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1980 - 82 team wins alumni contest



Classes of 1980-82 alumni winners are front l-r: Tony Currin, Ken Stookey, John Murray. Back l-r: Dale Holland, Dorian Forrar, Curt Day, Dale Holland, Don Lott, Harry Groshens, Larry Palmer.

The alumni team of 1980-82 beat out last years winners 1972-75 in the championship game Sunday night, to take the trophy at the 4th annual Morrow County alumni tournament held Dec. 27-29 in Heppner. Team members were Doug and Dale Holland, John Murray, Don Lott, Dorian Forrar, Ken Stookey, Curt Day, Larry Palmer, Harry Groshens and Tony Currin.

Consolation honors went to the team of 1976-79 and third place went to the team of 1988-91.

"The games were very competitive this year," commented organizer Stuart Dick. "The players show up each year in better shape. It was a real enjoyable

tournament for everyone."

Missy Cutsforth won the women's free throw sinking nine out of 10. Bobby Krein, who made six out of nine, was the men's three-point competition winner.

According to Dick, this year's contest is expected to net \$2,200 which will go toward youth sports programs. In contrast to previous years, the alumni did all of the work at the tournament, scorekeeping, ticket taking, tending the clock and keeping statistics, so that more money could be returned to the youth programs. Last years tourney

brought in a little under \$2,000.

This year's tournament was dedicated to the memory of 1976 graduate David McLaughlin, who died this summer as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Organizers of the contest include Don Lott, who prepared the gym and was in charge of equipment, towels and referees; Archie Ball who coordinated announcing; Doug Gunderson, Ron Bowman and Molly Rhea, announcers; Susie Hisler, who organized the women's competition and took care of the shirts; and Steve Rhea and Stuart Dick who handle finances year-round.

School district business manager resigns for Hermiston position

Morrow County School District business manager Chuck Rhoads has announced his resignation to take a similar position with the Hermiston School District for a \$13,577 pay increase from \$39,414 to \$52,991.

Rhoads' last day will be January 31, although he will use 8½ vacation days in January working at the Hermiston district. He will begin full time at Hermiston on Feb. 1.

Rhoads, 39, of Boardman, came to Morrow County School District in 1989 from Mac-Hi at Milton-Freewater, where he also worked as business manager. Before that he worked six years

as purchasing manager and bookstore business manager at Walla Walla Community College. He has a bachelor of science degree in business administration and administration and a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Central Washington University at Ellensburg, WA, and is working toward a master's degree in economics from Washington State University Graduate Center in the Tri-Cities.

In his new position, Rhoads will supervise people in the business office and food service program and will direct the activities of the district's buildings and grounds supervisor.

Rhoads was chosen by the Hermiston School Board out of a pool of 38 applicants, six of whom were selected for interviews.

Rhoads' benefits at the new district include 21 vacation days, seven holidays and three non-paid holidays. Benefits at Morrow County included 20 vacation days, 12 paid holidays, two unpaid holidays and a tax sheltered annuity (retirement plan).

Mailings concerning the vacated position in Morrow County have been sent to around 360 members of the Oregon Association of School Business Officials and advertisements will also be made locally, according to Rhoads.

Medical board withdraws contract offer



Ernest Wick

The Morrow County Medical Board has withdrawn their temporary contract offer to Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator Ernest Wick.

Wick announced his resignation as administrator effective

Dec. 26 at the Nov. 26 medical board meeting. Wick said that he was resigning for "personal reasons."

The board initially offered Wick a short term contract to continue acting as administrator during a transition period from Dec. 26 until a new administrator is named.

Stan Berry of Western Health Resources said that he would act as administrator until one is named, and Sheridan Tarnasky, director of nurses, would serve as the on-site supervisor. Western Health Resources, an Adventist Hospital administration firm based in California, is under contract with the medical board to provide management and computer services at PMH.

Berry said that it was felt that it would be better to make a clean



Stan Berry

break. He had stated earlier that Wick was not asked to resign.

Wick has been PMH administrator for the past four and a half years, initially as an employee of St. Anthony Hospital while St. Anthony provided management services for PMH.

Fels sworn in as district court judge

Peter Fels was sworn in as new District Court Judge by Oregon Supreme Court Justice W. Michael Gillette Monday, Dec. 30, in Hermiston. Fels assumes the district court seat vacated by retiring Judge Ralph Currin. "It is a great honor to have Justice Gillette administer my oath of office as district court judge. I sincerely appreciate the special effort Judge Gillette has expended on my behalf," stated Fels.

