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County Court news

By Doris Brosnan

At its session on April 17, the Morrow County court asked planning director, Tamra Mabbott, if she had heard from the Department of Environmental Quality about possible hazardous waste at the speedway site. She had not and noted that no reference to such waste appeared in the permit. Judge Terry Tallman reported that economic development specialist, Martin Davis, had checked with the DEQ and learned that it has no record of hazardous waste at the site. Also in attendance, the reporter from the East Oregonian added that asbestos on PVC pipes at the site had long since been removed. Mabbott stated that, though DEQ has no record of cleanup, the Port of Morrow says the site was cleaned up but has no record of it. The rocky terrain and the fact that most bombing runs had been in the other direction were also noted. There was some question of whether the issue would delay the project.

Mabbott also discussed the schedule for hearings on the speedway, and the court selected May 16 for the first hearing and May 30 for the final hearing.

Mabbott reported to the court the need for additional funds for 12 more hours of outside counsel for the Boeing Agricultural Industry Company (BAIC) easement appeal or funds for the counsel to represent the county at the May 1 hearing. She explained that the latter was the preference of both her and county counsel Bill Hanlon, and she noted that savings in her budget could cover the cost. A lengthy discussion ensued before the court ended in an approval of an agreement for the legal counsel to represent the county at the hearing.

Judge Tallman reported that he and Martin Davis would be appearing before the Emergency Board on April 18 with a proposal for the funds expected by the county from the land sale in the north county.

Fair Board member Mark Jones updated the court on the dormitory project, which has been started with grant funding that requires some form of county match. He said that the court will receive a letter requesting donation of time and equipment for the destruction of the old building, and if that is not possible, he thought a practice burn for the fire department might be an option. He noted that disposal of the waste was not included in the grant and asked if the county could haul the waste to the Arlington landfill, if he arranged for that. The court suggested that the general maintenance supervisor inspect the building for asbestos. Jones explained that the work is at least a year away. He added that the building will not contain showers and talked about several issues created by that fact.

Morrow County School District superintendent Bruce Anderson and the building's project manager discussed with the court a request to delay construction of the extension of

First Street in Irrigon. Anderson explained that, though the bond included enough money for the road, other unforeseen expenses had arisen. Mabbott offered a written summary of the issue, with a recommendation from her and public works director Burke O'Brien to build the road base now and meet the conditions of the City of Irrigon before future improvements. Several questions and answers later, the court approved a delay, on condition of the city's adoption.

Assistant public works director, Bob Nairns, reported that the crews have been crack sealing on Tower and Patterson Ferry Roads and Miller, McNab, and Laurel Lanes. They have swept Willow Creek, Basey Canyon, Upper Rhea Creek, and Dee Cox Roads, Heppner High School Hill, and Bunker Hill and McNab Lanes. They graded Bergstrom Lane and Brenner Canyon Road, and are working on 21 Road. They plowed snow from Coalmine Hill and plowed into Penland Lake. Nairns reported some Dee Cox Road damage repaired after a cloudburst on April 10 and said that weed spraying has been completed on paved roads and 80% completed on gravel roads. He also offered an update on the Valby Road project.

Public works office support specialist, Karen Wolff, reported that another ATV park meeting was to occur that evening. She said that brochure layouts for the parks had been selected from those submitted by lone High School students, one of whom will receive a monetary award for the selected design.

Nairns reported one bid received on the county's drilling and blasting. That bid was opened and discussed, and the bidder was called about one remaining question. The bid from Pilot Knob Construction was accepted, with conditions written into the contract.

Other actions of the Court include the following:

- approval of some funding from discretionary funds for the Hands on Science program, refundable if the program receives a grant;
- agreement to share legal costs of the Threemile Canyon Dairy appeal with the City of Boardman;
- approval of allocating a second vehicle as a replacement to the Behavioral Health Department;
- approval of a permit to CenturyTel for a line under Patterson Ferry Road and permits to Morrow Development for overhead crossings of Blackhorse Canyon, Dee Cox Road, Piper Canyon, Nichols Lane, and the transfer station.

Advisory meeting scheduled

The Heppner-Lexington Advisory meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Heppner High School library.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$5.)

G-T to start new local history column

From the Editor: The Gazette-Times will soon begin publishing "A Look into Our Past", a small portion of the paper featuring a photo from Morrow County history and a short story about the picture. The public is invited to submit

photos, along with as much information as possible about them, including the photographer, approximate date taken, and the history behind the photo. All submitted pictures and information will be returned.

