

DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney has released the following report of business conducted:

January 20: Jason Rhett Paluso pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to pay \$1,969 in fines, fees and assessments and ordered to serve 18 months' probation, submit to a drug package, and complete 80 hours of community service. Paluso also pled guilty to Failure to Appear in the second degree and was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail, suspended, and 12 months' probation.

January 27: Victoria Odinet was found guilty of Reckless Driving, a Class A misdemeanor, and sentenced to pay \$619 in fines, fees and assessments with \$400 suspended upon successful completion of probation, and ordered to serve 180 days in jail, suspended, 24 months' probation and complete 160 hours community service.

February 3: Rosario Topete Llamas pled guilty to Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to pay \$619 in fines, fees and assessments with \$560 suspended, and ordered to serve 120 days in jail, five years' probation, 90 day suspension of his driver's license, 40 hours community service, reimburse the State of Oregon for payments made to the victim for injuries sustained as a result of the incident not to exceed \$20,000, write a letter of apology to the victim.

February 3: Joseph L. LaChapelle pled guilty to Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Theft I, a Class C felony and was sentenced to pay \$974 in fines, fees and assessments, \$500 suspended, and ordered to serve 10 days in jail with 10 days credit for time served, 18 months' probation, complete 80 hours community service and obtain an alcohol and drug evaluation.

February 3: Roman Carrion Mendoza pled guilty to four counts of Attempted Sexual

Abuse III and sentenced as follows: on count I to five years' probation; on count II to 13 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections, 47 months' post-prison supervision; on count III to 19 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections to run consecutive to counts II and IV, 41 months' post-prison supervision; on count IV to 25 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections to run consecutive to counts II and III, 35 months' post-prison supervision.

It was also recommended that Mendoza be deported, but in the event that he is not deported, he is ordered to pay all expenses incurred by the victim for any future treatment of physical, mental or emotional condition caused or aggravated by the defendant's conduct, complete a drug and alcohol package and that a sex offender package be made a condition of his post-prison supervision. Counts V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and XIII were dismissed pursuant to plea negotiations.

Desktop publishing class planned

A one-day computer class covering desktop publishing is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Heppner Elementary School.

Students will use the Microsoft program, Power Point, to create newsletters, brochures and more. Participants don't need previous experience with Power Point but should be familiar with general computer operations, the keyboard and the use of the mouse.

Instructor for the class is Jan Hood from the Pendleton campus of Blue Mountain Community College.

Cost of the class is \$37, payable to BMCC, and pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator for South Morrow County, at 422-7040.

BMCC presents debt free workshop

A Morrow County session of "Debt Freedom and Prosperous Living Workshop" will be presented by Blue Mountain Community College on Wednesday, March 15, at Riverside High School in Boardman from 6-9 p.m.

Presented by David Oar from the Tri-Cities, students will learn how they can pay off all consumer debt, credit cards and car payments one to three years and then pay off their 30 year mortgage in another three to four years, according to a news release.

Also, according to the release, participants will be shown how to operate 100 percent on cash, never needing or wanting credit again as well as quickly and safely building retirement wealth.

Oar will demonstrate how this can be done "without a second job, ridiculous budgets or exotic investments," the release continued.

"This course teaches the number one debt-elimination system in America used by over 250,000 people," says the release. "It utilizes a simple linear math, critical path technology that eliminates all debts in the shortest possible time frame. Without gimmicks, Oar promises that the plan really works every time."

Students should bring a list of debts with balances, monthly payments and interest rates, principal and interest figures on mortgages, along with a calculator.

Cost of the class is a \$25 lab fee, payable to Blue Mountain Community College. Pre-registration is required.

For additional information or to save a spot in the class, contact Anne Morter, South Morrow County coordinator, at 422-7040.

Boardman recognizes outstanding citizens

By the edge of the Columbia River, the Riverfront Center sparked as local musicians Mike McCormick and "Absolutely Nobody" provided entertainment.

Twenty-three tables were decorated by Boardman Chamber business and organization members. Silent and live auctions provided opportunities to socialize and network.

But the real attractions for the 10th annual Boardman Community Awards Banquet were the 1999 Community Award honorees.

Last November, Community Award nomination forms were available in various businesses in the Boardman Community. Nomination forms were sent to North Morrow County schools, in hopes that students and staff would nominate those who had made a difference in their educational experience.

Award nominations were returned to the Chamber of Commerce Office by Jan. 14 and judged by a committee composed of past community award winners.

