

Elks Americanism winners announced

The Elks Americanism contest winners for year 2000 have been named. Tasha Hlavirka won first place, Danielle Prindle, second place and Stefanie Hanson, third place. The first, second and third place posters are on display in the lobby of Klamath First Federal bank in Heppner and will remain there until they are taken to the annual Elks convention at Grants

Arts & Crafts Club to meet

Morrow County Arts and Crafts Club will meet Thursday, April 28, at Cal's at 1 p.m. for lunch and a short meeting.

Anyone who would like to learn to paint or would just like to join the group for lunch is invited to attend.

Pass near the end of April. Everyone is welcome to view the work of Mr. Grant's eighth grade students during regular business hours.

Other participants include: Blake Allstott, Justin Botefuhr, Kyle Lovgren, Luke Murray, Courtney Nelson, Devon Rhode, Brooke Rust and Jessie Woodward.

Zeta honors local student

The University of Idaho chapter of Alpha Zeta, an agriculture and forestry honorary, has honored Toni Kemp for academic achievement.

To be eligible, a student must be a sophomore and have at least a 3.2 grade point average.

Loan officer joins GEODC

Melisa Druge has recently joined Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) as senior loan officer.

According to GEODC director Martin Davis, "Melisa's expertise in rural public sector lending will be a tremendous asset for our region. We are delighted to have a loan officer of her caliber and experience on board with us."

Druge is relocating from North Central Montana. For over seven years she worked with Bearpaw Development Corporation, one of the largest and most established public sector lenders in Montana.

Druge commented, "I enjoy working with banks and borrowers to 'fill the gap' and make deals happen. I was raised on a farm, and enjoy rural living, so working in a region like Eastern Oregon is nothing new. In fact, this is probably even more densely populated than what I'm used to."

For more information on GEODC's loan programs, contact Druge at (541) 276-6745.

Morrow County Court holds meeting

Morrow County Counsel Bill Hanlon, at the April 5 meeting of the Morrow County Court, reviewed a letter from Port of Morrow Manager Gary Neal regarding cost sharing of an appeal against the state listing of the ground squirrel as an endangered species and suggested an intergovernmental agreement with the port.

Hanlon noted no relationship between the appeal and the piece of property that the port suggests buying. County Commissioner John Wenzholz stated that the property is basically worthless to the county and said that trading it to the port for the county's share of the legal fees on the appeal would be the county's only contribution. Additional costs, said Wenzholz, would be the entire responsibility of the port.

In response to a question, Morrow County Assessor Greg Sweek explained that if a county road runs over the property, the county would remain owner of the road.

Hanlon recommended surveying the property and transferring only that portion not lying under the road. He also suggested that the agreement with the port contain an arrangement for decision making.

The court reviewed a map and the deed and Hanlon recommended that the court determine the value of the property to the county. The court approved the port's proposal that the county's share of the costs of the ground squirrel appeal be the value of an identified parcel of land that the county will sell to the port, excepting that which is encumbered by the road and right of way as determined by the road standards and a survey to be performed by the port's surveyor.

In other business the court heard the following report from assistant public works director Burke O'Brien: The road crew has completed most of the Washington Street work; they have built up shoulders and are preparing to lay rock on Pole Line Road; they will work on Hardman Ridge Road for about two weeks; blading continues on upper Butter Creek Road, McLaughlin and Hughes, south of Lexington and the north end of Homestead; they will do some patching on Sandhollow Road.

Having finished hauling from the Rauch pit, they have sent samples of grindings to the state to determine the best oil mix which they might be able to lay out with the paver. Dave Pranger has sprayed all the paved roads and is now working on graveled roads. The mapping project is ready for printing now.

The court approved a request from the Public Works Department, which contracts with the Fish and Wildlife Service for "fish-friendly" chemicals for use on the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge near Irrigon.

The court also approved permits O'Brien presented from CenturyTel to lay line to the new cheese plant off Rippee Road, on Rhea Creek Road near Highway 74 and to bury cable at the Dee Cox Canyon and Blackhorse Canyon intersection.

O'Brien reported on special transportation funds, saying that Oregon Department of Transportation is claiming a 16-million dollar shortfall. Morrow County, having completed bridge projects, is better off than some counties over the loss of the bridge funds, he said. Funds, O'Brien explained, will come

directly from the federal government, rather than through the state, and the county will have to spend more money on engineering to meet federal requirements.

