

County Court meets

By Doris Brosnan

Morrow County Public Works Director Guy Van Arsdale presented and the court approved a permit to CenturyTel for installation of line along Lindsay Road.

The court also agreed that Judge Terry Tallman and Van Arsdale will discuss options and decide whether or not a department layoff will be required by the county budget reductions.

Van Arsdale reported that the final draft of the airport layout plan has been received and sent to the planning department. He also reported having received a grant that will pay for assistant director Burke O'Brien's attendance at an aviation conference in June.

Further installation of a septic system at Anson Wright Park has been approved; grindings are being laid on Washington Street at a considerable savings over traditional paving; and the CSEPP bus parking lot at Sam Boardman School has been finished. The court set June 15, 7 p.m., in Lexington for a meeting of the Road Committee.

Van Arsdale and Planning Director Tamra Mabbott spoke to the court about the draft of a new road policy, which covers access to new subdivisions and certain partitions. They responded to questions from the court and noted that the issue of previously established subdivisions that do not meet county standards will need to be addressed. Mabbott will prepare the policy for county counsel Bill Hanlon's examination.

Mabbott mentioned briefly that LCDC is considering a change in the one-acre minimum lot size in RR2 zoning to a two-acre minimum.

The public hearing on the annexation of the Irrigon voting precincts into the Oregon Trail Library District was attended by six citizens supporting annexation. They answered questions from the commissioners and explained that interest in the Irrigon community was grown since the library district was established in 1992 and that the district board has signed a resolution in favor of the annexation. Also, Friends of the Irrigon Library group is forming a 501 C3 corporation for the purpose of raising money for the Irrigon library. No opposition to the annexation has been noted. The hearing was closed and the court approved annexation.

Oregon Trail Library director Tony Chavez spoke to the court about the genealogy collection and service in the Morrow County Museum. He shared his idea of a special branch library that could include the museum. Chavez suggested a seven-year contract and a transition process that would phase out county funding within three years. Such a combination, said Chavez, would allow the museum to continue to grow, and the services are related in such needs as cataloging, research, and maintenance. He pointed out the merging of library and museum departments in Congress.

Chavez volunteered to do research, including statute requirements and figure cost. The court agreed on the positive benefits of the project and asked Chavez to discuss it with his board and to draft some information. Commissioner Brosnan will discuss it with the museum board.

Director of Children and Families Services Dar Merrill presented and the court approved grant allocations, many of which were renewals of original proposals. Merrill agreed to

check on agriculturally based grant assistance that might be related to migrant farm workers who have to take their children into the fields and risks of exposure to pesticides and herbicides. The court also approved Merrill's revised funding policy.

Public Health Director Laura McElligott explained to the court the health department fee schedule, billing and reimbursement from Medicaid, and codes used for insurance billing. She also explained that even if the full amount of fees are paid, the fees are still tax subsidized, the public is not paying fees over and above the cost of providing services. She pointed out, also, that immunizations is over budget presently because of having to buy vaccines. The court approved McElligott's adjusting maternity-case management rates when she receives the new rates from the State. After her detailing of the Public Health Annual Plan, the court approved the plan.

McElligott and the court discussed the tobacco plan, focusing especially on the remind-and-reward program, with which the commissioners voiced various disagreements. McElligott explained the particulars of this program that monitors stores' marketing and sales of tobacco to youths. Tobacco educator Karen Masshoff handed out the tobacco program plan for next year. It does not include the remind-and-reward program, and McElligott agreed to further discussion with the court on the entire tobacco program.

Assessor Greg Sweek and Boardman Fire Chief Marc Rogelstad appeared to address the enterprise-zone agreement with Stanford Chemical LLC for the urea plant. Of particular concern is the impact of the facility on the fire district and the possible impact on other districts that might want a voice in the process.

Other business conducted by the court included the following:

-Commissioner Wenzholz volunteered to serve on the Transportation Task Force.

-The court approved the purchase of two replacement PCs for the assessor's office.

-The court reviewed changes to the fee schedule submitted by county departments, made two further adjustments, and approved the fee order.

-They reviewed and approved safety-net agreements from Behavioral Health with Wheeler County and the state and approved the contract with Umatilla County for juvenile detention services.

-The court appointed Lori Seitz to the Fair Board and appointed Teresa Lopez to the Safety Committee.

-The court approved a contract with Joan Smith to provide nurse practitioner services to the Public Health Office. They approved the 1999-2001 Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Developmental Disability Service Plan for carryover funds.

Prostate cancer

The Pendleton Prostate Cancer Support group will meet June 5 at Western Bank at the address of 1701 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton at 7 p.m.

Ken Ehlers will speak on high dose rate Brachytherapy.

This is an open meeting of the support group and is sponsored by St. Anthony Hospital and the American Cancer Society.

