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Heppner was covered with a blanket of snow Monday, the most received all winter. photo by Sandi Day

Info sought on wishing well

Information on the spring and drinking fountain on Highway 74 opposite the Morrow County Rodeo grandstands is being sought by the Morrow County Historical Society.

Research has shown that the spring source is located above the arched stone drinking fountain which was originally the property of L. V. Gentry. According to best information, Gentry donated the rodeo property to the City of Heppner.

Since that time, the land then came under the ownership of Garnett Barrett and most recently to the Don and Merlyn Robinson family.

Photographs from 1922 of the area show no sign of the "stone wishing well." However, other photos dated 1927 clearly show the stone structure in place.

The 1927 photograph found at the Morrow County Museum show the "CCC camp" in full operation and there is speculation that the wishing well could have been a project built by that organization.

Other "old timers" suggest that

Vick Groshen, grandfather to state trooper Vick Groshen, one-time resident of Heppner, may have designed and constructed the wishing well, since he had sufficient skills and had built numerous other stone structures in the Heppner area about that time.

The Historical Society would like to have accurate information about this structure since it was the only source of water on the east side of Heppner in the early 1900s from which riders watered their horses in troughs or catch basins. Anyone who has information is asked to contact Louis Carlson or Wilbur Jackson, both of Heppner.

Health district to meet Jan. 31

A regular board meeting of the Morrow County Health District will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. at the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

Agenda items include: assistance to dairies, CRP sign-up #20 report, manager's report, agency report and weed report. The public is invited to attend.

Junior members named to Assoc.

Paige Grieb and Logan Grieb, both of Lexington, are new junior members of the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association and take part in association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

SWCD, weed board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. at the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

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Statistics point to academic excellence at IHS

Statistics at Lone High School show that 90 percent of the students were named to the honor roll for the second quarter, 91 percent for the first semester and 82 percent qualified for the 'A' honor roll for the first semester.

Over a third of IHS-36 percent earned a 4. grade point average during the first semester.

One hundred percent of the sophomore class were on the second quarter and first semester

honor rolls and the first semester 'A' honor roll. Seventy percent of that class earned straight-A's the first semester.

The senior class was close behind with 90 percent of the class qualifying for the second quarter and first semester honor roll and first semester 'A' honor roll. Twenty-one percent of the seniors earned straight-A's the first semester.

Eighty-nine percent of the freshmen were named to the

second quarter and first semester honor rolls. Sixty-five percent were named to the first semester 'A' honor roll and 24 percent earned straight-A's the first semester.

Eighty-six percent of the junior class made the second quarter honor roll, 91 percent the first semester honor roll, 81 percent the first semester 'A' honor roll and 43 percent earned a 4. the first semester.

Neighbor Center receives Meyer Trust grant

The Meyer Memorial Trust has announced 40 grant awards totaling \$2.68 million to nonprofit groups in Oregon during December 1999 and January 2000.

The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County received \$7,000 to help increase its operating schedule from three to five days per week to better serve low income residents.

The grants included 22 awards in the trust's small grants program, designed to provide assistance to small projects that are of special importance to applicants, which are normally smaller organizations.

Small grants are approved quarterly, while general purpose awards are made each month.

The smallest grant was for \$1,000 to the Jefferson Baroque Orchestra in Cave Junction for an outreach program that encourages rural students to experience Baroque music by providing free tickets to 500 students to attend concerts in Jackson and Josephine counties.

The largest amount granted was \$500,000. The Portland Rescue Mission received \$500,000 to help construct a residential facility for homeless women and children that provides comprehensive transitional programs designed to break the cycle of homelessness and the YWCA of Portland was awarded \$500,000 to renovate its Camp Westwind, located near Cascade Head on the Oregon coast, that provides camping experiences for children and families from various backgrounds.

Board Chair Warne Nunn announced that the new grants brought the total funds awarded to \$19,886,980 in the trust's current fiscal year, which began April 1, 1999. Since it began

operating in 1982, the Meyer Trust has provided more than \$242 million to tax-exempt groups, mostly within the state of Oregon.

In addition to Nunn, the Meyer Memorial Trust board includes Gerry Pratt, Debbie Craig, John Emrick and Orcilia Zúñiga Forbes. Forbes was selected in October 1999 to replace Oran B.

Robertson, who died in August following a sudden illness.

Last year the Meyer Trust granted nearly \$26 million to nonprofit organizations in Oregon and Clark County, Washington, and expects to award a similar amount this year, Nunn said.

The Meyer Memorial Trust is not connected with Fred Meyer Inc., the retail enterprise.

