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Rec district plans meeting

A meeting of the Morrow County Unified Recreation District will be held on Thursday, February 26, at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Middle School Library in Irrigon.

The agenda includes: current bills; old business; new business; chairman's report; and items pending.

Current bills includes payment of \$9,744.83 to Tarlow, Jordan & Schrader. Old business includes an advisory vote and review of resolution. New business includes budget committee members, calendar and training and policies and

procedures for the new local budget law. The chairman's report includes advertisement for the community calendar report; local budget workshop report; Irrigon chamber; Commission on Children and Families services; correspondence, resignation by Walter Tittman; and the treasurer's report. The pending items include a request for funding for English as a Second Language classes by Tony Chavez; a Boardman park request to contract services; Boardman chamber, request to contract services; and a Morrow County Arts Council request for "Music in the Park" project.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

Seventy persons over the age of 60 and five under 60 attended the meal site at St. Patrick's Senior Center Wednesday, Feb. 18, and fifteen meals were home delivered. Members of the Nazarene and Seventh-day Adventist churches served. Bingo was played following the meal.

The menu for March 4 is not available at this time. Members of the Catholic Church will serve. Hearing aid assistance will be given at 10 a.m. and blood pressures will be taken at 11 a.m. The Nutrition Site Committee will meet and Bingo will be played, both at 1 p.m.

There were 33 present for the breakfast Friday morning, Feb. 20. The menu for Fri., Feb. 27, will be eggs Benedict, fruit, hot and cold cereal, orange juice, milk and coffee.

One table of cards was in play Friday afternoon. Tuesday Feb. 17, Carl Rhea, Ralph Struthers, Velma Wight and Doll Campbell sold quilt raffle tickets at the Post Office.

There was no movie Sunday night, but hopefully it will soon be warm enough to start having them again.

St. Patrick's week end is fast approaching. More volunteers are needed for the many work projects for the soup, roll and pie luncheon. Sign up sheet is available in the office. Those who help out get to meet so many visitors from all over the state and some from other states. It's very interesting and, if enough volunteers help, the two hour shifts pass very quickly.

We would also like to invite new volunteers to help out in the office. The shifts are for half a day.

Some of the seniors are trying to think of some new and interesting things to do at the center, perhaps an afternoon of refreshments and reminiscing, perhaps arts and crafts. We are open to ideas from the community.

Dates to remember: exercise Tues. and Thurs., 10 a.m. everyone welcome. Velma is a great leader; Wed., senior dinner, 12 noon, Bingo 1 p.m.; Friday breakfast, 8-10 a.m., cards 2 p.m..

Quilt tickets available at the center office every week day. The drawing will be at the St. Patrick auction.



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Lone High School Student of the Month



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Obituaries

James G. "Jim" Barratt

James G. "Jim" Barratt of Corvallis, 72, formerly of Heppner, died Sunday, February 15, 1998 at Corvallis Manor.

James Barratt was born in Heppner to Garnet and Cyrene Barratt and grew up on the family sheep ranch. He was active in athletics and graduated from Heppner High School in 1943 before serving in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific theater. After the war ended, he ran basketball tournaments for the Navy in Shanghai, China.

He became a "lifetime Beaver" upon enrolling at Oregon State College (now Oregon State University) and graduated in 1950 with a degree in business and minors in journalism and animal husbandry. He was student editor of the OSC Daily Barometer and received the U.G. Dubach Award. Before coming to OSC, he married childhood sweetheart Dorothea Wilson from Heppner.

After graduation, he was appointed assistant alumni director and editor of the Oregon Stater alumni magazine. In 1951, he began working for the OSC Athletic Dept. as assistant athletic director, business manager and golf coach. He was executive director of the Far West Classic annual holiday basketball tournament for many years.

In 1966, he became OSU athletic director. He was co-founder of the Corvallis Ambassadors and the State of Oregon Elks Free Throw Championships, which grew to 15,000 participants. He elevated crew to a major sport and initiated Kiwanis Kids Day, Band Day and Beaver Caravans. He hired renowned basketball coach Ralph Miller and successful coaches Jack Riley in baseball and Bernie Wagner in track.

He resigned as athletic director in 1975; however, he remained an active supporter. He became managing partner of Away Travel in 1976 and later operated Jim Barratt Tours with his wife. His favorite tours were taking fans on trips with the Beaver athletic teams.

Mr. Barratt was named to the Athletic Directors' Hall of Fame in 1985, received the Dan Poling Alumni Service Award in 1995 and was elected to the OSU Sports Hall of Fame last October. He worked on public fund raising projects and was on the OSU Foundation Board of Trustees, the OSU Beaver Club Board and the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan Foundation Board. He belonged to the Corvallis Rotary Club and the Corvallis Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothea; a daughter, Janet King of Bend; grandchildren Shannon Altenhofen of Portland, David Kerber of Salem, Ali King of Palo Alto, CA, and Katy King of Bend; and one great-grandchild. His older daughter, Brenda, mysteriously disappeared in 1989.

