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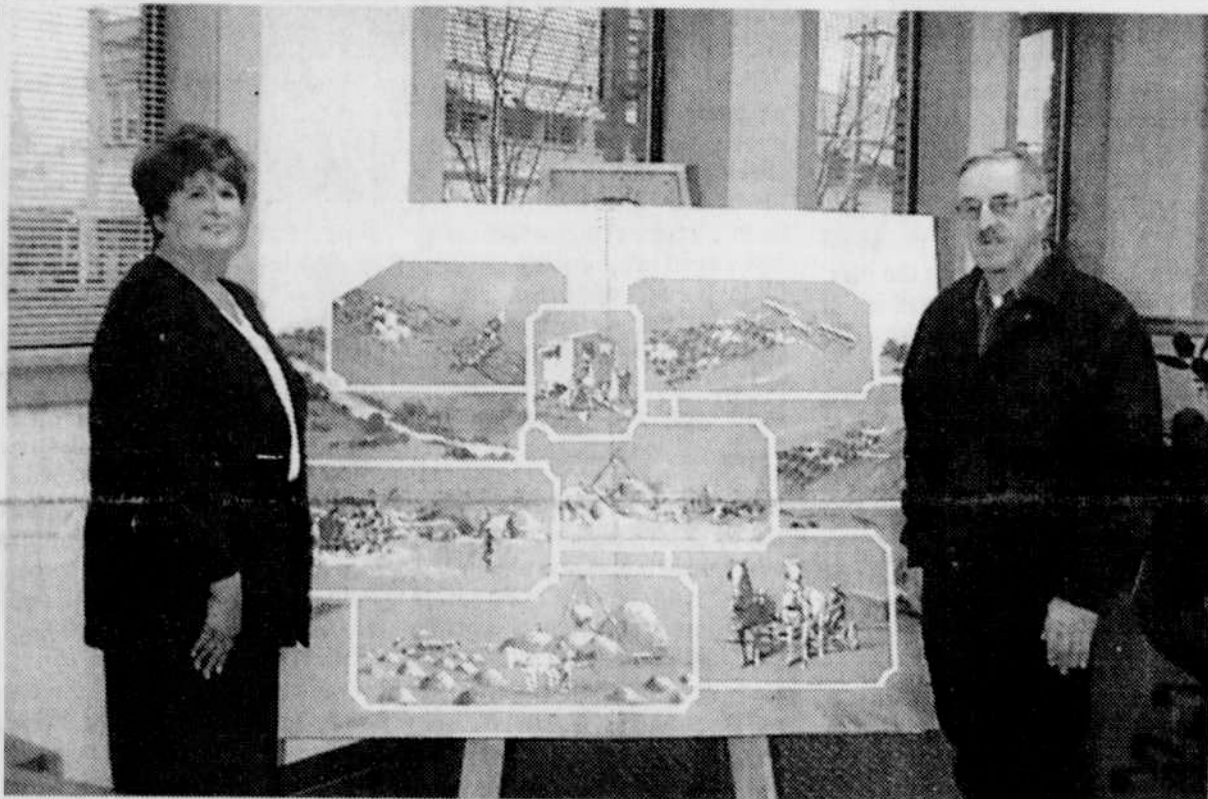


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Ag Museum murals on display at Klamath First



Judy Buschke, representing Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club, and Bob Harrison, representing the Morrow County Museum Board, show sketches depicting early farming in Morrow County by well-known artist Robert Thomas on display at Klamath First Federal in Heppner. Murals of the sketches will be painted on the Ag Museum Building. Harrison said that two of the murals have been donated by sponsors and the rest are available. The group is seeking donations of \$3,000 each to have the murals painted on the museum. Harrison said that the group hopes to have painting begin in April and work is expected to be completed in around a month. To sponsor a mural or for more information, call Harrison, 989-8496, Betty Mills, 676-5546, or any Museum Board member.

