

Kilkenny house burns to ground



Not much left of Kilkenny home

Controversy and debate has arisen locally following Friday's fire at the John and Diane Kilkenny home. Heppner firefighters refused to respond to the 911 call requesting help, when it was determined that the Kilkenny property was outside the rural fire protection district boundary.

The Kilkenny's are naturally upset over the loss of their newly restored farmhouse, built by the late federal Judge John Kilkenny in 1914, but because of liability problems and responsibility to members of the fire district, fire officials

said they had no choice. The fire apparently started in an oil furnace, and no one was home at the time of the blaze. There was insurance on the home.

"We had just two weeks before it would have been finished and ready to move into," John Kilkenny said Tuesday. "We had not petitioned to get in (to the fire district) but we had told them we wanted to. It was all verbal. The fire department knew we wanted to get in."

Kilkenny said the house is located one half mile outside

the fire district, and that the house burned for one half hour before "it really got going." He said once the fire got going it took about an hour to burn completely to the ground. Neighbors tried to help but garden hoses weren't enough. "We needed a pumper. One pumper would have done the job," Kilkenny said.

Kilkenny said he would like to see the rural fire protection policy changed. "So something like this doesn't happen again.

Apparently firefighters are allowed to go outside the district only for mutual aid and when someone's life is at risk.

In survey, four-day school week favored

Morrow County teachers, students, parents and school district classified employees are in favor of the four-day school week, according to a survey conducted by the Morrow County School District. The four-day week was implemented as a way to save money in a district hard hit by budget cuts and state-wide school funding equalization. Savings were made in utilities, busing, a reduction in classified staff hours and substitute costs. Officials say that with a lengthened day, students spend as much or more time in the classroom and since most school sporting events are now held on Fridays, student athletes do not miss as much

school. Teachers, who have a contract with the district, work as many hours, but do not have as many student contact days. School district officials say they have tried to limit teacher workshops and meetings to Fridays.

Ninety percent of students responding to the survey recommended that the four-day student week continue, as did 61 percent of the parents, 78 percent of the teachers and 82 percent of the classified employees.

Only 15 percent of the parents, three percent of the teachers and two percent of the classified employees recommended the five-day student week if cuts were required

elsewhere. However 22 percent of parents, nine percent of teachers, four percent of classified staff and three percent of students recommended going back to the five-day week, with no stipulation of cuts elsewhere.

Sixty-two percent of the teachers say that they believe student learning has been as successful in the four-day student week as it would be in a five-day week and 74 percent say that they have been affected positively by the four-day student week.

Fifty-one percent of the parents say their children are learning as much as they did on a five-day schedule. Only 10 percent say the four-day week has been a problem for their families.

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Good photos topic of leader training

Leader training for Family Community Education Study Groups in Morrow and Umatilla counties is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 28. Good photographs will be the topic of the training which will be offered at 10 a.m. in the State Office Building, 950 Columbia

Drive (adjacent to the Blue Mountain Community College Hermiston campus) in Hermiston.

Training will provide information for participants to share with their respective study groups. Basic principles of compositions for memorable photographs and selection of albums and display materials to prolong the life of treasured photographs will be covered. Examples of ways to display and use photos to increase a child's self-confidence and belongingness to the family will be shared.

There is no charge for training. Participants will receive materials for re-teaching the lesson to their groups. For further information, contact instructor Carol Michael-Bennett, Oregon State University Extension agent for Morrow County at 1-800-342-3664 or 676-9642.

Good Luck at State!



Back row (l-r): Asst. coach Kelly Swarat, Tori Odinet, Angie Ball, Suzy Heideman, Niki Sullivan, Jenny Sullivan, coach Dana Heideman; middle row (l-r)-Dawn Boor, Kara Miller, Maci Childers, Melissa McElligott, Laree Anderson, Brenda Holtz; front row (l-r)-Stephanie Lemieux, manager Camie Crum, Stephanie Haguewood.



Back row (l-r): Asst. coach Dean Robinson, Joe Bacon, Jake McElligott, Petr Hybs, Marc Orem, Kelly Morgan, coach Del LaRue; front row (l-r)-Jon Garrett, Luke Swanson, Jory Crowell, Jacob Taylor, Steve Allen.

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