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Palmer indicted on 18 counts

Boardman city manager John Kenton "Jack" Palmer has been indicted on 18 counts in Morrow County Circuit Court, according to Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods, Jr.

Palmer was indicted Dec. 12 and charged with second degree theft, a misdemeanor, first degree theft, a felony, and first degree official misconduct, a misdemeanor.

The charges are in connection with the alleged theft of plywood, lumber and concrete, theft of services of city employees and use of city equipment, including two backhoes, for his personal use from the city of Boardman while he was employed as city manager. He was also indicted for the alleged use of a tractor and augur belonging to the Morrow County School District.

The indictment also alleges that Palmer was responsible for leakage at a thrust block site that caused a shut down in city water services to other residents of the city and violated city of Boardman zoning regulations with the intent to benefit by siting more than one dwelling on an unpartitioned lot.

According to the MCDA's office, Palmer is scheduled for arraignment this Thursday, Dec. 19, and is represented by Hermiston attorney Gary Luisi.



Evans named to Round-Up Court

Josilyn "Jossie" Evans of Heppner has been selected as a member of the 1997 Round-Up Court.

Evans, 18, the daughter of Monte and Beck Evans of Heppner, is a 1996 graduate of Heppner High School and is attending Blue Mountain Community College at Pendleton.

Evans was active in basketball, volleyball and track in high school, winning a medal at the 1996 state track meet. She was an officer for the Heppner FFA chapter and participated on the judging team. She has also been very involved in rodeo and 4-H, working with cattle and riding horses. She has won numerous awards with her beef and horses, including the 4-H county beef production award, the Angus Auxiliary

awards, champion market steer, champion round robin showmanship, reserve champion beef showman, champion senior performance horse twice at the Morrow County Open Horse Shows, and 4-H Horse Show high point rider.

Evans was a Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Princess in 1995, the same year her younger brother, Casey, was a pennant bearer.

Her family has a long history with rodeos and the Round-Up. Her mother, is a



Jossie Evans former queen of the Round-Up and her aunt, Michelle Evans Bergstrom, was on royalty courts for both Heppner and Pendleton. Jossie's father, Monte, is a former Morrow County calf roping winner and he often serves as bucking chute boss during rodeos.

Her grandfather, Don Evans was honored as the 1992 Morrow County Fair grand marshal.

Jossie's maternal grandparents, the Royal Raymonds, are active supporters of the Round-Up.

Other members of the 1997 Round-Up Court are queen, Jamie Bealer, and princesses, Natalie Johnson, Kristen Elliott and Megan Corey.

Churches join for Christmas drama

A special dramatic presentation of the Christmas story with music will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 4:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner.

The presentation is co-sponsored by area churches. All Saints Episcopal Church, Heppner, will present scene one, "The creation, fall of man and need for a savior"; scene two by the Church of the Nazarene, "Foretold prophesy of Christ; scene three, United Church of Christ, lone, "Mary and the angel Gabriel"; scene four, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, "No palace for the King"; scene five, Hope and Valby Lutheran Churches, "Angels' proclamation to the shepherds"; scene six, St. Williams Catholic Church, "Christ the King is born".

Fellowship and refreshments will follow the presentation.

Last chance to 'shop Heppner Sundays'

This Sunday, Dec. 22, the "Shop Heppner Sundays" theme continues, representing the final opportunity to enter the drawing for a trip to Reno.

Individuals 21 years old or older can get entry forms in participating businesses. The drawing for the Reno trip for two will take place after stores close on Sunday. The winner will be notified. The prize has been donated by Mid-Columbia Bus Co.

Punch cards will continue as another shopping bonus activity, and this Sunday will be the last one for the Sunday specials that some businesses have featured this month.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will judge entries in the Holiday Lighting competition this Sunday also. Shoppers might end their afternoon with a tour of the city streets to witness the splendid colors and designs of this year's decorators, said a spokesperson.