Contributions may be made to the OSU Foundation/Jim Barratt Scholarship, or the Church of the Good Samaritan Foundation in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Edna June O'Connor

Former longtime lone postmistress, Edna June O'Connor, 77, a resident of Manor Grove Nursing Home in Kirkwood, Mo., died Monday, February 16, 1998, at Kirkwood.

Family memorial services have been held.

Edna June Yarnall was born June 27, 1920, at Springfield, Ore., to Abraham L. and Edna Bertsch Yarnall.

Mrs. O'Connor served as postmistress at Lone for 20 years and was active in the Eastern Star Locust Chapter at Lone. She moved to Missouri in 1995.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles O'Connor. Survivors include daughters, Terie Haggel of St. Louis, and Lee Davis of Dallas, Texas, and three grandchildren.

Pfizinger Funeral Home, 3666 S. Kirkwood, Kirkwood, MO 63122 was in charge of arrangements.

Gun club holds shoot

Curt Day finished first with a 24 in the 16-yard Morrow County Gun club shoot on Feb. 15. Bob Krein and Jeff Cutsforth tied for second with 23.

Winners in the 20-yard shoot were Mick Sharp and Jeff Cutsforth who tied with 20. Mark Schlichting and Travis Greenup tied for second with 18.

Harvey Childers and Kelwayne Haguewood werewinners of the Annie Oakley and Curt Day won the golf shoot.

Food was provided by Mark Schlichting, Geneva Mathews and Sandi Day.

Jeff Cutsforth and Curt Day tied for first place with 24 in the 16-yard shoot on Feb. 22. Harvey Childers was second with 23.

Cutsforth, Childers and Travis Greenup tied for first with 20 in the 20 yard shoot. Curt Day was second with 19.

Matt Clark and Day won the Annie Oakley and Cutsforth won the golf shoot.

A hot pot of chili and the trimmings were provided by Cutsforth and Sandi Day.

The next shoot will be Sunday, March 1, at 9 a.m.

Pressurization drill set at ACH

A pressurization drill will be held at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 1 p.m.

The over-pressurized system will be started and school children and school staff will assemble in the "safe area." Students will also be bused over from the alternative education building.

For more information, call Dan Knoll at (541) 922-4437.

EQIP signup March 2nd

The USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service in Oregon reports that the sign-up period for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program in the John Day/Umatilla Basin opens March 2 and closes March 27. This year in Oregon, about \$4.2 million is available through EQIP for landowners to make conservation improvements or implement conservation practices on their land.

The John Day/Umatilla Basin includes Gilliam, Wheeler, Grant, Morrow and Umatilla counties. This EQIP sign-up will be targeted toward Oregon's statewide resource concerns including improvement of salmon habitat, watershed health and the Mid-Columbia Plateau.

Under EQIP, USDA can provide cost-share assistance to farms and ranches for up to 75 percent of the costs of certain environmental protection practices, such as filter strips, grass waterways, cross fencing, out of stream watering developments and wildlife habitat enhancement.

USDA also may provide incentive payments to encourage producers to apply such land management practices as conservation cropping sequence, residue management, integrated pest management, and planned grazing sequences.

EQIP was authorized by the 1996 Farm Bill to address agriculture's priority natural resource and environmental problems. EQIP is a program that cost shares on practices that provide beneficial, cost-effective natural resource conservation or environmental enhancement, but does not provide cost share for practices that the producer has already adopted, or is likely to apply without EQIP financial assistance. It reflects the commitment of USDA and the Congress for a flexible, effective, voluntary conservation program for agricultural land.

In 1997, the first year of the EQIP program, Oregon NRCS approved 145 long-term contracts with farmers and ranchers.

To find out if you are eligible for EQIP funding, contact the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service or Soil and Water Conservation District in your area. They are listed under United States Department of Agriculture in the government section of the phone book.

Justice Court Report

Justice Court
The Heppner Justice Court handled the following business during the last several weeks:

Jeff Dan Wilson, 19, Lexington, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54 fine;

Robert August Anderson, 67, Kimberly, violation of the basic rule, 70 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone, \$72 fine;

Robert Allen Baker, 32, Heppner, violation of the basic rule, 72/55, \$72 fine;

Gary B. Rea, 28, Lone, overload violation, \$248 fine;

Clint Allen Camarillo, 37, Lone, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54 fine;

Orville William Cutsforth, Jr., 64, Heppner, violation of the basic rule, 70/55, \$72;

Lorene Guivian Papineau, 38, Lexington, violation of the basic rule, 74/55, \$72;

Brian E. Rystedt, 19, Heppner, violation of the basic rule, 75/55, \$72

Delmar Oliver Crawford, 73, Hermiston, violation of the basic rule and failure to wear seatbelt, \$126

Charles Alfred Nelson, 47, Lexington, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Jory M. Crowell, 18, Pendleton, violation of the basic rule, 85/55, \$127;

Kevin Robert McCabe, 37, Heppner, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Amanda Lorene Whittington, 20, Heppner, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Christopher M. Whittington, 25, Lexington, violation of the basic rule, 70/55, \$72;

Maxla J. Anderson, 28, Lexington, driving while suspended, \$192;