The court and O'Brien briefly discussed concern over the Governor coming out against the bill on forest fees that would net the county \$200,000 in revenues for the road fund and a shortfall in the federal relief funds.

The court approved the memorandum of agreement with the Sheriff's Association, Teamsters Local 223, to add language governing how employees will be placed on the salary scale upon a promotion within the bargaining unit.

They approved the separate credit card requested by District Attorney David Allen for use with the domestic violence grant to help keep track of that program's expenditures.

The court also agreed that a memorandum to all departments state the necessity of receipts accompanying all visa bills and of the department's responsibility to obtain copies of any missing receipts in a timely way.

Representatives of the Friends of the Irrigon Library reported to the court that they have completed the criteria for adding the library to the Oregon Trail Library District, and they registered over 140 new voters.

The book collection, about 40,000 books, previously housed at city hall, may be located at Columbia Middle School.

The organization has attained one grant and has applied for other grants. Sweek noted that Hanlon explained that if the group has a majority of electors' and landowners' signatures on their petitions of support, the court can order annexation without a vote. Certifying that the petitions constitute a majority of the electors within the territory proposed for annexation, the group asked the court to initiate the public hearing process for annexation. The court approved proceeding with setting public hearings.

Sheriff Verlin Denton spoke to the court about a three-year grant possibility that would enable the department to hire a full-time school/community resource officer. Denton insisted that the grant support all expenses of the program and shared his vision of this officer's responsibilities and activities. He said that witnessing community resource officers work in other communities convinced him of the benefits of such a program and the survey he conducted last year expressed strong support of this idea. The court approved pursuit of the grant.

Public Health Director Laura McElligott and the court discussed the Public Health Department finances. As fee income has exceeded the amount anticipated in the department budget, McElligott proposed a separate fund for the excess fees, to be used on supplies and activities associated with the related programs.

Further discussion included the suggestion that excess fees be returned to the citizens and considered cooperative efforts with the county health district and the court approved a fee account for the above purpose.

McElligott also reported on completion of training for three employees from the Community Child Safety Seat Project and on receipt of a parenting enhancement grant.

Computer manager Ed

Struthers presented information on establishing network connections for county departments. He said he will continue research of the possibilities and expenses for a later report.

Hanlon presented to the court the eighth addendum with the contractor for developing an overpressurization maintenance program, which the court agreed to sign.

The court also approved an agreement to participate in the program between the state Department of Transportation and the county road authority governing issuance of permits for oversize and overweight vehicles over highways and roads.

Sweek explained to the court a correction in his interpretation of the enterprise zone exemptions. The seven-year tax exemption is permissive, not automatic. The court noted that they will have to reevaluate their offer to the fertilizer plant and discussion followed. Sweek will communicate the actuality to the Port of Morrow, the city of Boardman and the fertilizer plant owners.

Water quality program to be presented

The OSU Extension Office in Morrow County, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and the Morrow County Livestock Growers are working together to provide an educational program on water quality issues facing livestock producers.

The program will be at the Heppner Chamber's regular Tuesday meeting, April 18, at noon at the Heppner Elks.

An overview of water quality issues will be presented during the regular Chamber luncheon.

The meeting will continue at 1 p.m. with a more in-depth discussion of water quality issues, including current EPA inspection of CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operations).

Pat Larson will be the guest speaker. Larson is currently science and natural resource advisor for Oregon Cattlemen and Oregon Ag Legal Foundation Clean Water Committee; the chair for Oregon Cattlemen Water Committee; coordinator for Oregon Cattlemen WEST Water monitoring program; serves on the Ag Alliance 1010 Planning Committee that drafted the template; and is coordinator for the Union County Yellow Starthistle Control Project.

"This should be a great opportunity to get good information on water quality from a true expert in the field of natural resources including water quality," said an extension spokesperson. Both Pat Larson and her husband Larry Larson, a professor at Eastern Oregon University, have spent many years conducting scientific studies of streams and water quality.

Those planning to attend the Chamber luncheon and the following discussion on water quality should RSVP by Friday, April 14, to the Morrow County Extension office at 676-9642 or leave a message.

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