PMH Foundation announces scholarship winners



Stephanie Clough



Trisha Adams



Ashley Ropp

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation has announced its scholarship winners. The hospital foundation annually grants awards to students who are furthering their education in health care related fields.

The foundation awarded the Dr. Wallace Wolff scholarship for \$600 to Jessica Van Winkle. She is a junior at Eastern Oregon University in pre-nursing. After obtaining her nursing degree she plans to enroll at OHSU to complete her training to be a nurse practitioner. Jessica has worked summers at Pioneer Memorial Hospital as a CNA.

The foundation awarded scholarships of \$400 each to Crystal Tallman and Brooke Boyer. Tallman, who is a junior in the nursing program at Oregon Health Sciences University, has had clinical experience at University Hospital and Doernbechers. Brooke Boyer who is pursuing nursing at Boise State. Brooke's goal is also to become a nurse practitioner.

The foundation awarded \$250 scholarships to three members of the 2000 graduation class at Heppner High School, Stephanie Clough, Trisha Adams and Ashley Ropp.

Stephanie Clough, who has been very active in student government as well as being a member of the National Honor Society, Knowledge Master team, Talented and Gifted program, Ossom, Outdoor Club

and the Spanish Club. She will enroll at the University of Oregon and then plans to enroll at OHSU after receiving her degree at the UofO.

Trisha Adams, who will be graduating with a 4.0 grade point average in high school, has been active in school activities and athletics. She has also been involved with several community activities, including volunteering at the nursing home. She has done work experience at Pioneer Memorial Hospital as a lab assistant and nurse's assistant. She plans on enrolling at Albertson College to obtain her bachelor's degree, and then go on to medical school.

Ashley Ropp has also been very active in student government athletics and student activity clubs. She has been an honor student and will graduate fourth in her class. Ashley plans to enter college this fall with the goal of becoming a dental hygienist.

OSU lists local grads

Oregon State University's "booming enrollment" over the last three years will be evident this June 11, when one of the largest graduating classes in recent memory goes through the university's annual commencement ceremony.

In fact, the university has had to separate commencement into two sessions this year to accommodate the mass of students. During the two ceremonies, OSU will confer nearly 3,700 degrees, an increase of about eight percent over last year.

Graduate students will have their own ceremony this year, which will run from 9-10:30 a.m. at LaSells Stewart Center on campus. At the graduate commencement, the university will confer about 250 doctoral degrees and 620 master's degrees.

The afternoon ceremony for undergraduates will begin at 2 p.m. in Gill Coliseum. The university will confer about 2,800 bachelor's degrees during commencement, which will be televised live by Oregon Public Broadcasting.

A list of OSU students graduating from this area includes: John Qualls, bachelor of science, crop science and soil science; and Janet Stefani, bachelor of science, forest management, both of Heppner; Ryan Munkers, bachelor of science, agricultural business management, Lexington; Alejandra Torres-Pacheco, bachelor of arts, business administration, Boardman; Elizabeth Smith, bachelor of science, crop science and soil science and Jeremy D. Tovey, Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Business Management, both of Irrigon.

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Wranglers holds playday

The Wranglers Riding Club held their third playday on Mother's Day, May 14. Results are as follows:

Stickhorse: first Blake Greenup, second Bobbi Correa, third Makenzi Hughes.

Leadline: barrels and poles-first Blake Greenup, second Bobbi Correa, third Makenzi Hughes, fourth Austin Miller; Put-n-Take-first Bobbi Correa, second Blake Greenup, third Makenzi Hughes, fourth Austin Miller.

Six years and under: barrels-first Mary Rietmann, second Rebecca Jepsen, third Donald Matthews, fourth Emma Osmin; poles-first Rebecca Jepsen, second Mary Rietmann, third Donald Matthews, fourth Emma Osmin; Put-n-Take-first Mary Rietmann, second Donald Matthews, third Rebecca Jepsen, fourth Justin Pranger.

Seven year olds: barrels-first Taighler Dougherty, second Devin Robinson, third Jessica Hughes, fourth Brynna Rust; poles-first Taighler Dougherty, second Jessica Hughes, third Brett Harrison, fourth Devin Robinson; Put-n-Take-first Devin Robinson, second Jacob Gregory, third Brynna Rust, fourth Taighler Dougherty.

Eight to 10 year olds: barrels-first Whitney Matthews, second Brent Eckman, third Eric Jepsen, fourth Kayla Graves; poles-first Whitney Matthews, second Eric Jepsen, third Kayla Graves, fourth Brent Eckman; Put-n-Take-first Justin Gregory, second Whitney Matthews, third Kayla Graves, fourth Joe Pranger.

