen next year."

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