

## County court business includes roads, rural addressing

By Doris Brosnan

Public Works Director Guy Van Arsdale, at the Morrow County Court meeting February 9, discussed with the court the surveying of road rights of way and "consent to participate" on roads by land owners in subdivisions and then presented a road permit for CenturyTel on Clarks Canyon Road, which the Court approved.

Van Arsdale reported the following: road minutes have been sent to the road committee; Social Ridge Road is almost complete; shoulder work continues on Patterson Ferry Road; the crusher is again running; work continues on the Big Butter Creek bridge; the sign crew is putting up signs in the north end of the county; and weight limits have been put on Butter Milk, Balm Fork, Upper Rhea Creek, and Upper Willow Creek.

With representatives of the planning office and the city of Irrigon, the court discussed the rural addressing problems that need correcting.

In other business, the court: - heard from representatives of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee as to what that committee will be doing to advertise and promote related celebrations; approved Carol Michael and Patti Burgess as co-chairs of the committee and approved \$500 of discretionary

funds for its use. It then accepted the resignation of Jean Ann Turner from the museum board.

-discussed impact aid with Planning Director Tamra Mabbott and decided to send a related letter to Raytheon.

-convened a public hearing on an appeal by a landowner of the planning commission's denial of a land partition. After the hearing, the court denied the appeal, upholding the commission's decision.

-discussed with Assessor Greg Sweek, Tax Collector Marilyn Childers and Tax Clerk Cindy Doherty the ongoing software problems and approved acquiring assessment and taxation software from the Software Group, Inc.

On Feb. 16, the court approved the purchase with Special Transportation Fund Reserve account (monies from the state) of a 12-passenger bus.

Public Works Director Guy Van Arsdale reported on the following: shoulder work on Hwy 730 in Irrigon; installation of a culvert and excavation for widening on Social Ridge Road; sterilants on Bombing Range, Wilson, Kunze, and other roads; the cost of the overhaul on the John Deere front-end loader.

Van Arsdale reminded the court of the problem of a hill at the end of the Lexington airport departure runway. He will meet with the landowner to discuss Van Arsdale's suggestions. He

also reported the need for a certified crane operator - required for work with a five-ton crane - and told the court that a department employee will get training.

Van Arsdale also informed the court of a citation from OSHA at the Butter Creek bridge site for not having on vests and hard hats, noting that the fine was minimal because work had not yet started that day. Personnel Director Andrea Denton added that the OSHA inspector had later called to inform her that the fine would be discounted because of the county's low loss ratio and further discounted because of timely compliance. Van Arsdale reported that this issue was later discussed in length at the safety meeting.

Van Arsdale also prepared the court for the change in the method of funding from the federal government to county road departments. Once received through the state, which provided engineering services, funding will now come directly to the counties, which will now have to pay for the engineering services.

Van Arsdale completed his reports with a recommendation that the county assist residents of subdivisions in forming homeowners associations or local improvement districts.

Emergency Management Director Casey Beard discussed with the court the question of replacing control consoles for the CSEPP sirens and reader boards. Fixing the present consoles would take up to six weeks and cost as much as replacing them.

Beard also informed the court of some budget issues concerning costs of: distribution and testing of radios; problems with the tone alert radios; personal services contract; Braille equipment; pre-packaging residential strobes; and expenditures to date for testing and distribution.

Judge Tallman noted that the commissioners are to meet with representatives of the Army and FEMA on Feb. 24 to discuss CSEPP.

Discussion continued around the need for a project officer, the distribution of the TARs, storage of the equipment, the moratorium called by Umatilla and Morrow counties, exercises and the response to the alarm on the microwave system, and responsibilities of staff and of the commissioners.

Assessor Greg Sweek and Tax Collector Marilyn Childers appeared with staff members and a representative of the Software Group, Inc., a subsidiary of Tyler, the largest local government software company in the United States. The court heard the credentials and concepts of the software company, which has been in Oregon since 1989.

Sweek identified attractive features of the software in question. Discussion focused on proper training for employees, the running of the program with Option 1's program, security of the program and time needed for a conversion.

Sweek noted that county counsel is preparing a contract and that information from lending institutions on financing of a lease-option is forthcoming.

From the City of Boardman, Mayor Tom Meyers, Councilmen Bill Brown and Dave Hirai and City Manager Rex Mathers spoke to the court about an agreement with Coyote Springs 2 (the second gas-fired generation plant proposed by PGE), the city of Boardman and Morrow County. They explained their negotiations

for an "agreement for payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes" under the Columbia River Enterprise Zone. Zone manager Sweek noted the requirement that the county concur with the agreement for it to become valid. After more discussion, the court approved signing the agreement. Meyers added that, for the record, the city of Boardman supports having the county, through a contract with the city, assume the building inspection program.