Hyatt retires from Kinzua



Wayland Hyatt (center) with Chuck Mitchell (left) and Mike Hauser

Friday the 13th is a good day for Wayland Hyatt of Heppner. He was born on that day and retired on Friday, Dec. 13, of this year. Hyatt retired from Kinzua Resources after 42 years with the company.

Hyatt, 61, started working parttime summers at Kinzua in 1952. Then in 1954 he began working at the Kinzua Mercantile, the local grocery store in the town of Kinzua. After that he began working for the CK&S railroad, which was owned by Kinzua. He worked on the railroad for 12 years when he was transferred to Heppner in 1975, where he has worked ever since. In Heppner he worked with fire protection and in the filing

room. Hyatt and his wife Pat, who also works for Kinzua, were married in 1955. They have three children, Theresa Morris, Kah-nee-ta, Travis, Portland, and Troy, Heppner, and four grandchildren.

"I worked for a lot of good people," said Wayland. "I had some awful good bosses, some real good people."

He said that when he began working for Kinzua in 1952, he earned \$1.63 an hour.

Hyatt says that now he will be spending more time working on his home in Sheridan, where the couple plan to move by the end of June.



Santa makes appearance for lunch with local kids

A special guest arrived in Heppner Sunday for the annual lunch with Santa program. Youngsters were able to talk with Santa and then enjoy a lunch and a movie.

Buy a brick for Christmas gift

A People for the Pool mailing has been sent to area residents inviting donations for the swimming pool fund raiser.

People for the Pool, a non-profit fund raising booster club, is giving people an opportunity to "leave your mark" on the Heppner this Christmas by buying a brick for the Willow Creek Park District's swimming pool complex to be built next year.

For \$30 people may purchase a one-line inscription or \$45 people may purchase a two line inscription on a brick that will be installed at the new pool. A heart or star symbol will be added for an additional \$10.

Wall of Fame donors will have a laser printed faux granite plaque placed in a prominent position at the pool site. Friends of the Pool (for contributors of \$100 to \$499), Patrons of the Pool (contributors of \$500 to \$24,499) and Champions of the Pool (contributors of \$25,000 and over) will be recognized with their name (individual, memoriam, corporation, business, club, foundation, etc.) and optional logo as Wall of Fame donors.

Checks may be sent to People for the Pool, Inc., P.O. Box 901, Heppner, OR 97836.

People for the Pool has raised around \$70,000 in

donations, fund raisers and grants. The group is planning to fund an indoor multi-use pool, which could be completed in two phases, as funds are available. The first phase would be construction of the building which would surround the indoor pool and the second phase would include the therapy pool itself.

The outdoor pool will be built this year. According to Gary Marks, project manager, bids are out and will be opened January 22 at 2:30 p.m. The outdoor pool will include a four or six-lane pool, a zero-depth fan area (much like a sloped beach) and a slide area.

Woods to leave for Bosnia; DA replacement named

Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods, Jr., has learned that he will be going to Bosnia sooner than originally planned, but won't be shipped out until after Christmas.

Woods, whose National Guard Unit has been called up, has already begun training and will be officially activated on Dec. 31. From January 6-10, he will take a combat lifesaving course and then will fly non-stop from Portland to Heidelberg, Germany, where he is scheduled for a mine-sweeping course. The course not only provides instruction on avoiding mines, but on how to extract them from the

ground. After leaving Heidelberg, Woods will be shipped to Budapest, Hungary. From Budapest, he will join a convoy through Czech Republic to Tuzla, Bosnia, which is located northeast of Sarajevo.

At Tuzla, Woods will be working seven days a week, 12 hours a day, coordinating the defense of the Tuzla containment area. He says he will not be allowed to leave the area, even to go into town, because it is a combat zone. Replacement DA named

William Hanlon, formerly the district attorney of

Jefferson County, has been named interim Morrow County DA during Woods' expected nine-month deployment to Bosnia.

Hanlon will interrupt a sailing trip around the world to assume Morrow County DA duties, effective Monday, Dec. 30, said Woods.

Early deadlines

The Heppner Gazette will publish one day early next week for Christmas. News deadline for next week's paper is this Friday and advertising deadline is Monday noon.

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