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Men arrested for poaching antelope

Three Irrigon men have been arrested for poaching an antelope in the Heppner area. U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Bob Wolfe and Oregon State Police Troopers Jeff Williams and Dave Rzewnicki, Fish and Wildlife Division, Heppner, arrested Paul William Hays, 25, Allen Keith Tompkins, 35, and Shane I. Gonzales, 29, all Irrigon, in connection with the incident.

All three were arrested for taking an antelope during closed season. Hays was also arrested on a felony warrant, Tompkins on two misdemeanor warrants and Gonzales was also arrested for possession of a firearm by a felon.

Officer Wolfe first received a call from Rzewnicki that two men were dragging a freshly killed antelope about two miles up Willow Creek Road above Willow Creek Dam. Rzewnicki credits a tip from a private citizen in obtaining the arrest. Wolfe contacted Williams, who at the time was around 30 miles out of Ukiah.

Wolfe said that he followed a hunch after receiving the call and assumed the men would head toward the national forest. His hunch turned out correct. He watched the suspects until Rzewnicki got into position and they apprehended the men on Road 5321 between Ditch Creek and Kelly Prairie picking mushrooms.

In addition to the antelope, Wolfe said that three guns, including a Thompson semi-automatic with a magazine, a .22 rifle and a 30-30 rifle, miscellaneous drug paraphernalia, a Rottweiler dog and illegally picked mushrooms were also discovered in the vehicle.

Gonzales, the alleged shooter, is a paraplegic.

Ken Schmidt resigns as PMH CEO

Ken Schmidt, president of Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home, has resigned to pursue other interests, according to Cara Osmin, board chair of the Morrow County Health District.

Dan Grant, chief financial officer, will serve as interim president.

At the request of the board, an executive search for a candidate will be launched immediately. A new president could be in place within 30 days, according to Adventist Health vice president, Roger Rieger and liaison to the hospital's board of directors.



Poached antelope

IUCC annual auction approaches

By Nova Rietmann

As the Ione United Church of Christ's 36 annual auction approaches, members of the community are donating items, and members of the church are anxiously preparing. The auction, set for June 6, is more important to the church now after a fire gutted the building last April.

"We are hoping that because of the fire more people will donate, and more people will come to the auction," says auction chairwoman, Jannie Allen. "I am hoping for at least \$5,000 more than last year."

The church is off to a good start. Several cards have been sent to the church and about \$1,000 in donations.

So far, some of the auction items include: a family membership, golf balls and tees from Willow Creek County Club; a haircut with shampoo and conditioner from Magnum Opus, a salon in Portland; a night's stay at Ditch Creek Guard Station with a picnic lunch; a lamb from Krebs Ranches; a two-night stay in a condo at Inn of Seventh

Mountain, donated by Jean-Marie Healy; a \$20 gift certificate from Powell's Books in Condon, and much more.

Along with the auction items, handmade items and antiques draw a lot of people every year. Plus, the price of the dinner hasn't changed for at least 20 years- it's still \$5 a plate.

The first auction work day is set for May 30. Other work days are Tuesday, June 2, Wednesday, June 3, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Friday, June 5, from 9 a.m. until everything's done.

"I remember when the kids that are grown and are now helping used to be at the Grange at 8 a.m. to get what they wanted from the toy section," comments Allen. "A lot of people come and help out. Even the farmers during their busiest season take time out from farming to help. The auction is during one of the busiest times of the year, but on the first Saturday in June everyone knows what they are doing. In the year 2005 I know what I'll be doing, I'll be at the auction."

4-H registrations due May 29

All 4-H registrations are due in the Morrow County Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on May 29. Members must be enrolled in 4-H by this time to be eligible for

participation in the Morrow County Fair.

For more information about your children's enrollment, call the Extension office in Heppner, 676-9642 or 1-800-342-3664.

Heppner Preschool graduation, May 28

The Heppner four year old preschool class will hold their graduation on Thursday, May 28, at 5:30

p.m. at Heppner Daycare. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

School board revises drug, alcohol policy

The Morrow County School Board approved a change in the district's drug and alcohol policy for student athletes which would broaden schools' authority and set harsher penalties for student athletes violating the rules.

The first reading of the new policy, which the board approved at their regular May 11 meeting, changes the criteria in establishing whether or not a student athlete will be suspended from athletics. With the previous policy, the student had to confess or be "caught" using drugs or alcohol. Under the revised policy, a student must "be determined" to have used, possessed or "have active involvement with drugs or alcohol."

The duration of the student's suspension remains the same on the first offense, two weeks and/or two contest days, but, in addition to voluntary assessment, the student will also undergo a "plan of action". The plan of action will consist of three assignments, additional academic work, school service work and a student contract. The plan may vary from student to student.

The new policy also changes the time period of the suspension. Previously suspension did not extend from one school year into the next. Now suspension and any corrective action will be applied from one school year into the next.

Penalties for any subsequent offenses will also change. The new policy increases the suspension period to one calendar year and eliminates the option of suspending a student from athletics just for the remainder of the activity season or a nine-week period.