11-14 year olds: barrels-first Jenny Griffith, second Lacey Davis, third Amy Jepsen, fourth Nicole Wilson; poles-first Lacey Davis, second Amy Jepsen, third Jenny Griffith, fourth Nicole Wilson; Put-n-Take-first Lacey Davis, second Jenny Griffith, third Amy Jepsen, fourth Kristal Temple.

15-18 years old: barrels-first Tracy Griffith, second Brett Barber, third Kelsey Greenup, fourth Megan Healy; poles-first Tracy Griffith, second Sibbea Jones, third Kelsey Greenup, fourth Brett Barber; Put-n-Take-first Kelsey Greenup, second Tracy Griffith, third Sibbea Jones, fourth Megan Healy.

18 years and older: barrels-first Angie Hughes, second Tiffany Munkers, third Glen Griffith, fourth Bobbi Rankin; poles-first Glen Griffith, second Tiffany Munkers, third Angie Hughes, fourth Bill Jepsen; Put-n-Take-first Bobbi Rankin, second Karen Temple.

The riding club held their last playday of the year on Sunday, May 21. Results are as follows:

Stickhorse: first Blake Greenup, second a tie between Ryan Dougherty and Bobbi Correa, third Makenzi Hughes.

Leadline: barrels-first Blake Greenup, second Bobbi Correa, third Ryan Dougherty, fourth Patrick Collins; poles-first Blake Greenup, second Ryan Dougherty, third Bobbi Correa, fourth Patrick Collins; ribbons-first Blake Greenup, second Makenzi Hughes, third Bobbi Correa, fourth Tate Gentry.

Six years and under: barrels-first Rebecca Jepsen, second Mary Rietmann, third Willy Gentry, fourth Emma Osmin, poles-first Rebecca Jepsen, second Donald Matthews, third Mary Rietmann, fourth Emma Osmin; ribbons-first Willy Gentry, second

Rebecca Jepsen, third Garrett Robinson, fourth Mary Rietmann.

Seven year olds: barrels-first Taighler Dougherty, second Jessica Hughes, third Devin Robinson, fourth Brett Harrison, poles-first Taighler Dougherty, second Devin Robinson, third Brett Harrison, fourth Brynna Rust; ribbons-first Taighler Dougherty, second Jessica Hughes, third Brynna Rust, fourth Devin Robinson.

Eight to 10 year olds: barrels-first Whitney Matthews, second Kayla Graves, third Eric Jepsen, fourth Emily Ricmann; poles-first Emily Rietmann, second Brent Eckman, third Kayla Graves, fourth Whitney Matthews; rings-first Emily Rietmann, second Whitney Matthews, third Kayla Graves, fourth Justin Gregory.

11-14 year olds: barrels-first Nicole Wilson, second Jenny Griffith, third Lacey Davis, fourth Amy Jepsen; poles-first Amy Jepsen, second Jenny Griffith, third Nicole Wilson, fourth Tiera McCool; rings-first Jenny Griffith, second Nicole Wilson, third Lacey Davis, fourth Amy Jepsen.

15-17 year olds: barrels-first Tracy Griffith, second Kelsey Greenup, third Brett Barber, fourth Megan Healy; poles-first Tracy Griffith, second Brett Barber, third Megan Healy, fourth Ann Shear; rings-first Tracy Griffith, second Kelsey Greenup, third Brett Barber, fourth Tracy Rankin.

18 and over: barrels-first Sue Gibbs, second Glen Griffith, third Sara Greenup, fourth Bill Jepsen; poles-first Glen Griffith, second Sara Greenup, third Bill Jepsen, fourth Anita Pranger; rings-first Glen Griffith, second Rachel Faber.

A jackpot playday has been scheduled for Saturday, June 3. Awards will be presented at that time. A potluck and barbecue will begin at 6 p.m. with awards at 7 p.m. and then the jackpot to follow. Everyone is invited to participate.

Spaghetti dinner benefit

A spaghetti dinner will be held Friday, June 2, at the Heppner Elks Club to help with the expenses associated with the summer program opportunities of two Heppner girls.

Danielle McDowell will be attending a two-week summer program of the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Boston. Kathleen Greenup will be participating in the Mt. Hood Community College 2000 Summer Spanish Program in San Miguel De Allende, Mexico.

A can drive was held recently which raised approximately \$400.

A winning ticket will be drawn at the spaghetti dinner for an afghan crocheted by Kathleen's grandmother, Pat Gentry, which is on display in the window of Heppner TV. Tickets for the afghan are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Cost of the spaghetti dinner will be \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 10 and under and \$20 for a family. Dinner will be served from 6-8 p.m.

"These are wonderful opportunities for both girls and we appreciate all the support of the community, family and friends," said Janet Greenup and Merilee McDowell, mothers of the girls.

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