

Morrow County Court meets

By Doris Brosnan

In the absence of Morrow County Commissioner John Wenzholz and Judge Tallman, Morrow County Court did not meet on July 19.

On July 26, Public Works Director Burke O'Brien reported the following: The Patterson Ferry overlay will soon be completed, as will finish work on Wilson Road; the Anson Wright Park project is continuing, with back-filling and electrical work, with the end of August as the target for completion; some work was needed on Morter Lane and will also be done to Strawberry Lane because, common this time of year, trucks have pounded out some dust holes. The director presented and the court approved a request to purchase a used truck from Baker County. Also, O'Brien reported details of the July 22 fire, which some of the crew helped several agencies to fight.

In reference to Hale Ridge Road, O'Brien noted that he has fixed a couple of places on it, and wanted clarification for the public that a contractor, not state trucks, has been hauling rock out of that quarry. He discussed the bridge work on the Rhea Creek approach at Highway 74 and reported an opportunity to purchase six slabs from an old bridge, which could be used for decking on future bridge work.

O'Brien reported to the court that he has discussed with county counsel Bill Hanlon the bid process for county fuel. The court, by consensus, agreed to maintain the bid on an annual basis, rather than change to a two-year process.

Hanlon questioned the court about whether or not the county expects to file a claim against a particular company for damages to a county road. He will have the county insurer prepare a memo for the court.

The court and Hanlon discussed a letter to the Bureau of Labor and Industries recommending several performance-based measures designed to ensure compliance with wage rate rules in future improvement contracts. The court approved the letter. Hanlon also discussed with the court an agreement he has negotiated with an individual who had applied for an extension of time for a trailer to be located on property while the individual was building a home. The court will make a decision on the appeal on August 2.

The court requested that Planning Director Tamra

Mabbott review a proposed resolution that would show support of Beef Northwest's application for economic assistance through the Oregon Economic Community Development Department. Mabbott will examine some details of the feed mill plan to ensure compliance with the county comprehensive plan.

Mabbott also agreed to rework a memorandum of agreement with AS Rock. The agreement addresses their funding of a consultant to work with the planning department on questions surrounding their request for zoning to allow installation of a rock conveyor.

County Assessor Greg Sweek joined Mabbott for a discussion of GIS issues that the GIS committee had addressed earlier in the day, including a maintenance agreement and preservation of the tax lot database. Sweek reported having applied for a grant for map maintenance.

Mabbott reported that the ad hoc committee has recommended the court pursue a contract with the Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR) with GIS budget money for preservation of the database. The court agreed to have Sweek contact DOR and request that they discuss the situation with the court.

The court heard an annual presentation by Finance Director Lianne Currin of the county's pension plan and discussed with newly-elected surveyor Ron McKinnis his procedural plans and some of his needs.

In other business, the court approved:

- renewal of the Currin Ranches rock pit agreement.
- three permit requests from CenturyTel.
- flex scheduling for Currin and her accounting technician.
- "out of class" pay for Arletha Brannon's additional work while the county was selecting a new director of Children and Family Services. Barbara Hayes was selected as the new director.
- redesign plans by Deborah Kendrick for the Boardman Annex.
- a lease agreement with Stokes Landing Senior Center for a special transportation bus parking space.
- a contract with the Morrow County School District for the health department to administer the "Students Today Aren't Ready for Sex" abstinence program.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

July 3: MCSO received report of a possible juvenile party. Problem was resolved.

Boardman Police Department (BPD) received report of a car windshield broken out.

MCSO received report of a neighbor's dogs injuring pigs.

MCSO received report of a dead cat found in lone with several small holes in its body. The complainant had an autopsy done and photos taken.

Oregon State Police (OSP) received report of an erratic driver on Hwy 74.

MCSO received report of a man assaulted. When deputy responded, caller had left a note and said he changed his mind and didn't want contact.

MCSO received report of three dogs bothering kids' 4-H sheep.

MCSO received report of four young juveniles with beer at the pile of rocks at the Irrigon Marina.

MCSO, Irrigon Ambulance, Irrigon Fire Department received report of a motor vehicle accident on Old Patterson Ferry Rd. Motor vehicle accident was in Washington.

MCSO cited Charles Anthony West, 19, for driving while suspended, careless driving, driving uninsured. The vehicle was towed.

MCSO received report of a red Honda Civic on refuge property for the last couple of days.

MCSO received request from Umatilla Co. to have a runaway form signed by a juvenile male.

MCSO, BPD received report of a possible abduction. A low rider van was reported to have stopped at Inland Empire Bank. When the van stopped a girl got out screaming and two men grabbed her, still screaming and put her in the van and headed toward Irrigon-Boardman on Hwy 730. Deputy advised it was not an abduction.

BPD received report from a Boardman woman that her 15-year-old son hit her and she wanted him out of the house. MCSO deputy cited a 15-year-old for harassment.

OSP received report of a possible DUI with an intoxicated person leaving the Boardman Marina in an older red Chevrolet Camaro.