The revised policy, does however give allowances for students whose second offense is more than three years after the

first. In that case, the student may be suspended from activities for the remainder of the activity season or nine weeks, whichever is greater, instead of the one-year suspension.

In other business, the board: -approved an increase in meal prices by 25 cents per meal for the 1998-99 year;

-rejected all bids for the Ione pool sandblasting and painting and awarded the project to Mike Hanen for \$8,080;

-accepted a first reading of a contract with MIDCO for transportation services and a teacher evaluation plan;

-approved resolutions authorizing the county to invest district funds and setting the district's current borrowing limit at \$2 million if the need arises;

-approved resignations from Amanda Gilbertson and Lisa Connell, Sam Boardman Elementary educational assistants; Bingo Ganvoa, Columbia Middle School boys and girls assistant basketball coach; Bob Ployhar, Heppner High School boys' head basketball coach; Susan Hisler, HHS assistant volleyball coach; and Michelle Erickson, Riversides High School cheerleader advisor;

-approved employment for: Don Holes, probationary contract to serve as CMS principal for 1998-99; Paul Keefer, probationary contract, SBE intermediate probationary teacher for 1998-99; Mike Jeppeson, SBE probationary primary teacher for 1998-99; Debra Kennedy, SBE primary probationary teacher; Brenda Proffitt, SBE special education probationary teacher; Tory Larsen, A.C. Houghton primary probationary teacher; Karen Holland, Heppner Elementary School probationary teacher for 1998-99; Tauna Johnson, HES probationary teacher for 1998-99; Tony Pupo, transfer from

CMS to Heppner Junior High/HHS as physical education teacher for 1998-99; and Cindy Turner, from educational assistant to secretary at ACH for 1998-99;

-approved successor contracts and agreements for classified, confidential and administrators from July 1, 1998-June 30, 2001; -approved classified and confidential employees for 1998-99.

LaRue, Raver named to top spots at BEO



Linda LaRue



Darrell Raver

Linda LaRue and Darrell Raver each received promotions at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Board of Directors organizational meeting held in April.

LaRue was named executive vice president of the bank. She also retained her position as chief operations officer at the institution.

LaRue is responsible for and supervises general bank operations and data processing services and well as all reporting requirements. She also serves as secretary for both BEO Bancorp and the Bank of Eastern Oregon Board of Directors.

LaRue has been employed at the bank since 1974. She served in a variety of capacities at both the Ione and Heppner branches before being named cashier of the bank in 1994.

Darrell Raver has been named branch manager of the Heppner branch and assistant vice president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Raver has been with the bank for one year. He joined the bank after moving from Montana, where he worked for Norwest Bank in Glasgow, Montana.

Other employees elected to new positions were Melissa Lindsay, Jeff Bailey and Mardean Patton, assistant vice president and Kevin McCabe, data processing manager.

Re-elected to positions were Harley Sager and Richard Wood, vice president and George Koffler, president and CEO.

Music program planned for Wed.

The BMCC Concert Choir, the BMCC Jazz Choir and the "Absolutely Nobody Quartet" will perform this Wednesday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Middle School Gym.

The program is presented by the Morrow County Arts Council and there is no admission, however donations would be appreciated.

Rodeo has web page

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo and the Morrow County Jackpot Rodeo now have a web page on the internet where people can go to find out dates and other information.

The rodeo's page is located on the Bank of Eastern Oregon's web site and can be accessed at www.beobank.com.

The page has dates, times, ticket prices and other information about the two rodeos.

HHS graduation ceremony, May 30

The Heppner High School graduation ceremony will be held this Saturday, May 30, beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

A baccalaureate service will be held Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m.

at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

The junior senior breakfast will be Friday, May 29, beginning at 7 a.m. Seniors' practice for graduation will be Friday at 9 a.m.

Senator Smith to speak at lone graduation

U.S. Senator Gordon H. Smith will be the featured speaker at the lone High School graduation in the high school gymnasium at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 29.

Senator Smith of Pendleton was sworn in to the United States Senate on Jan. 7, 1997, becoming the first U.S. Senator from Eastern Oregon since 1938. He serves on several important Senate committees; the budget, energy and natural resources and foreign relations committees.

Previously, Senator Smith has served in the Oregon State Senate, winning his seat in 1992. In 1995, his colleagues elected him Senate president, a position he held until he began his service in the United States Senate.

Gordon Smith was born in Pendleton. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in history in 1976. It

was at BYU where he met his wife, the former Sharon Lankford. He then earned a law degree from Southwestern University in Las Angeles in 1979. Following his education, he served as a law clerk to Justice H. Vern Payne of the New Mexico Supreme Court and practiced law in Arizona before returning to operate Smith Frozen Foods, a frozen vegetable processing business in Weston.

Gordon and Sharon Smith have three children, Brittany, 17, Garrett, 15, and Morgan eight.

Morrow Co. Fair to hold talent show

This year the Morrow County Fair Committee is offering a talent show for all ages. The grand prize winner will be awarded \$200 towards a trip to the state fair to compete in their talent show.

Cash prizes will be awarded in every age category for first, second and third place winners.

All contestants must live in Morrow County.

Anyone interested in becoming a contestant should call CJ Johnson at 541-676-9209.

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