

## County Court discusses resolution of election error

By Doris Brosnan

In a brief meeting on May 31, the Morrow County Court met with a contingent of interested and persons to discuss an election error that resulted in the omission of a candidate's name from the Morrow County ballot in District 29, involving the northern four precincts.

Discussion focused on options for resolution, with input also from the Secretary of State's office.

The consensus was that the first step in the matter lies with County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth.

On May 24, the court heard a report from Burke O'Brien, assistant public works director.

O'Brien said that the road crews are working on the Anson Wright Park sewer project; a private contractor is hauling rock over Hail Ridge and will repair the road when finished; work is complete on Washington and Columbia Streets. Consensus of the court was to proceed with work on Old Highway 730.

The court reviewed tippage fee awards and the amounts available, which were down considerably, and decided to delay awards. They also reviewed the 1999 SCERT projects list. By consensus, they agreed to replace the old postage machine.

The court approved a tax refund to the United State Department of Agriculture. They also approved the promotion of O'Brien from assistant public works director to public works director.

The court also agreed to a request from Heppner Day Care Center to use awarded funds for items different from those originally requested.

Representatives of the rodeo committee discussed with the court the pole building proposed for the fairgrounds. The court approved the building.

Computer systems manager Ed Struthers updated the court on an automated switchboard that the telephone company will offer soon. He also informed the court of his intentions to retire.

Tamra Mabbott, planning director, discussed land use matters of the planning commission and presented a land-use zone-change notice that the court approved.

District Attorney Dave Allen explained changes required for accommodating his staff.

Kelly Sager and Tia Sanderson, of Behavioral Health, reviewed with the court and the

court approved a contract for that department with consultant Dr. Kathleen Myers. Sanderson also reported on the Children's Fair held at the Port of Morrow the previous week.

Also in the May 31 meeting, the court also approved a 30-day extension to the road department union for consideration of a possible grievance. With county counsel Bill Hanlon, they discussed the building inspection ordinance, use of the CSEPP telephone lines and the enterprise zone.

On June 7, the court approved purchase, from the computer budget, by the assessor's office of a license to install new software. They heard the report from O'Brien that preparatory work on Highway 730 will be followed by work on Wilson Road; that use of grindings has proved to be a cost-savings measure; and that the final approval of the airport grant has been received.

The court approved the purchase for the road department of a used Department of Transportation dump truck with a snowplow and sander attachments. They also requested O'Brien to check with Irrigon a quitclaim deed for some property along old Highway 730.

O'Brien agreed to watch for leftover paving mix that can be used for the space around the fairgrounds snack shack, presently not cleanable.

Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman reported that Mabbott is drafting an ordinance to establish a fee schedule for the building permit fees.

Paul Snider, Association of Oregon Counties representative, appeared to discuss with the court issues of importance to the county. Commissioners and Assessor Greg Sweek noted appreciation of the AOC staff. Commissioner Brosnan expressed regret over the dropping of the road priority from AOC's list, and Commissioner Wenholz questioned if AOC is backing away from transportation priorities.

Brosnan addressed the issue of parity between the east and west sides of the state and the complexity of the transportation issues. He also asked for AOC's support of a bill pertinent to Act of Congress land.

Tallman addressed economic development in the county, including enterprise zones, the regional partnership with Baker County and the chemical depot

and impact fees.

Sweek offered concern about the "intangible" bill coming up again. Brosnan asked if AOC has taken a position on Sizemore's more recent efforts, to which Snider noted that the petition, which amounts to about a 15 percent cut in every state department, is at the top of their task force list.

Brosnan asked about the status of SB 1608, on the timber tax, but Snider had no current information. Snider reported on state funding issues for the assessment and taxation programs and the district attorneys' offices.

Brosnan also mentioned the anti-growth initiative. In an aside, Snider complimented the courthouse and downtown Heppner.

The court reviewed the annual renewal of the map-maintenance agreement, which exceeds the amount in the budget. Historically, Sweek reported, they have not spent the budgeted amount. After further discussion with finance director Lianne Currin, who assured them of the history of not expending the total of that line item and of the department's sources that could absorb some excess, the court approved the contract.

The court accepted the resignation from the Commission on Children and Families of

## Hands on Science classes planned

"My World Past and Present" is title and theme of the summer Hands on Science classes for younger children. In this class, the children will experience their world of the past using fossils and dinosaurs to capture their imaginations. The children will also experience their present world through investigations on the interaction of soil, plants, animals and water. They will observe how our environment has changed over time, and be introduced to the problems of pollution and conservation.

Any child who is four years old as of December 31, 1999, any five year old, or any six year old who is entering first grade this fall is eligible to register.

The Morrow County Commission on Children and Families is partially funding this summer program. Because of the grant dollars from the commission, the registration fee is only \$8 instead of \$90.

The classes will meet Monday through Friday for two and a half hours each day for two weeks.

The program will be held at three sites in the county. The Boardman Child Development Center will hold classes on August 7-18 from 9-11:30 a.m. The Heppner classes will be held in the Heppner Elementary School cafeteria July 17-28 from 9-11:30 a.m. The third site will be in Ione at the Ione Elementary School cafeteria July 31-Aug 1 from 9-11:30 a.m.