Sheriff Verlin Denton appeared with the bi-annual statistical report and answered questions from the court. Among other statistics, criminal cases went up by eight percent, miscellaneous service reports were up 101 percent, marine and traffic citations were down and training hours were up 134 percent.

The court approved an addendum to the Behavioral Health Department's contract with the psychiatric nurse practitioner, increasing the daily amount. They also appointed Wanda Dixon to the Commission on Children and Families. They approved payment of the registration for Museum Curator Marsha Sweek for the annual meeting of the Association of Museums.

The court reviewed the annual report of the North Morrow Vector Control District, their 2000 Pesticide-Use Plan and their 1999 audit report. They appointed Dale Baker to the board of trustees for that district and approved the pesticide-use plan, contingent upon review and approval of the health officer.

The court reviewed the agreement - circulated to but not signed by the city of Boardman and Columbia River Processing in December - for enterprise zone extended abatement with Columbia River Processing, Inc. The court signed the agreement, which will now be taken to the two other entities.

Planning Director Tamra Mabbott presented for signature the final findings of fact on an appeal of a land partition request denied by the court last week. Mabbott also submitted an amendment to a joint management agreement with the city of Irrigon for rural addressing, for review by county counsel. The court discussed with Mabbott the impact aid issue and signed a related letter to the head of the demilitarization program and agreed to sending to the East Oregonian a copy of last week's letter to Raytheon.

Finance Director Lisanne Currin presented some budget resolutions for the court's signature: the first including an Historical Foundation grant from the general fund; court subsidies for the juvenile program; community development money for the Commission on Children and Families; and funds into the Victim Witness Fund from the Department of Revenue; and the second transferring appropriations within the Road Fund, 911 Fund, Commission on Children and Families Fund and Special Transportation Fund.

### Births

**Lynzie Mae Coller**-a daughter, Lynzie was born to Sarah and Jamie Coller of Baker City on January 24, 2000. The baby weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz.

Grandparents are Wayne and Theresa Bourrie and Leo and Dot Coller, both of Baker City; Myron and Brenda Sherburn of Bridgeport; and Bruce and Christy Virgil of Lexington.

Her maternal great, great grandmother, Irma Mae Kiggins of Heppner, passed away August 3, 1999.

### BUSINESS CARDS

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Parks and Lands Commission for the City of Heppner will meet February 28, 2000 at the Heppner City Hall, 188 W. Willow Street, at 8:00 AM. The meeting is open to the public. Gerald W. Breazeale City Manager  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the PORT OF MORROW, MORROW, State of Oregon, on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 will be held at Port of Morrow Administrative Offices, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, OR. The meeting will take place on the 8th day of March, 2000 at 3:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after March 8, 2000 at 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, OR, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Listed below is the time and place of an additional Budget Committee meeting that will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at this meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

Date: April 12, 2000 Time: 3:30 P.M. Location: 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, OR  
Published: February 23 and March 1, 2000

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE MORROW COUNTY COURT

Public notice is hereby given that the Morrow County Court will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 1, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morrow County Courthouse, 100 Court Street, Heppner, Oregon.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comment upon the proposed vacation of an easement along the South 45 feet of parcel 1 and parcel 2 of Partition Plat 1999, East of Rand Road (formerly 23rd Street), Irrigon, Oregon, pursuant to ORS Chapter 368.326 through 368.426. The Planning Department may be contacted at (541) 922-4624 for more detailed information.

All interested parties are welcome to attend. Upon request, accommodations will be made at the meeting to facilitate persons with physical impairments or disabilities. Please call 676-5620 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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### CLASSIFIED ADS

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### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who helped us get through our accident with Rory. The acts of kindness that people did were a tremendous help to all of us during his recovery. Whether it was sending a card, balloons, calling or especially the prayers, they always seemed to come at the right time. A special thanks to all friends and neighbors who helped with the ranch while we were gone. This let us spend time with Rory while not having to worry about things at home. To all of you who helped with the house, it was very nice to come home to the laundry done and meals prepared. Thank you Heppner and especially the Hislers, Brosnans, Pecks, Rietmanns, Armatos, Kilkenny clan, Thompsons, Father Condon, the staff and the teachers at HES, Pioneer Hospital nurses, EMTs and Wendy. Thank you.  
John, Diane, Conor, Rory, Katie Kilkenny  
2-23-1c

Thank you, Colt basketball players for your efforts in our magazine sales. Thank you to all who supported the Colt players in this fund raiser. We were able to raise just over \$1,800. Our top salesman, Luke Young, and our top saleswoman, Megan Orr, will each receive a new pair of tennis shoes. All Colt players gave great effort in selling subscriptions and gathering donations; each player received a new basketball and some were able to earn a Mustang shirt for their efforts.

