

Jepsens honored at conservation tour



Morrow County Wheat League President Ken Grieb, right, presents Nancy and Bill Jepsen, Heppner, with the Morrow County Conservation Farm of the Year sign at the annual conservation tour held Friday, June 18.

Area campgrounds charging fees

Ten campgrounds on the Umatilla National Forest will begin charging camping fees this summer as part of a nationwide recreation fee pilot project, announced Jeff Blackwood, forest supervisor on the Umatilla National Forest.

The campground fee is \$5 per site and will be used locally for campground maintenance.

"Outdoor recreation is as popular as ever and we strive to offer the best facilities as possible," said Blackwood. "As recreational use on forest continues to increase, our overall budget is declining. We've examined several options, from using concessionaires to closing facilities and decided the Recreation Fee Demo Program was our best choice for these sites."

Eighty percent of the fees collected will be used on the forest to maintain campgrounds, said Blackwood, while the remaining 20 percent will provide administrative costs and recreational facility improvements throughout the region.

Camping permits will only be sold at fee campground sites. Each campground will have a collection tube with envelopes installed on site. The

campground fee demo will begin June 15 and will be implemented as campgrounds opened for the season and set up for fee collection. Golden Age and Golden Access Passport holders will receive a 50 percent savings.

The Recreation Fee Demo Program was authorized by Congress in 1996 to allow forests to use the fees they collect to pay operations and maintenance costs. Campground fees collected under the old system are returned to the national treasury. "This program will test the effectiveness of collecting new fees to maintain recreation facilities," said Blackwood. "We intend to put the fees we collect to good use by keeping a high standard of maintenance in these campgrounds."

Campgrounds participating in the Recreation Fee Pilot Project include: on the North Fork John Day Ranger District-Tollbridge; Frazier; Lane Creek; North Fork John Day; Olive Lake; Bear Willow Creek; Winom Creek and Welch Creek; on the Walla Walla Ranger District, Woodland and Mottet campgrounds. It costs \$5 at each campground listed.

Soroptimist club changes name, focus

Soroptimist International of Heppner has said its last farewell by a donation of all its remaining funds to the South Morrow County Scholarship Fund.

Soroptimist has been replaced by a more community-oriented service organization called Willow Valley Service Club. Willow Valley Service Club already has more than 15 members, said a club member.

President for 1999-2000 is Ginger Keithley; secretary is Andrea Mortimore; and treasurer is Margo Sherer.

Willow Valley Service Club is planning to continue two activities which have always been popular-the luncheon

honoring graduating senior girls from Heppner and Ione high schools and the Artfactory. The Artfactory will continue to be held the Saturday before Thanksgiving. In addition, WVSC will provide scholarships for graduating seniors.

WVSC's focus will be on service to Heppner, Lexington, Ione and the surrounding areas. The club will be looking for both new projects and members from all three communities. Those wishing to join may contact Margo Sherer at 422-7428.

"The only criteria for membership is a sincere interest in providing service to your community," said a spokesperson. "WVSC would like to hear from each of you."

Holly Rebekah Lodge meets

By Delpha Jones

Holly Rebekah Lodge meet on Thursday night with Noble Grand Marlene Grey presiding. Games were played and a short business meeting was held.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed. This was an evening of "When I am old, I can wear purple." Ev-

eryone over 60 had to wear purple or red to enjoy the potluck.

Clarence Buchanan is attending State Grange session in Redmond. He is a delegate from the Lexington Grange.

Lexington Grange will meet Sunday for the annual picnic at Cutsforth Cabin. A potluck dinner is planned.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business:

Ella Mae Green-Johnson, 36, Portland-Offensive Littering, \$54 fine;

Armando Almeida Castillo, 43, Yakima, WA.-Violation of the Basic Rule, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$72 fine;

Patty A. Hampton, 35, Portland-DUII, \$1,293 fine, 180 days in jail, \$300 and 178 days in jail suspended with three years probation, no further violation of the law and completion of an alcohol education program, also Careless Driving, \$266 fine;

Marie Elizabeth Jones, 32, Heppner-Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, \$127 fine;

Pauline Gamel-Schwarz, 28, Heppner-Careless Driving, \$282 fine;

Clint W. Bellamy, 18, Lexington-Violation of the Basic Rule, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$127 fine;

Michael Brian Bessinger, 37, Trenton, UT.-Truck Speeding, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$94 fine; Jennifer Ann Hill, 24, Laporte, TX.-Truck Speeding, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$114 fine;

Mark Schwyhart, 45, Portland-Violation of the Basic Rule, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$106 fine;

Rodney Paul Langlitz, 32, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$173 fine;

Harold James Roosa, 51, Lebanon-Truck Speeding, 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$112 fine;

Richard E. Wolfe, II, 39, Gulfport, MS.-Truck Speeding, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$112 fine;

Justin D. Kaneaster, 23, Salem-Violation of the Basic Rule, 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$72 fine and DUII Diversion.