Debi Watson, a member of the Boardman Planning Commission and budget committee, president of the Boardman Community Development Association, and Riverside High School Junior Class Supporter, was named Outstanding Citizen for 1999.

The annual Boardman Community Pride Day, organized by Watson, has made an impact on the appearance of the

Farming photos needed

Old farming photographs in this area by local families are still needed for the mural being planned by the Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club for the agricultural museum.

The club especially needs haying, logging, cross-cut sawing and cattle drive pictures and will be grateful for any such photos. Please submit them to Betty Mills or Bebe Munkers.

community. Community Pride Day is also an opportunity for community residents from a variety of ages and interests to develop a cooperative team.

Other citizens nominated by the community included Candace Eddings, Cheryl Tallman, Gloria Crowell, Jane Dean and Karen Pettigrew.

Karen Pettigrew, co-owner of J&D Electric and proprietor of KRP Personnel, was named as Business Person of 1999.

Pettigrew is a long-time supporter of Riverside High School activities and students, although her own children graduated some time ago. She is president of the Boardman Park and Recreation District, membership chair of the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the Port of Morrow Budget Committee. She is also a member of the local Quality Service Initiative Team, the lead Boardman Customer Service/Hospitality Trainer, and "shares her love of Boardman at every opportunity."

Lee Docken, and Debi Watson were also nominated for this recognition by community members.

Pam Files, teacher at Sam Boardman Elementary School was named Outstanding Boardman Educator of 1999. Files was chosen as regional director for the state math problem solving assessment and has conducted teacher training sessions for the area. She has been named Distinguished Educator of the Year by the Oregon Association of Industries.

Others nominated for the award included Bob Dieter and Tony Chavez.

New for 1999 was the Business of the Year award. This award was given to Portland General Electric for its "continual encouragement of employee involvement in Boardman community activities", and financial support of community development projects.

PGE supports the Boardman Fourth of July Celebration,

Riverside High School Scholarships and the SOLV cleanup along the Columbia River.

Mark Bell of Coyote Springs Plant and Sharon Maffey of the Boardman Coal Plant accepted the award.

Hay Growers meeting set

The Umatilla-Morrow Hay Growers meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 25, from 8:30 a.m.-noon at HAREC in Hermiston. The meeting will be presented by Oregon State University Extension Service.

The agenda is as follows: 8:30 a.m.-Fertility Recommendations for Alfalfa and Hay by Don Horneck; 9:15 a.m.-Interpreting Forage Nutritional Analysis by Mike Mehren; 9:45 a.m.-Columbia River Processing - Opportunities for Area Forage Producers by Mike Gamroth; 10:15 a.m.-15 minute break; 10:30 a.m.-Alfalfa Insect Problems and Control Options by Glen Fisher; 11 a.m.-Selection of Alfalfa Varieties for the Lower Columbia Basin by Don Miller; 11:30 a.m.-Hay Grower Associations - what are the benefits by Mylen Bohle. Lunch, a general question and answer and discussion period will follow.

There is no fee and all are welcome to attend. Pesticide recertification (pending) and 2.5 CCA credits will be available.

Contact Jeff McMorran at 541-567-8321 (or Jeff. McMorran @orst.edu) for more information.

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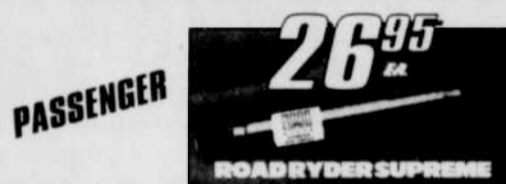
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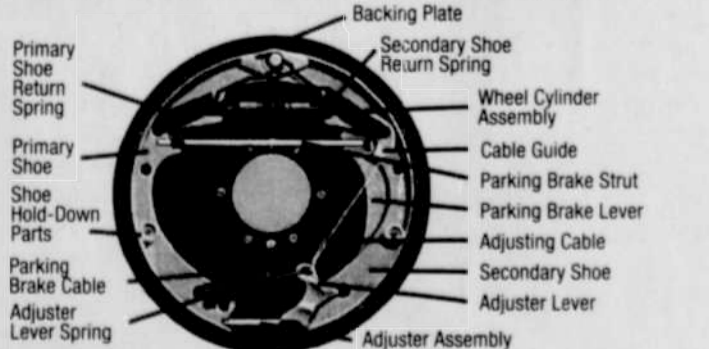
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