

## Salli McElligott fair & rodeo queen



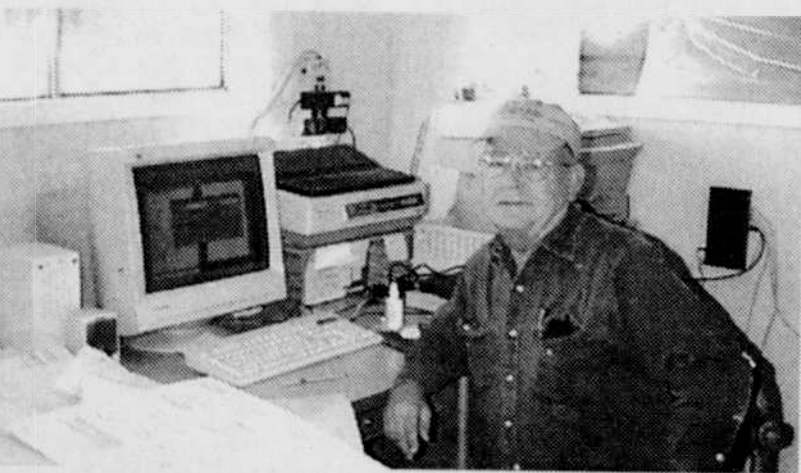
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2002 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Princess Julie Proctor, Queen Salli McElligott and Princess Genia Grant.

Salli McElligott of Ione Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen.

Julie Proctor and Genia Grant, both Heppner, have been chosen princesses.

## Coppock surveyor's office opens in Heppner



Judson Coppock

"A surveying office has opened its doors in Heppner. Judson Coppock opened Coppock Surveying at 315 N. Chase Street, across from Napa Auto. Coppock shares the building with the Columbia Basin Escrow office.

"We're set up for all aspects of land surveying using state-of-the-art equipment and software," said Coppock. "We specialize in partition plats and boundary surveys and prefer the rural settings."

Coppock said that with a two-person staff, the office tries to stay away from construction surveys or surveys requiring a fast job.

"I do more research than has been the norm and believe from experience that a quick job is a bad job that will come back to haunt both myself and the client," said Coppock. "I will be happy to talk with anyone thinking about dividing up or selling property about the land use laws they have to meet, what their options are and will be glad to help prepare their applications," he added.

Office hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, however Coppock may be out of the office on jobs. In that case, leave a message on his answering machine, 676-8750, or leave a note on the door.

Coppock, 59, was raised in Umatilla and Morrow counties. He attended McEwen High School and then went into the Navy, serving in Vietnam as a gunner's mate. His varied work experience over the years also included working ranches, commercial fishing and driving truck.

In 1970 he returned to school at Blue Mountain Community College and then moved into civil engineering. He got a job with the Wayne Harris Company surveying and then went to work for Krumbain Engineering Limited. Krumbain was a former Morrow County surveyor.

He then went to work for Rep Power, a Loral fertilizer

spreader dealership out of Lake Oswego with an office in Pendleton. Coppock traveled all over as an operator and trouble shooter until he went back to work as a surveyor, this time with Denny Edwards, also a Morrow County surveyor. He remained with Edwards until 1998 when he began working out of Hermiston doing private surveying.

The surveying office is

also staffed by Coppock's long-time companion, Shannon Benefit, his instrument person. In addition to running the instruments, she does hand drafting and "90 percent of the surveying research," he says.

Coppock, who is "related to a lot of people in Morrow County" says he is glad to be back in the county. "It's always been a second home to me." Coppock's father is Darrel Coppock. His grandfather, Frank Coppock, said that he drove the first jerk line with grain into Lexington in the late 1800s or the early 1900s. Coppock says that his family arrived before the Homestead Act. After the Homestead Act, they bought the "South Springs" place from the railroad. They caught wild horses and put up a three-horse corral at South Springs before the county was "plowed up." At that time, says Coppock, the county was still bunch grass with little sagebrush and no cheat.

## Lutheran lay school of theology

By Louis Carlson

Decision-making can be very difficult, especially during times of crisis such as we Americans have just experienced with the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon. New interest has been focused on the Islam religion and how to understand the rational behind some of these acts of terrorist. If we are to understand other religions, Lutherans and other denominations must first understand the theology of their own churches.