MCSO, OSP received report of a Rottweiler chasing people in Irrigon.

MCSO received report that someone tried to steal an Irrigon man's donkey the previous night. Owner found a rope around the donkey's neck.

OSP, BPD, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) received report of spilled potato waste at Port of Morrow, it was very slick.

MCSO, Heppner Police Department (HPD) received report of a very intoxicated man heading from Columbia Lane to Hermiston, possibly en route to Lexington/Heppner.

MCSO received report of a red Honda Civic on refuge property for the last couple of days.

MCSO received report of DUII headed South on 207 from Butter Creek Junction.

HPD, MCSO received report of possible disturbance with a family dispute. Wife was upset and possibly intoxicated.

MCSO, OSP received two reports of possible DUII. Driver was clearly intoxicated and couldn't walk when he got

MCSO received a report of a fight at an Irrigon residence.

MCSO received a request for information concerning a sex abuse case.

MCSO received a report from a female in Irrigon that she was harassed by another subject. The subject was advised not to make contact with her before.

MCSO received a report from an anonymous caller that a wanted subject was at a Lexington residence.

MCSO received a report of a fight in progress at Bake's in Irrigon. One subject was injured in the mouth.

Celebrate Heppner winners announced

Scenes from Celebrate Heppner

photos by Bonnie Bennett



Winners of the merchants' raffle, "Celebrate Heppner!" and sidewalk sale held last Friday, July 28, have been announced.

Winners are as follows:

Towel, donated by The Shoe Box-Cam Wishart;

Summer serving platters, donated by Murray Drugs-Patricia Peck, Tricia Gunderson, Alberta Johannes.

Gift certificates for five half-gallons of Western Family ice cream-Bonnie Bennett, Jerid Ployhar.

Plier set, donated by Heppner Hardware-Lyle Verrall.

\$25 gift certificate, donated by Peterson's Jewelers-Pam Worden.

Coin collection, donated by Klamath First Federal-Rita Woolsey.

Cap, shirt and one month membership, donated by Heppner TV-Bobbette Lovgren.

Suitcase, donated by Gardner's Men's Wear-Faith Healy.

25 Schwab water bottles, donated by Les Schwab-Bonnie Gates, Cam Wishart, Anna McElligott, Jodi Brisbois, Karen Temple, Eleanor Gonty, Marj Kenny, Ray French, Sheri Gregory, Sheila Parks, Gerald Hamer, Tina Palmer, Shelli Britt, Sandra Van Liew, John Murray, Shelly Key, Jay Burkenbine, Diana Ball, Laurel Cannon, Bill French, Jannie Allen, Sherry Ewing, Marilyn Allison, Angie Hanson and Ted Davis.

Winners of the chalk drawing contest are as follows:

Five and under-Kennedy Curnutt, Chloe Curnutt, Macy Gibbs; six-seven-Cole Morgan, Garrett Gibbs; eight-10- Baillie Keithley, Ashley Wolff; 12 and over-Madison Bailey.

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13-year-old Babe Ruth team fourth at state

By Rick Paullus

The Columbia Tri-County 13 year old Babe Ruth All-Star team ended up in fourth place at the North Oregon State Babe Ruth Tournament in Pendleton on July 21-26.

The Tri-County team opened up with a 9-5 win over Clackamas on Saturday night, July 22, but fell to Snake River Valley, 14-7, on Sunday, July 23, to drop into the loser's bracket.

Tri-County played their best overall game on Monday night, July 24, to beat Astoria, 13-5, and held a 9-3 lead on Sandy going into the bottom of the sixth inning before the wheels fell off. Sandy scored 10 runs in the sixth to steal a 13-9 win and move on in the tournament, eventually losing to Beaverton, 12-1, in the championship game.

The Clackamas Tri-County game got off to a bad start as the Clackamas lead-off batter tried to score from second base but suffered a severe break in his lower leg sliding into home.

Columbia Tri-County scored three runs in the third as Kory Paullus hit a two-run double and added two more in the fourth to go up 5-0.

Clackamas closed to within 5-1, but Tri-County got singles from Jode Coil, Giz Aguilar and Kevin Sands to take a 7-1 lead.

Tri-County led 9-2 after six and allowed Clackamas to score three runs before getting the final run and the win.

Nick Christmas went the distance to get the win and also went 2 for 3 with a double and scored three times. Coil went 2 for 4 and scored twice. Trevor Baros went 1 for 1 and scored twice. Kelly Thompson had an RBI single in the sixth inning.

Snake River Valley (SRV) jumped out to a 4-0 lead but Tri-County came back to tie it in the

bottom of the third on two-run singles by Coil and Paullus. SRV took a 5-4 lead in the fourth, but Tri-County came back to take a 6-5 lead in the bottom half. SRV clung to a 9-7 lead in the bottom

of the sixth with Tri-County having runners at second and third with two out, but a diving catch of a ball hit to deep right-center ended the threat. SRV scored five more in the top of the seventh to put the game out of reach.

Christman went 2 for 5 with a double. Aguilar went 1 for 2 and Sands 1 for 1 for the game.