"One of my goals is to make the court open and accessible to the public," he stated, adding, "District court is truly a people's court, and the people should feel free to come in and talk to me at any time. Mick Gillette is an outstanding, hardworking judge and I intend to follow his example."

Gillette, the only Supreme Court Justice from Eastern Oregon, grew up in the Milton-Freewater area where he still has family. Gillette has served on the highest court in the state of Oregon since 1986. Prior to that date Judge Gillette served on the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Peter Fels was appointed to fill the remaining term of Judge Currin by Governor Barbara Roberts in November. The governor cited Fels's experience and ability to speak Spanish as key factors in selecting him over a field of six candidates for the Hermiston court. "When the governor considered Peter Fels for this appointment, she was impressed by



Peter Fels

his commitment to be fair and work exceptionally hard to be an

effective judge for the court," according to the governor's Eastern Oregon representative Victor Vasquez.

Fels is a 1978 University of Oregon law school graduate and has been a practicing attorney in Eastern Oregon since 1979. Fels' experience includes work as a staff attorney for a legal aid program for migrant farmworkers, judge for the Umatilla Reservation Tribal Court, and regional director of Oregon Legal Services.

Fels has not formally announced the formation of his election campaign team but confirmed he plans to seek election to retain the position to which he was appointed.

Town and Country festivities Jan. 7 & 8

Capping two days of Heppner's annual Town and Country affair, January 7 and 8, will be banquet speaker Bob Tallman, from the Baker valley, known as the voice of professional rodeo. Along with presentations for outstanding citizens, Tallman's address will be a feature at the prime rib dinner at 7 p.m. January 8 at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

An ex-wrangler and former

pro-rodeo cowboy, Tallman grew up on a back country Nevada ranch. He and his family now have a cattle ranch in the Baker Valley.

Known as the host of the American Farmer radio program heard on stations throughout the United States, Tallman's picturesque verbal style has made him one of the best-known and highest paid rodeo announcers in the business.

People attending the banquet will have the opportunity to see and hear a familiar radio and rodeo personality. And he will return to Heppner in August as organizers of the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo have contracted his services as announcer for two afternoon professional rodeo performances in Heppner during fair time.

Tallman is a man who speaks with an authentic and authoritative voice, carrying a message of hope and optimism

about American agriculture to millions of people each day via the radio.

Town and Country days highlights include commodity group meetings, and the annual Heppner Chamber of Commerce officer installation noon luncheon on Tuesday, January 7. The public is invited to hear Senator Wayne Fawbush, Hood River, speak during that luncheon. Wednesday's luncheon will feature the success story of "Eastern Oregon Specialties" an enterprise that had its roots in farm production.

All events are open to the public. Tickets may be purchased in advance. Luncheon prices are \$5 per person. The banquet is \$15 per person. Seating for the banquet is limited to 175.

Town and Country Days "Consumers, Retailers, & Producers Working Together"

Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 7 & 8, 1992
Schedule of events - all meetings are at the Elks
and open to the public

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| Tues., Jan. 7 | 12:00 noon Heppner Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation. Guest luncheon speaker Senator Wayne Fawbush, \$5. |
| Wed., Jan 8 | 8:30 a.m. Soil & Water Conservation District Board meeting |
| | 10:00 a.m. Small Woodlands Annual Business meeting |
| | 10:30 a.m. SWCD Meeting - 50th Anniversary of Conservation in Morrow County. Guest speaker Nels Anderson, Dallas, OR. |
| | 12:00 noon Town & Country Luncheon, \$5. Program: "Eastern Oregon Specialties" Learn how Morrow and Umatilla counties are becoming a success at marketing specialty foods and hand-crafted items. Gourmet products will be available for sampling and door-prizes will be drawn. |
| | 2:00 p.m. Joint meeting of Morrow County Livestock Growers and Wheat League Association. Program will feature a panel discussion: "CRP Predictions...what lies ahead?" |
| | 6:00 p.m. Social Hour, hosted. |
| | 7:00 p.m. Prime Rib banquet, \$15. Guest speaker Bob Tallman. Awards: Citizen of the Year, Business, Educator. Coronation of 1992 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Jenni Ashbeck. Gem drawing, donated by Peterson's Jewelers. |

Banquet tickets are on sale at Morrow County Grain Growers, Morrow County Extension Service, Heppner Chamber of Commerce, and the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

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