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Firewood permits available

Personal-use firewood permits will be available May 1 for woodcutting on the Umatilla National Forest, according to Jeff Blackwood, forest supervisor.

Firewood cutting areas on the North Fork John Day and Heppner Ranger districts will open May 1 with other woodcutting areas on the Walla Walla and Pomeroy districts opening later in the month.

The cost for firewood permits remains at \$5 per cord with a minimum purchase of two cords for \$10. A maximum purchase of 10 cords total from National Forest lands is allowed during the calendar year.

Many areas, including those opening on May 1, may not be completely accessible at the higher elevations or on northern exposures until later this spring, according to a Umatilla National

Forest news release.

To prevent road damage, woodcutters are asked not to drive on water saturated, muddy roads. Access roads to most woodcutting areas are unpaved, narrow, and dusty during the summer, requiring well-maintained vehicles and defensive driving.

Permits are available at all Umatilla National Forest offices. Permits will also be available at several local businesses in the area, although some vendors may not be set up to sell permits until mid-May.

Local businesses include: Heppner Chevron in Heppner; Rhodes Supply in Ukiah; Dale Store in Dale; Dean's Market and Deli in Pendleton; Coast to Coast in Hermiston; and Mentzer and Elliott in Pilot Rock.

Wheat Growers plan meeting, pie social

The Morrow County Wheat Growers will hold their annual spring meeting and pie social at the lone Grange Hall on Monday, May 10, beginning at 7 p.m.

Speakers and topics for this year's meeting include: Judy Rea, Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) president, league update; Daren Coppock, OWGL executive vice-president, "We Can Have Fish and an Economy"; Eric Anderson, wheat commission

update; Marnie Anderson, department of agriculture board activities update; Tammy Dennee, OWGL director of member services, "What's New in Member Benefits."

The 1999 Morrow County Conservation winner will be announced during the meeting.

County president Ken Grieb encourages all growers to attend and asks that RSVPs be made to him at 989-8353.

Commission to meet

The monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children & Families will be held on Tuesday, May 11, at the Services to Children & Families Office, 101 S.W. Kinkade,

Boardman, from 7-9 p.m. The main topic of discussion will be the approval of the FY 2000 request for proposals.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions. For more information call 676-9675.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

Graduation requirement changes meaning of diploma

To the editor:

A recently proposed plan making mandatory community service a requirement for high school graduation in Morrow County, has me concerned about the direction of the district, and the new meaning they wish to impose on the high school diploma.

The district proposal would make it a requirement for students to complete a certain number of community service hours before they could receive their high school diploma. This is quite a departure from what a diploma has meant to all of us in the past. Does a diploma not signify that a student has achieved certain academic standards and thus earns the award in this manner?

As proposed by the school district, the diploma would now take on other meanings, such as whether the student has completed certain district defined "good citizenship" programs having nothing to do with academics. Changing the meaning and significance of the diploma is a serious step and parents should ask themselves if this is what they want. These proposed community service standards are not required by

the state, only by Morrow County.

Does letting in the community service requirements also open up the awarding of a diploma based on the completion of other social programs the district would seem fit to impose in the future? Shouldn't we keep the diploma as an indication of the academic standards students have achieved?

If the school district feels community service is important why not offer it as an elective, and parents who feel it is important to their children could sign them up. In this way the parents who want their children to concentrate on academics, would also be satisfied.

With the four day week, sports and all the other pressure already taking time away from the classroom, can we afford to take more time away from studies to do community service work? If we do, I feel we will be short changing the students for the reasons most of us desire them in school. To get an academic education.

David Sykes
Heppner

Wheatland Pomona Grange

By Delpha Jones

Wheatland Pomona Grange met at the Spray Grange hall on Saturday, with Master Bob Hammack presiding.

Cathy Scherer, District 4 youth chairman, and her mother, Carol Scherer, were introduced.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports from the subordinate granges were given. All are busy keeping up their buildings and grounds, and having all their meeting and community affairs. A report was heard from the officers training meeting held in Greenfield Grange at Boardman. They discussed that the grange needs more youth members, junior granges and "interesting, fun and educational programs." The senior members should hear programs concerning health, Medicare, transportation and living facilities. Junior grangers are taught leadership, respect and encouragement in their activities.

Chaplain reported on the sick members and friends.

Lexington Grange recently presented 25-50-70 year certificates with the state master and son present for the presentation.

Cathy Scherer reported on the youth activities and on the goodie baskets at State Grange. They need articles and monetary gifts. Wheatland voted to give \$25 to this project.

The family conference will be held Oct. 15-17. They will need help with meals and door prizes. There are about 30 in attendance.