The Colt program will purchase new hoops that hang lower and other equipment to help us continue to build and improve our basketball program. Our focus is to teach and develop sound fundamentals in basketball, sportsmanship and team work. Thank you again for your hard work and support.

Chuck, John and George  
2-23-1p

The lone K-3 teachers and students would like to say a great big thank you to the many people who donated to our fund raising project. We are excited about our trip to see the Alice in Wonderland performance. You were very generous.

Ione K-3 Teachers & Students  
2-23-1c

A big thank you to all the girls on the seventh grade basketball team: Madison Bailey, Emily Bergstrom, Chelsea Britt, Blair Keithley, Linsey Mitchell, Liz Orwick, Shanna Rietmann, Kelly Straley, Jessica Wainwright, Terra Wilson (tournament champions) for such a fun basketball season. You're a great bunch of young ladies.

A big thank you to all your parents, family and friends for the support of your team. Thank you Cara Kennedy and Rita Bergstrom for your help as statisticians. Thank you to my daughter Kristen and son Mathew for your help as managers of the team. Thank you to the sixth and seventh grade girls for scrimmaging us, to help make us a better team. Thank you Ron Brisbois for all of your help and support in coaching. Thank you Adam, Darren, Lane and Sloan for videotaping. Thank you Miss Strange for putting up with all the basketball teams that invade your gym space. Thank you once again Mr. Conklin for your assistance. Thank you to Myrna, my wife, and my family who sacrifice their time with me to allow me to coach. And thank you to anybody else I forgot to mention. Thank you to my best friend, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

2-23-1c

### NOTICES

Want to get on the Internet, but not sure how? Take the first step and pick up your Internet Sign-up Pack. The pack has phone numbers, prices and other information on how to sign up and best of all, it's free.

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7-28-tfx

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2-23-1c

### HELP WANTED

**Farm help wanted:** general farm help wanted, experience needed driving tractor. I have modern tractors and offer good pay and working conditions. Contact Steve Anderson, (541) 454-2513 evenings.

2-9-3c

**Part-time help** wanted. All positions. Must be able to work nights. Apply at **Bucknum's**, Heppner.

2-9-tfc

Full-time **loan processor** position in the Heppner Branch Loan Department for **Bank of Eastern Oregon**. Hours 8:30-5:00 Monday through Friday. Duties will include preparing loan documents, disbursing funds, compiling files, typing, filing and answering the phone. Qualifications: knowledge of Windows-based programs with understanding of Word and Excel, good typing skills and 10-key. Benefit package and salary DOE/DOQ. EOE. Applications available at the Heppner Branch.

2-16-2c

## St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

Seventy-seven people were present for the senior dinner Feb. 16, and 15 meals were taken out. Members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church served. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for the senior dinner March 1 is not yet available but will be posted in the window as soon as possible. Members of the United Methodist Church will serve.

Exercises were done Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Cards were played Tuesday and Friday at 1 p.m., with two tables of pinochle each day. The movie "The Bridges of Madison County" was shown Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. Bonnie Gates has loaned the videotapes to the seniors to view. We appreciate it very much. Bingo is played every Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to take part in these activities.

A meeting of the office staff will be held Thursday, March 2, at 1:30 p.m.

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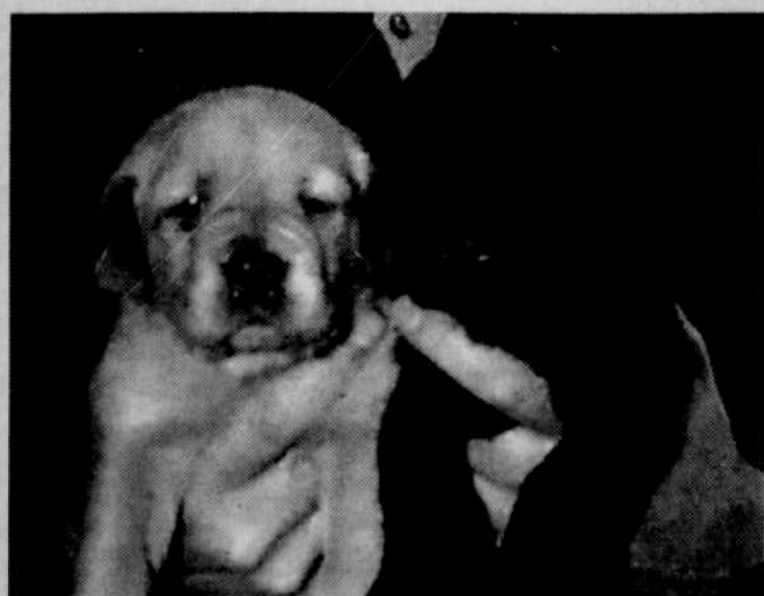
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