This is the thought of Drs. Mark Brocker and Martha Stortz, authors and professors at Lutheran Seminaries. Brocker and Stortz will be at featured speakers at Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton on Sunday November 11, Veteran's Day. The Lutheran Lay School of Theology will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. and is designed for Lutherans of Eastern Oregon as well as other local church affiliations.

A break out session will be held in mid-afternoon for informal

discussion of topics learned from Brocker and Stortz. Facilitators will be on hand to guide discussion.

Dr. Brocker, adjunct professor of ethics, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, is also editor of "Conspiracy and Imprisonment," Volume 16 of Dietrick Bonhoeffer works.

Dr. Stortz, professor of historical theology and ethics, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, is the author of "Pastor Power" and soon to be published, "A World According to God, Discipleship and Faith Practices."

A light evening meal will be available along with baby-sitting services.

There will be a registration fee of \$15 dollars, which will include printed material, an evening meal and baby-sitting (if necessary). Registration forms are available by calling Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton, 276-7692, or any Lutheran Church in Eastern Oregon or by calling Louis Carlson, 676-6302. Peace Lutheran Church is located in Pendleton at 210, North 9th Street.

## Ione girl wins WA state rodeo championship

Jenny Griffith of Ione won the intermediate girls' pole bending championship at the Washington State Junior Rodeo Finals held at Omak, Washington, on Oct. 6-7.

Jenny and her horse, Jackie, turned in the fastest time at the finals, with 20.743, to take the title.

Also competing was Tracy Griffith who placed fifth in barrel racing, sixth in pole bending and eighth in goat tying in the senior girls' division. The Griffith girls were

representing the Cayuse Junior Rodeo Association which covers Northeastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington. The Cayuse Association was one five associations to make up the finals.

## Court approves new clerk position for sheriff's dept.

By Doris Brosnan

At the Oct. 3 meeting of the Morrow County commissioners, Morrow County Sheriff Verlin Denton explained some department problems resulting from the workload of the dispatchers, who also have associated paperwork to complete. He proposed establishing a records clerk position to handle the paperwork and the rural addressing tasks, using 911 funds and revenue generated from the contracts with other counties to pay for the position. After discussion, the Court approved the new position.

Denton also reported that Samarra Van Doorn, recently promoted to corporal, has begun a "chaplaincy program" in the department. Judge Terry Tallman discussed with Denton the use of officers to locate and bring juveniles for court-ordered appearances when they do not appear voluntarily.

Morrow County Behavioral Health director Kelly Sager and office manager Linda Kenny discussed a number of issues with the court. A recent site review found a shortage of qualified mental health professionals in the office and Sager noted the difficulty in recruiting master's level clinicians. Another observation of the site review was the need for a more active advisory board, with a balanced representation of the community served by the department.

Sager reported that the department will be receiving additional revenue for services to the developmentally disabled (DD) and he is working on a plan to increase a part-time case manager position from less than half-time to 24 hours per week.

Sager also proposed an added office assistant for the Heppner Clinic, necessary because of the increase in requests for services. Kenny handles office management but has sometimes had receptionist and other office duties to handle, as well. As an example of the demand for Kenny's full-time attention to the office management duties, Kenny reported a meeting with the auditing firm and its concern over the growing number of accounts receivable - resulting mostly from a switch-over to new software and an inoperable program for a short time.

Asked about funding sources, use of office staff and office space

in Heppner and Boardman, Sager stressed the critical lack of space in the Heppner office. The court agreed to expanded hours for the DD case manager and to a new office assistant position, and they will address the office-space issue with Sager after further study.

Sager reported that a recent peer review described the Morrow County program as a "model program."

County counsel Bill Hanlon reported on research into the RV parks zoning issue. The court continued a detailed discussion of the ordinance issues, the most notable being the definition of an intended use of an RV/recreational vehicle and the length of time to allow an RV to remain in a park space during a year. Failing to reach an agreement, the court decided to table the discussion and invite the planning director and chairman of the planning commission to attend the next session. Judge Tallman then performed the second reading of the proposed ordinance.

Hanlon brought to the commissioners' attention the solid-waste ordinance, which he says he finds in need of conversion. He recommended the hiring of a consultant to establish a solid waste operation plan. A discussion covered several questions about the operation and licensing of Finley Buttes.