The wonderful other side of Heppner

To the Editor:

I thought I would write a letter about the good Heppner.

When we had our disabling injuries, a wonderful neighbor came over and vacuumed for us. We have had many Heppner residents, neighbors and friends call and stop by with encouraging comments, saying how great our yard looks. The improvements we have made in the last year are amazing. We are very pleased with our delightful tub garden with the waterfall.

The Home Health ladies, Molly and Donna, helped us so very much, and so did Sherrill's nurses, Mark, Tammy, Sue and Evelyn, the doctors and especially the cook at Pioneer Memorial

- so many great people that made Sherrill laugh and kept my Mr. Wonderful alive.

A special lady offered to bring us dinner. Craig Strobel and Monika Hunter gave their help when I really needed it and cards from the prayer group at UMC and many get well cards were gratefully received.

Belonging to the Heppner Garden Club has been a big part of the retirement life. I enjoy working with the club members and using my computer to make flyers and the scrapbook.

I look forward to volunteering for programs that might need me.

(s) Marj and Sherrill

Spangler
Heppner

Mannix for governor

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Mr. Kevin Mannix for governor of Oregon. When compared with the other candidates, Mr. Mannix excels in the primary qualifications required to guide all of Oregon through the existing economic recession and into a prosperous future. He has spent five highly effective years as a state representative in Salem where he established a sound record for leadership and a keen command of the important issues. He understands the need for, and

has the skills required for, consensus building. And, most important for the future of Oregon, Mr. Mannix understands that a stable economy rests largely with a dynamic and successful agricultural industry and that private property rights are the foundation of any free society.

I urge you to help elect Mr. Kevin Mannix the next governor of Oregon. Then watch us excel.

(s) Jack Gyllenberg
Baker City

Heppner also has German ancestors

To the Editor:

I read the letter from Oliver Heppner of Siegen, Germany asking for information about our city founder, Henry Heppner. I answered, giving the story which began with being born at Pleschen in Posen Province in Germany. I told about Henry's life from when he came to California clear through the 1880s. I also asked him for his mailing address so I could send him a few pictures.

I have a lot of Irish friends all over this country and I know I see shamrocks all around the city of Heppner. However, this is just fine with me; there is just one fact, Henry Heppner was German. He was wrongfully called Jewish and even Polish.

I know some of the German immigrants were not too proud of the Old Country and wanted out if they could get away. They came to America to be free. My grandfather, John Piper, was put in a flour barrel and wheeled out onto a ship when he was only 14 years old. He landed on Ellis Island and walked to Piper Canyon where he homesteaded. W.E. Hughes, my late friend, had a grandfather named William Hughes. William put up \$300 in gold coin as a bond for the deed in 1884 so that 14-year-old little boy from Germany could homestead in Piper Canyon.

I have that bond for that deed. When I first got my hands

on it, I took it to W.E. Hughes. He was thrilled and we talked about our ancestors quite often.

I guess it's okay to have a German town with shamrocks all around - it's far better than a dictatorship, as was the old country. God bless America, God bless Heppner and Henry Heppner, and God bless each and every one of my good Irish friends.

(s) Mel Piper
Heppner

P.S.: My brother Loren went to many cemeteries in Germany and saw a lot of graves of my relatives who "gefallen" in World War II. They were killed fighting in a war they did not want - fight or be shot. Could you put your 14-year-old son in a barrel and wheel him on a ship headed to a strange country? They had to want out pretty bad.

Babe Ruth sign up set

The Babe Ruth Baseball sign up deadline is Monday, May 6. Players must be ages 13-15. For more information, call Rick Johnston, 676-5562.

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Wedding Tables

Ashley Ropp and Daniel Lindsay
Saturday, May 4th

Toni Kemp and Travis Parish
Saturday, June 1st

Brenda Holtz and David Long
Saturday, June 22nd

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Obituaries

Walter "Vladek" Kostechka

Walter "Vladek" Kostechka, 86, of Portland, died Tuesday April 23, 2002, at his caretaker's home in Portland from multiple complications of heart disease. Private services were held, with graveside services to be held at a later date in Waitsburg, Washington.

Mr. Kostechka was born June 24, 1915, in New Market, New Hampshire, the first child of Antonina and Sergi Kostechka. His family lived in various places in New England, at one time owning a dairy and milk route delivered by horse and wagon. He was raised in the Russian Orthodox faith. After his mother's sudden death in 1933 and because his father had left the family earlier, he became legal guardian to his brothers Paul Koster and Michael Kostecha. He kept a lifelong commitment as head of the family.