Coil had a two-run single in the top of the first as Tri-County jumped out to a 3-0 lead after one against Astoria. Singles by Josh Gutierrez, Christman and Coil, a squeeze bunt by Shawn Dirksen and three Astoria errors built the lead to 8-0.

Tri-County built their lead to 12-4 after five and coasted for the win, getting good pitching from Christman and solid defensive play.

Dirksen led the way at the plate, going 2 for 3 with a double, three RBI and scoring twice. Coil went 2 for 5 with two RBI and two runs scored. Paullus went 2 for 4.

Columbia Tri-County led 4-3 after three against Sandy, added four more in the fourth and another in the fifth and seemed to

have a safe 9-3 lead going into the bottom of the sixth.

But eight walks, a hit batter, two hits and an error led to 10 runs and Tri-County couldn't recover.

Tri-County out-hit Sandy 11-4, but gave up nine walks and had four errors.

Christman led the way offensively, going 3 for 4 with a double and three RBI. Coil went 3 for 4 with two RBI and Dirksen went 2 for 4 with two runs scored. Jared Little scored three times and had two RBI.

Statistics
Game One:
Clackamas: 0 0 0 1 1 3-5 7 6
Tri-County: 0 0 3 2 2 x-9 8 4
Kraus, Olsen (6) and Watson; Nick Christman, Roy Nunez (6) and Kevin Sands, Kory Paullus (7). W-Christman, L-Kraus. 2B-Christman, Paullus (TC). 3B-none. HR-none.

Game Two:
Snake River Valley: 2 0 2 1 2 5-14 14 2
Tri-County: 0 0 4 2 0 1 0-7 9 4
Uchida, Ramirez (4), Mejia (7) and Yates; Shawn Dirksen, Jode Coil (4) Kory Paullus (6) and Paullus, Kevin Sands (6). W-Ramirez, L-Coil. 2B-Babji, Norms (SRV). Nick Christman (TC). 3B-none. HR-none.

Game Three:
Tri-County: 3 5 2 0 2 0 1-13 11 1
Astoria: 0 2 1 0 1 1 0-5 8 9
Nick Christman and Kevin Sands; Miller, Brause (2) and MacLean. W-Christman, L-Miller. 2B-Shawn Dirksen (TC), Miller 2 (A). 3B-none. HR-none.

Game Four:
Tri-County: 2 0 2 4 1 0 0-9 11 4
Sandy: 2 0 1 0 0 (10) x-13 4 3
Shawn Dirksen, Jode Coil (6), Roy Nunez (6) and Kevin Sands; Mason, Bundy (4), Bennett (5), Hollingsworth (5), Hatcher (6) and Hatfield. W-Hatcher, L-Dirksen. 2B-Nick Christman (TC), Hildebrand (S). 3B-none. HR-none.

Grand opening for Artisan Village

The grand opening for the Artisan Village, a new business in Heppner located at 288 N. Main (two doors down from the Dr. Wenberg's Willow Creek Clinic), will be August 13-15. This shop will eventually be a collection of "shops" all dealing with art through various mediums.

The target dates for opening are as follows: Fine Baskets-August 13, 2000; Quilters Round-Up-September-October, 2000; Creek-City Ceramics, TBA; Stained Glass Shoppe-December, 2000-January, 2001; Artist's Palette-March-April, 2001; Woodworking (no name yet)-June-July, 2001.

Each business will be three-fold: supplies will be available to purchase; classes will be taught to learn the artisan skill; and gallery items will be available for purchase. Work tables will be available to use for a minimal fee whether or not you are taking a class.

Because Fine Baskets was already an established business (formerly a retail shop in the Puget Sound Area and for the past year continued as a mail order business) it will have a larger amount of supplies available, especially initially.

The other businesses will probably not become a major mail order source and so will not stock the variety or quantity of inventory. Fine Baskets will also have a "museum" section in the gallery room with various types of baskets with historic information, ethnic-made baskets and antique baskets which will not be for sale.

The hours of business

operation have not been finalized yet, but are projected to be Sunday, 1-5; Monday-Thursday, 9:30-6; Friday - 9:30-5; Saturday-closed. Other hours will be available by chance or appointment.

Classes will be taught Sunday or Monday-Thursday, days or evenings. "By chance" means if someone is teaching a class outside of the usual hours of business, the shop may also be open.

Teachers are being sought in the various shop art mediums for future openings. If you are skilled in any of these areas, call or stop by. Consignment art in the various mediums will also be accepted. According to the owners, the quality must be high -they "are not operating a craft shop." They will have a printed information sheet on their consignment policy.

The new business is owned by Willow Creek Enterprises and will be managed by Bonnie Wenberg. Wenberg, a skilled basketmaker, has artistic knowledge in other mediums as well. She will be demonstrating the Morrow County Fair, August 16-18, Wednesday-Friday, from approximately 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

The grand opening and open house, August 13-15 will include some free drawings for a basket hand-woven by Wenberg and also for free classes and supplies.

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