Ana Erazo, 28, Heppner-Maintaining a Dog as a Nuisance, \$106 fine;

Eric J. Schonbachler, 20, Heppner-Open Container, \$127 fine, MIP, \$152 fine;

Annie Hisler, 19, Heppner-MIP, \$152 fine.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

-- Mrs. T.E. Messinger is a patient in Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

-- Frances Smouse was an outpatient at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

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County court report

By Doris Brosnan

The Morrow County Court, at its June 16 meeting heard a report from Public Works Director Guy Van Arsdale. Van Arsdale said that because of a shortage of crew members, work on Valby has been suspended while chip sealing on Gooseberry is completed. Some oil on Myers Road has started to come up, so Albina Oil plans to reshoot it. After chip sealing Rhea Creek, The crew will put crushed rock on Valby.

The court approved a conditional permit for a water line across Barnett Road and Lexington Grange Road, dependent upon engineering drawings being provided. The court also approved CenturyTel's request to bury line along Sunflower Flat Road.

Following up on a question about the Clarks Canyon Pit, the court and Planning Director Mabbott discussed the statute on acreage and soil types.

Deterioration of some roads was discussed, as well as land by the airport that has been identified as okay for building.

The court approved signing an amendment to funding presented by Morrow County Behavioral Health Director Gary Oberg.

Oberg described the expansion of the developmental disabilities program and requested that the family support coordinator position become a regular part-time position. The court approved the purchase by MCBH of a laptop and software for client use. Oberg also reported to the court that this department rated third highest in the state for consumer satisfaction. The court also approved establishing a regular part-time position as prevention specialist position in Wheeler County and approved a temporary driver for the DD program this summer. Oberg explained the possible realignment of some counties upon the departure of the Grant County director. The director and the court also discussed the Docken building.

The court, Emergency Management Director Casey Beard, and Planning Director Mabbott held a conference call with William Myers to further discuss impact aid. Judge Tallman reported Umatilla Commissioner Doherty's perspective on the issue, and the court discussed some possible avenues of action.

The court reviewed and discussed the Morrow County Fair Board's recommendation on the sprinkler bid and delayed action for a week. They appointed Mark Jones of Boardman to the Fair Board vacancy and the judge reported on the procedure for funding completion of the multi-purpose building.

Judge Tallman reported the port's position on changing the Columbia River Enterprise Zone and he reported on the demonstration of the video arraignment program.

Public Health Director Laura McElligott presented the annual

health plan and the court approved the notice of grant award for the 1999-2000 funds for the department.

McElligott also reported on the Prevention Team meeting.

Boardman Fire Chief Marc Rogelstad presented information on the development of a training program for an Incident Command System, which is CSEPP related but valuable for any other kind of emergency. The court agreed that the training should be set up. Rogelstad also reported that

delivery of the tow vehicle will probably be in August rather than September.

The court agreed that the judge should speak with Judge Charlotte Gray of Justice Court about keeping the north-end office open on Fridays.

Mabbott reported on the Technical Advisory Committee meeting and the Willow Creek Valley Economic Diversification Study. She suggested a check with the port to see if they support the findings. A brief discussion of the economic development coordinator responsibilities followed.

The court approved a contract with Robert Shelly, Shellinc Consulting, for PC maintenance network set up and software set

up and maintenance. They also approved the contract with the Oregon State Marine Board for boating safety and law enforcement services. The court reviewed and approved the map maintenance agreement with the Oregon Department of Revenue. They approved signing the contract with SSI Services for "Alert Monitor Testing and Evaluation", contingent upon court counsel approval.

Births

Tanner Michael Jones-a son Tanner Michael was born to Michael and Roni Jones of Lexington at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton on June 19. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz.

Grandparents are Kenneth and Connie Jones of Lexington, Hank and Nadine Rodman of Union, and Ron and Gloria Bennett of Eugene.

Great-grandparents are Cecil and Delpha Jones, and Ray and Gae Papineau, all of Lexington; maternal great-grandparents are Haywood Henkins of Lebanon and Jeanie Rodman of Burney, CA.

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