"These Hands on Science classes are an excellent way for the pre-K-1 child to experience the excitement and fun of science," said area coordinator Sarah Carlson.

Science concepts and skills will be introduced as the children actively participate through inquiry. Observing, measuring, classifying, predicting and hypothesizing will be emphasized in each of the 10 classes.

Materials and products of the lessons will be sent home with

## Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business:

John B. Looney, 55, Heppner-DUII, \$1793 fine, 180 days in jail, \$500 and 178 days of jail sentence suspended with two years' probation with no further violation of law, and complete alcohol education program;

Grant Edwin Asher, 55, Hermiston-Violation of the Basic Rule, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$77 fine;

David Dornbusch, 48, Heppner-Theft III, \$307 fine plus \$1 restitution, \$150 suspended with no further violation of law.

Michele Raible. They reviewed and approved renewal of the annual marine patrol contract with the Oregon State Marine Board. They also reviewed and approved an agreement with the Oregon Health Division that allows Oregon Health Plan clients to receive services at the County Public Health Department.

The court reviewed and declined the request from the union to adjust the 90-day period in the nepotism policy.

Director of personnel Andrea Denton reported receipt of a dividend check from SAIF. She also reported that premiums should be lower next year.

Tallman reported on a meeting he had with a representative of the Umatilla-Morrow ESD regarding computer services. Next week ESD's technical staff will look over the county systems so they can develop a proposal of services.

Before closing, the court joined Emergency Management director Casey Beard in a conference call with a commissioner of Calhoun County, Alabama, regarding CSEPP issues, including that county's request that the GAO investigate gas leaks in the Tootie County incinerator and the pursuit of impact aid from the Army.

## High School Rodeo Finals

Oregon High School Rodeo Finals action will take place in Redmond on June 15-17. Rodeo performances will begin at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, with the top 10 featured in a short go around on Saturday at noon at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5.

The Columbia Basin High School Rodeo Club reports that all 11 competing members of their club qualified for the finals.

Heading the contingent will be Heppner's Ryan Matteson and Blake Knowles of the Intermountain club, going into the finals leading the team roping.

Matteson will also compete in the calf roping in 14th place, while both Knowles and Matteson will contend for a national berth in the steer wrestling, second and third respectively. Matteson is the defending state champion, while Knowles was last year's reserve champion.

Also competing in the steer wrestling will be Moro's Joe and Chris Irzyk in fifth and ninth place, with Travis Carmine, Condon, holding down 11th place. Travis Yutzie, Arlington will compete in the bareback riding in 10th place.

Jared Penturf, Heppner, will see action in the bull riding in eighth place.

The area will be well represented on the girls' side. In breakaway roping, Condon's Mame Wilkins is in fourth place with Lacey Matteson, Heppner, in sixth, and Ione's Sybil Krebs in eighth.

Pole bending action will see Wilkins in sixth with Tracey Griffith, Ione, in 12th place and Matteson in 13th, followed by Ione's Katie Bacon in 14th and Ann Shear in 16th.

Qualifying in barrel racing is Matteson in fourth, Wilkins in 11th, Bacon in 16th, Shear in 17th and Krebs in 19th. Wilkins and Matteson will compete in the goat tying in 12th and 17th place.

Others known to the area are the Tatone sisters of Roseburg. Nataly will compete in pole bending in first, barrel racing in second, goat tying in seventh and girls cutting in fourth. Jessica will see action in barrel racing in

third, pole bending in 11th and cutting in seventh.

Pilot Rock's Jonie Nash qualified fifth in pole bending and 15th in barrel racing. Liz Bowerman, Prineville, will compete in the cutting in fifth place. Union's Blake West will head to the finals in 14th in saddle bronc and 15th in bull riding. John Osburn, Monument is in second in the bull riding and fifth in team roping. Brandt Giovanina, Prineville, is sitting fourth in team roping, while Jay McCabe, Madras is 10th.

The top four in each event will head to Springfield, Illinois, for national competition in July, while fifth through 10th place will travel to Fallon, Nevada, over the July 4 holiday.

## U of Wyoming honor students

The University of Wyoming has announced its 2000 spring semester President's Honor Roll.

The President's Honor Roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates who earned a 4.0 ("A") grade point average for the semester. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Eric Schonbachler from Heppner qualified to be on the honor roll.

## Births

**Tyler Jeffery Roundy-Olea**-a son Tyler Jeffery was born to Patricia and Thomas Olea of Irrigon on May 25, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz.

**Ryan David Verley**-a son Ryan David was born to Shannon and Daniel Verley of Irrigon on May 25, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.

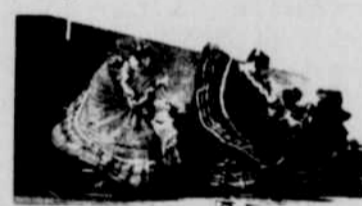
**Daylon Shad Slagel-Eng**-a son Daylon Shad was born to Candice and Shawn Eng of Hermiston on May 29, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

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