Court hears report on funds

By Doris Brosnan

In a public hearing at the Morrow County Court meeting on Jan. 3, Finance Director Lianne Currin explained adjustments to value and refunds and the net results to the various county funds. She explained a new building permit fund established for the building inspection revenues for the planning department. The court adopted the supplemental budget and approved a specific purpose resolution. Currin presented information on maintenance of some Option I computer programs. The court approved payment for the programs. Currin suggested a change to an IRIS program for cost-accounting. County Assessor Greg Sweek added that another computer program contains some data that would also need to be transferred, in that case. Currin recommended renewal of the auditor contract with Barnett and Moro and the court approved a three-year renewal. Sweek went over the road tax distribution to the cities. The court spoke with Currin of the announcement of intended retirement by Tax Collector Marilyn Childers and the need for Currin to prepare the retirement papers. Currin also suggested, and the court agreed, that the budget committee should meet in February to discuss her projections and the results of the

court's meetings with the department heads. Judge Terry Tallman requested Currin to again bill the Army for impact aid before she leaves her position at the end of January. She agreed to do so. Currin discussed with the court her finance director's position and made suggestions on how the department might be restructured. Sweek reported a discussion with the Morrow County School District superintendent about the school bond proposed for a vote in the spring. He suggested the need for an agreement for passage of money from the Tillamook Cheese facility to the schools, if the bond levy passes, pursuant to the enterprise zone agreement between the county and Tillamook Cheese. The court agreed to discuss the matter with their county counsel next week. Public Works Director Burke O'Brien reported that Bell Canyon Bridge, completed with local concrete, should be reopened by Friday, Jan. 12. He presented for the court's consideration, drafts of his proposed, revised permit forms, explaining how he envisions the process which should work more clearly and easily. O'Brien also discussed rock crushing with the court with further discussion to continue with the road committee. The court approved renewal of a rock-pit agreement for the Brenner Canyon pit.

Elementary Geography Bee



Casey Maben
Sixth grader Casey Maben became the Geography Bee champion for Heppner Elementary School at a contest held Jan. 5. Eleven students earned a chance to compete for the championship as a result of a written test given to all students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades. The contest was held in the Heppner Elementary School gym, with parents, friends and students grades third through sixth invited to observe the contest. Karen Smith-Griffith, fifth-sixth grade social studies teacher, read the questions and served as judge. Teacher Jannie Allen served as timer and scorekeeper. The students qualifying for the contest were: fourth grade-Sherilyn Peck, Spencer Palmer, Seth Morgan and Nathan Bennett; fifth grade-Nacho Elguezabal, Zach Alford, Baillie

Victory sweet for local OSU fans



OSU fan Tad Miller

How sweet it is. And it was pretty darn sweet for local Oregon State Beaver fans who attended OSU's Fiesta Bowl Game victory over Notre Dame at Tempe, Arizona. A surprising number of Heppner-Lexington-Ione fans attended the game and of course were delighted by the outcome. The Oregon State Beavers

St. Pat's meeting set

A St. Patrick's Celebration meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, at 6 p.m. upstairs at Kate's. "It's time to think green," said Chamber of Commerce executive director Claudia Hughes. "All committee chair persons please attend. New faces are welcome."

Hughes said that there are "lots of decisions" and reminds that "time is short."

Cities, county receive monies

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has distributed \$7.14 million of its November revenue to the state general fund, cities, counties and special programs. Morrow County, with a population of 9,550, received \$1,708; Umatilla, with 68,000 people, received \$13,623. Morrow County cities are as follows: Boardman-\$1,830.98; Irrigon-\$918.47; Heppner-\$909.52; Ione-199.80 and Lexington, \$199.80.

handily defeated the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Tad Miller of the Heppner area, who attended with his wife, said he was "tickled" at the OSU win.

"I'm one of those guys who stuck with the Beavers all those 30 years when everyone else had given up," Miller said.

"When we kind of blew them out, they kind of left early," chuckled Miller, who has had an OSU season ticket. "I was surprised that we blew them out by so much. We just plain beat them. I don't think they were ready for it."

Miller said that the Notre Dame fans around him were "pretty noisy at first. But then they kind of quieted down and some left early."