Court hears report on emergency management, health department

By Doris Brosnan

At the Morrow County Court meeting January 19, Morrow County Planning Director Tamra Mabbott, Emergency Management Director Casey Beard and newly-appointed Citizen Advisory Committee member Louis Carlson prepared with the Morrow County Court for an advisory committee meeting on Thursday.

Beard announced that a microwave problem has been identified and fixed. He explained that there is no alarm system to notify dispatchers if something goes wrong with the microwave, that there should be a built-in redundancy or back up in place in case of failure and that he has asked for this to be included in the independent analysis that is to be conducted.

Beard further explained a problem between the previous microwave control system and the one now in place and stated that he would like the situation examined.

Carlson voiced concern over the tone alert radios issue and Beard said that all 18,000 radios should be here by March.

Tallman reported that the court will make a presentation on impact aid at the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting, asking members to support the governor's position of support.

Mabbott added that to the advisory committee the issue of impact aid is not clearly a "black and white" issue.

In other business January 19, Morrow County Health Department Director Laura McElligott explained to the court a written proposal concerning the health department clinics.

According to McElligott, the clinics are "being swamped in Boardman," although she had expected the start-up of the Irrigon clinic to ease the burden. McElligott also expressed the need to expand services to include another day per week. She further explained the anticipated cost and additional revenues.

The commissioners asked several questions of McElligott and approved the proposal for an additional registered nurse two days per week and a clerk and interpreter one day a week.

The court agreed to McElligott's suggestion of a meeting of pertinent agency leaders on Feb. 8 to address the medical examiner issue.

McElligott reported that the state wants local coalitions for the HIV, breast and cervical cancer, family planning and

immunization programs. She said she has received no response to her several methods of recruitment.

Judge Tallman suggested, and McElligott agreed to add this issue to the agenda of the medical-examiner meeting.

McElligott also introduced newly-hired tobacco education coordinator Karen Masshoff.

McElligott requested and the court approved a lock for a pharmaceutical cabinet and the painting of a "handicapped accessible" parking spot at the health office entrance.

Public Works Director Guy Van Arsdale informed the court of coming expenditures of chemicals and a needed engine for the John Deere 544 front-end loader.

Van Arsdale reported that higher elevations are now being snow plowed; the Pine City Bridge guard rails are near completion; a day of safety training, which he considered excellent, occurred last week; culverts are being installed on Social Ridge. Maps of the proposed Lone-Boardman Road site are being sent with recommendations to the Road Committee, after which Van Arsdale will schedule another meeting with the committee. Van Arsdale has researched the "consent to participate" issue and discovered that when 60 percent of adjacent landowners petition for a road improvement, the county can assess cost of improvement to the landowners by lineal foot.

Bids on a backhoe attachment were opened. Van Arsdale will review them against the specifications.

Gene Allen appeared to thank the court for helping to arrange the meeting with the city of Boardman, Port of Morrow and County Court to address mutual issues.

The Court reviewed the agreement between the County and the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department for a "needs assessment" and "critical user survey" of telecommunications services under Senate Bill 622. County Council Bill Hanlon expressed concern over getting the work completed within the time frame for the amount specified.

Tallman reported that Lisa Breckenridge of GEODC said that agency would pick up the difference, should there be one. The court approved the agreement with OECD. They further approved a contract with GEODC to perform the surveys.

Bellamy named to Shrine team



Clint Bellamy



Michael Schonbachler

Bellamy, a 190 lb. guard on the HHS football team last fall, is the son of Sam and Mary Kay Bellamy, Lexington.

Michael Schonbachler, also a senior at Heppner High School, was selected as an alternate.

Schonbachler, a 150 lb. back on the HHS team, is the son of Donna and Gary Schonbachler, Heppner.

Other area first team selections include Jason Sallee, Arlington, and Travis Carmine, Condon, both Big Sky League players.

Pesticide training course offered

The OSU Morrow County Extension Service is offering a Core Pesticide Training program on February 1 at the Extension office conference room, 120 S. Main in Heppner.

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For more information or to RSVP, call the Extension office at 541-676-9642 or 1-800-342-3664.

NEWS DEADLINE
5 p.m. Monday

Season-Ending SALE 15% OFF Insulated Bibs & Coveralls Sale through Sat. Feb. 12	MCGG Customer Appreciation Day Pancake Breakfast Set for Saturday, Feb. 12 8 a.m.-noon
MORROW COUNTY GRAIN GROWERS Lexington 989-8221 • 1-800-452-7396 For farm equipment, visit our web site at www.mcgg.net	