Elected delegates to the state session are Bob Hammack and alternate Bobbi Jo Medlock. Delegates elected to the Grange Mutual Insurance meeting to be held

at the session are Bob Allen and alternate Sylvia Allen.

A lengthy discussion was held on the dams and the impact on the farming industry in Umatilla and Morrow counties. It was discussed that the drawdown would greatly affect the tree farms, potato and onion growers and alfalfa feed growers. A motion was made concerning this problem, suggesting that there are better alternatives than taking out the dams to allow the migration of fish.

The motion concerning growing hemp as a commercial crop was accepted by the group.

A resolution was made thanking Spray Grange for the dinner and hospitality.

Twenty-two dollars were taken in for the Make a Wish Foundation under the direction of the lecturer.

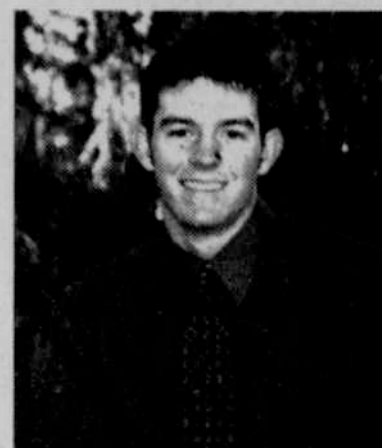
An educational and interesting program was held concerning the John Day Fossil Beds. John Fiedor of the U.S. Dept. of the Interior showed a film made by junior and senior classes several years ago on the formation of the beds. Pictures of mammals now extinct, such as cats, rhinos, elephants, horses and small animals were shown, as well as fossils concerning vegetation. Much of Morrow County is included in this area, with many articles dug locally. An educational question and answer period followed.

Roll call was Spray, 6; Lexington, 7; Willows, 7; Gresham, 1; and Kellogg Marsh, 1. The next meeting will be held in July at Anson Wright Park and a memorial will also be held.

Scholarships awarded

South Morrow County Scholarship Trust announces recipients of the 1999-2000, \$500 scholarships. The four winners were selected out of 12 applicants on the basis of academic achievement, chosen field of study, financial need, school participation, degree of effort the student has made in seeking sources for college and personal characteristics for success as well as school citizenship.

The four winners are Niki Sullivan, Katie Tworek, Tim Dickenson, and Jessica Krebs.



Tim Dickenson

Tim Dickenson, the son of Kathi and Steve Dickenson, is a senior at Heppner High School. Tim plans to attend Oregon State University, majoring in biology, dentistry or chiropractic fields. He has volunteered in various community service activities throughout his high school career. Tim has played varsity baseball for four years, varsity basketball for three and varsity football for three years. He is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as vice president for two years.



Niki Sullivan

Niki Maureen Sullivan, the daughter of Lori and Brian Sullivan, is a senior at Lone High School. She plans on studying journalism with an emphasis on broadcast journalism. She has been admitted with honors to three colleges. Niki has been involved in basketball, tennis, 4-H, many community activities and she is in the talented and gifted program. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as secretary and treasurer.



Jessica Krebs

Jessica C. Krebs from Lone High School is the daughter of Maureen and Clinton Krebs. She plans to attend the University of Idaho in Moscow, majoring in agri-business and has been accepted for the fall semester of 1999. She has been active in 4-H, Lone Ecumenical Youth Group, was a National 4-H ambassador and attended the National 4-H Congress at Atlanta, Georgia. Jessica is the annual/yearbook editor, National Honor Society president and has participated in volleyball, tennis and basketball. She is also a member of Future Business Leaders of America, serving as treasurer, secretary and vice president.



Katie Tworek

Katie Tworek, a Lone High Senior, plans on attending Blue Mountain Community College and then transferring to a university with plans to major in engineering. Her parents are Conrad and Lucy Tworek. Katie has participated in various community activities, winning an ecumenical service award in 1999 and serving as Oregon Girl's State delegate for the Legion Auxiliary. She is a four-year member of the Letter Club.

Dollars for Scholars is a national network of more than 765 community-based scholarship foundations in 40 states. Each community raises funds locally and all funds raised are awarded as scholarships to local students. The local Dollars for Scholars chapter, South Morrow County Scholarship Trust, was formed in 1993. The goal of the chapter is to help more students receive post secondary education each year.

For more information on the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust contact any one of the board of directors: Bill Rietmann, president, George Koffler, vice-president, Bob Kahl, treasurer, Sharon Harrison secretary, the Rev Craig Strobel, Del LaRue and Missy Cutsforth.

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