Miller said that he and his wife made travel plans through a former Heppner resident, Tricia Farley Huddleson. The travel agency also handled Notre Dame fans. "We all rode in the same two buses, but coming back, no one said anything."

Miller said that he didn't see the poor sportsmanship talked about in the media, but commented on the calls on Oregon State by the referees. "Brash might be more the name for it (Oregon State's attitude). One (OSU) kid was penalized for being exuberant after his touchdown."

"There were a mess of penalties-187 yards all Oregon State- and there were a few on the other team. There were 35 yards of penalties on one play and that was caused by a bad call. Someone said something and that was 15 yards and another guy said something and that was another 15."

"I think the referees did all right, but they didn't need to call off that stuff on either team- just let them play."

That sentiment was echoed by Larry Mills of Heppner, also a Beaver fan who

attended the game with his wife. "I thought the officials were a little quick on the whistle," said Mills. "They (the Beavers) weren't playing dirty. It was just the fact that they were playing pretty aggressive and emotions were pretty high."

Mills commented that he didn't think anyone on the OSU side left even after it was obvious that the Beavers were the overwhelming winners.

"Look, I've sat through a lot of 40-point losses and I thought, by God, I'm going to sit for this," said Mills, savoring the win. "The stadium got a little empty toward the end of the fourth quarter. By the end of the game, the only ones on the Notre Dame side were the leprechaun mascot and the team," he laughed. "It was great. It was exciting. It was a great victory for all the Oregon fans."

Mills said there was a delay in starting the game because they had to wait for ABC to finish televising the Rose Bowl. While they were waiting for the game to begin, the bands from the two teams performed. "The Notre Dame band came out with a 300-piece band," said Mills. "The OSU band was around 100. One of the fans in the crowd said, 'Okay, we'll give them the band.'"

Eric Anderson of Ione, who also attended the game with his wife, said that the number of Oregon State fans in the audience was impressive with what looked like "80 percent of orange and black" (OSU's colors) in the stadium.

Anderson said that the trip from his hotel to the stadium "was like out of movies." He said that cops on motorcycles gave the two tour buses from his hotel an escort, entering two freeways and stopping traffic on both of them. "It was amazing," said Anderson. "It took only 20 minutes to get there and rush hour traffic was as bad or worse than Portland."

SWCD, Livestock Growers plan joint meeting

The Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association (MCLG) will host a joint program and annual meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Heppner Elks Lodge, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The agenda includes a presentation by Bruce Bauck and Dennis Hall, both of the National Weather Service, featuring long-term climate predictions. Next on the agenda will be Dennis Miller from the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture Pesticide Division.

Don Butcher, Dept. of Environmental Quality, will follow with an explanation of the Total Maximum Daily Loads-what they are and how they affect those in the Willow Creek Watershed. Bill Broderick, OSU Extension and Eric Moeggenberg, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, will present information on the Clean Water Act/EPA inspections, how Morrow County producers are

being affected and what they can expect in the future. A time for questions will be provided during the presentations.

The SWCD will hold a brief annual meeting at 4 p.m., followed by a regular meeting to elect officers and appoint committee members for the coming year, hear the treasurer's report and brief partnership reports.

The MCLG will then hold their annual meeting. Katie Cate will represent the OCA to provide an update of OCA business. Karl Jensen will discuss the TMDL lawsuit. An update will be presented on open range/livestock districts. Election of board members will round out the meeting.

The Livestock Growers' board and the SWCD board invite the public to the afternoon program and annual meetings.

Town and Country tickets for the dinner afterwards will be available at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Klamath First Federal and Murray Drugs.

Benefit established for injured man

A benefit fund at the Bank of Eastern Oregon has been established for Heppner resident John Hanna who was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Dee Cox Road early Friday morning, Jan. 5.

After being transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Hanna was flown to a hospital in Bend.

According to a relative

Hanna suffered three crushed vertebra, several broken ribs and head trauma which resulted in swelling of the brain. She said that he had been sedated and immobilized to prevent further injury. Donations will help with medical expenses.

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