Patty A. Hampton, 34, Portland, careless driving, \$266;

Robert Calvin Schultz, 18, Heppner, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Denise Ann Betsinger, 32, Lone, violation of the basic rule, 70/55, \$54;

Dexter Martin Miles, 58, Heppner, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

William Ray Maddern, 47, Heppner, inoperative seatbelts, \$54;

Kenneth Monroe Howard, 62, Heppner, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Robert Baker, Kennewick, WA, parking in a disabled parking, grade school, \$92;

Joyce Lynn Graff, 36, Lone, failure to drive right side of highway, \$127;

Melvin Rufus Piper, 64, Heppner, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Pauline Gamel, 27, Heppner, violation of the basic rule 70/55 \$72;

Kenneth R. Metz, 21, Heppner, failure to carry proof of insurance, causing unreasonable noise, \$197;

Charles Sterling Perritt, Jr., 43, Arlington WA, violation of the basic rule, 77/55, no operators license, \$394;

Jerry George Patterson, 42, Spokane WA, fail to wear seatbelt, \$99;

William Joseph Kenny, 68, Heppner, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Jenifer L. Eng, 32, Heppner, violation of the basic rule, 50/35, \$72;

Marvin J. Brannon, 30, Heppner, violation of the basic rule 45/55, fail to carry proof of insurance, \$54;

Sharon Kaye Robinson, 24, Heppner, violation of the basic rule, 73/45, \$142;

Anthony Lee Pupo, 24, Heppner, violation of the basic rule, 70/55, \$72;

Robert Wayne Neatherlin, 62, Anaconda MT, no federal waterfowl stamp, \$57, no state waterfowl validation \$57, no hunting license, \$247;

Loyal Russell Burns, Jr., 52, Lone, failure to wear seatbelt, \$74;

Jason C. Cutsforth, 32, Hillsboro, possessing game without head in field (mutilated game birds), \$77, failure to appear, \$626;

Mark Anthony Goldsby, 41, Portland, violation of the basic rule, 74/55, driving while suspended, \$358, failure to appear, \$626;

Matthew Chavis, 69, Portland, no identifying number on boat, \$67, failure to appear, \$626;

Chris Talony, 18, Echo, minor in possession, \$152;

Trent Wilson, 20, Boise, ID., minor in possession, \$152;

Glenda Sue Taylor, 26, Lone, violation of the basic rule, 70/55, \$82;

Candace Marie Weinke, 29, Lone, violation of the basic rule, 70/55, \$72;

Mary Kay Bellamy, 46, Lexington, violation of the basic rule, 70/55, \$82;

Ronald Gene McDowell, 53, Heppner, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Donald K. Stroeber, 59, Heppner, operating unregistered snowmobile, \$54;

Michael W. Correa, 26, Heppner, operating unregistered snowmobile, \$54;

Emil John Leason, 67, Sisters, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Matthew D. Bunn, 24, Heppner, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Joe Lewis Halvorsen, 51, Lone, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

John Louis Boyer, 41, Lexington, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Anthony Scott Wichlan, 28, Lexington, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Thomas G. Peters, 43, Plymouth, WA., illegal motorized travel, \$82;

Robert Charles Blodgett, 51, Heppner, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Terry Lee Snider, 38, Lone, failure to wear seatbelt, \$54;

Crysti L. Taylor, 18, Heppner, violation of basic rule, 75/55, \$72;

Robin D. Scott, 35, Heppner, disobeying traffic control device, stop sign, \$127;

Stephen Craig Simpson, 51, Hermiston, violation of basic rule, 70/55, \$82;

Darrell Edward Raver, 33, Lexington, no Oregon's operator's license, \$72;

Jack Verron Bristol, 51, West Linn, shooting from public road, \$57, and failure to appear, \$626.

Local Little League signups set

Sign-ups for the 1998 season of Heppner Little League will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3 and 4 at the Heppner Neighborhood Center from 5-7 p.m.

Children who will be playing whiffle ball (4-5 years old), T-ball (6-9 years old), minor league baseball and softball (8-12 years old), major league baseball and softball (9-12 years old), and senior softball (13-15 years old) will need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. The Little League age is the child's age by August 1.

The cost is \$25 per child with a maximum of \$50 per family. Payment is required at the time of sign ups with no exceptions, according to a Little League spokesperson. Those who cannot afford to pay the fee may fill out a waiver which will be available at the time of sign ups.

For more information contact Cindi Doherty at 676-5122 or Gayle Gutierrez at 676-5052.

Work days for the baseball/softball fields have been scheduled for Sunday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Sunday, March 22, starting at 8 a.m. and going most of the day.

Those planning to work are asked to bring gloves, rakes, shovels and other work tools.

For more information on the work days, call Jay Coil or Hal Bergstrom.

A few spots are still open for anyone who might want to manage/coach a little league team. Call John Murray for more information.

Please Join Barney and Kimberly Lindsay and Families for an Evening of Music, Spirits and Merriment as We Celebrate New Beginnings February 28th, Heppner Elks Club, 7 p.m.