Heppner Chamber of Commerce director Claudia Hughes appeared at the meeting to request funds for the Eastern Oregon Visitors Association dues and marketing costs. Hughes displayed the last EOVA brochure and the Morrow County ad in it and reported that the association wants to help make Morrow County a destination. After several questions and comments, the court approved discretionary funds for half of the association dues. Judge Tallman noted that the city of Boardman has also approved payment of half.

Economic developer Martin Davis provided the court a report of his September activities and addressed the interpretation of SB3770.

Assistant Morrow County Public Works director Bob Nairns reported to the court that the crew had finished hauling rock, watering, and grading Nolan Road; had graded most of Piper Canyon Road, Sunflower Road, and Lexington Cemetery Road; had completed some weed burning on

Ella Road, Ione-Boardman, Juniper, Alpine, Baseline, and Lexington Grange Roads; had finished painting striping roads for Umatilla County, with Gilliam County scheduled; had finished fog-sealing on Rhea, Ella Grade, Ione-Boardman Road, Fairview Road and Dry Fork Road. The department is collecting traffic counts on Blake Ranch, Shaw Creek, and Sunflower roads to determine the impacts of traffic during hunting seasons. Commissioner Brosnan brought to Nairns' attention that the bull thistles on Hisler Road, though sprayed, returned after the blading of that road.

Nairns provided a list of vehicles sold at auction, the proceeds from which are divided between the general fund and the road fund. He also reported the revenues from Cutsforth and Anson Wright parks for the previous weekend. He reported that the Nature Conservancy has requested a weed plan before completing the land transfer for the Juniper Canyon Road corner reconstruction.

Other actions of the court include:

- approval of a computer program and a printer for the planning office and a vacuum cleaner for public works;

- appointment of Debbie Watson as Boardman's representative on the Economic Development Committee;

- approval of raising the Visa limit for behavioral health purchases;
- approval of four deeds to Act of Congress parcels;

- approval of the appropriation of funds for Extension for 2001-2002.

## Meetings set for superintendent search

Public input sessions with George Murdock of Northwest Leadership Associates have been scheduled for the Morrow County School District superintendent search.

A meeting with Murdock for staff members will be held on Wednesday, October 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public at 7 p.m. in the Ione High School cafeteria.

Murdock will also be available to meet with Ione licensed, classified and administrative staff and the community on Tuesday, October 23, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

-From 10:45-11:45 a.m. that day, he will meet with district office personnel at the district office in Lexington.

-At noon he will meet with interested business and community representatives at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

-At 1:30 p.m., he will meet with Heppner classified staff and administrators at Heppner Elementary School.

-At 3 p.m. he will meet with parent and community representatives at Heppner High School.

-At 4 p.m. he will meet with Heppner licensed staff at HHS.

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Murdock is also scheduled to meet in the north end this Thursday, October 11.

His north end schedule is as follows:

-8:30-9:30 a.m.-meet with north end administrative personnel at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon.

-9:30-10 a.m.-meet with CMS and A.C. Houghton Elementary classified personnel, CMS, Irrigon.

-10-11:30 a.m.-meet with Irrigon community representatives and parents, CMS.

-noon-meet with interested business and community representatives at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Restaurant for a no-host lunch

-1:30 p.m.- meet with Sam Boardman Elementary and Riverside High School classified personnel at SBE, Boardman.

3 p.m.-meet with Boardman community representatives and parents at Riverside High School in Boardman.

-4 p.m.-meet with north end licensed staff, RHS.

## Chess club underway

Chess Mates, the new name for Heppner Elementary's Chess Club, is underway in full force. Ninety-two chess players have registered. Several of the players are currently involved in Colt football, and will join the group after the season is over.

The first meeting was Oct. 1; seventy-five students attended that day, and 69 attended on Oct. 8. The group includes chess players who are quite accomplished to those who are learning the names of the chess pieces. On Oct. 8, there was even a group of chess fans who made their own chess pieces from nuts, bolts and screws.

Chess Mates organizer, Mary Ann Elguezabal, says she is thrilled to have so many mates attending each Monday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. There are teachers and parents who volunteer each week, but more help is needed. Anyone who knows how to play chess, from junior high students through senior citizens, is encouraged to help on Mondays after school. For more information or to volunteer, contact Elguezabal at HES.

## Justice Court

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

Jeffery James Lyon, 47, Hermiston-Violation of the Basic Rule, 84 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$172 fine;

Wray W. Williamson, 28, Hermiston-Violation of the Basic Rule, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$77 fine.

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