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the mid 1930s in New England after which he apprenticed as a carpenter. Later, he and his brother Mike moved to Pendleton to join his brother Paul who had stayed there after serving with the CCC in Umatilla County. He worked at the Temple Hotel as a bellhop and the Pendleton Flour Mill as a laborer until being hired as a locomotive fireman by Union Pacific Railroad in 1939 to work in Reith. After passing his locomotive engineer tests, he worked several years on the "extra board" at Huntington and LaGrande UPRR yards. He retired as a yard engineer in Hinkle in 1976. He later worked 13 years as a part-time custodian for Edgfield Lodge for Troubled Youth in Troutdale. He was known throughout life as a hard worker.

In 1942, he transferred guardianship of Mike to Paul and gave up his service exemption as a vital transportation employee and sole provider to join the US Navy. He served on the USS Prometheus in the Pacific Theater, was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned to Pendleton.

He married Dorothy Lucille Brown on May 18, 1947, at St Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton. They renewed their wedding vows in 1982 and 1997. The Kostechkas moved to Hermiston in 1951 and raised their family there. They moved to Portland in 1976 for health purposes. In Hermiston, he was a lifetime member of BPOE #1845, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a union member of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He was honored in 1967 by the Boy Scouts of America, Troup #653, as their father of the year. He had been a member of the Jr. Oldtimers and the Oldtimers clubs at Hinkle. He and his family attended Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church.

In the 1970s, he was active in the Farm House Fraternity at Oregon State University, where his sons were members.

In Portland, he was a member of the Hawthorne Lion's Club, being honored as their member of the year in 1987. He was a volunteer for Loaves and Fishes meal program.

He raised a large vegetable garden in Hermiston and Portland and enjoyed sharing the harvest. His home was open to all people at all times for short visits or extended stays. In true "Old World style" he insisted on feeding company or sending food home with them.

His passions in life were family and baseball. He saw Babe Ruth play. He coached youth baseball teams in Umatilla and Hermiston in the 1960s and 1970s, and other coaches sought after his advice and help.

Walter was preceded in death by his mother and father; and his brothers Paul Koster, Mike Kostechka and his young brother, Alexander. He is survived by his wife, Lucille, at their home in Portland; sons Andrew Walter of Milwaukee and Paul Carl of Boise; daughters, Kay Proctor of Heppner and Carla Day; 10 grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the American Heart Association, 1425 NE Irving St., #100, Portland, OR 97232.

Little Chapel of the Chimes, Portland, was in charge of arrangements.

Doreen Lewis Kreimeyer

Doreen Lewis Kreimeyer, 80, of Fredericksburg, Texas, died Friday, April 26, 2002. Memorial services were held May 1, 2002.

She was born June 25, 1921, in San Antonio, Texas, to Alonzo Eugene Kreimeyer and Stella Usener Kreimeyer.

She was a homemaker and piano teacher. She shared her love as a mother, wife, daughter, sister, grandmother and mother-in-law, her musical gifts as a piano teacher, church organist and pianist and her gifts for friendship from childhood to her 80th year with many in Texas, Iowa, Oregon, and beyond, according to the family.

Survivors include daughter, Vicki Kreimeyer Brown and her husband Tom of Boise, Idaho; son, Greg Kreimeyer and his wife Barbara of Coos Bay; sister, Marcella Britton of Fredericksburg, Texas; and one granddaughter, Tai Kreimeyer.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to the music fund or the general fund at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Knopp Nursing Home, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Beckmann Funeral Home, Fredericksburg, Texas, was in charge of arrangements.

HHS May calendar

Heppner High School announces its May calendar of events:

Thursday, May 2-boys' and girls' JV and varsity golf at Willow Creek, JV baseball, Wahtonka at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3-Junior High track, lone Invitational at Pendleton, 2 p.m., Prom from 9 p.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, May 4-track, pre-district at The Dalles, 11 a.m., varsity baseball doubleheader, Stanfield at Heppner, 11 a.m., softball doubleheader, Culver at Heppner, 1 p.m.

Monday, May 6-boys' and girls' golf district tournament at Wildhorse, JV baseball, Mac-Hi at Heppner, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7-golf district tournament, softball doubleheader at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m., varsity baseball at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8-site council meeting, 6 p.m., advisory council meeting, 7 p.m. at HHS

Thursday, May 9-seventh grade field trip "Watershed Day", lone

Friday, May 10-Junior High track championship at Umatilla, 1 p.m., JV baseball, LaGrande at Heppner, 2 p.m., track district meet at Hermiston, 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 11-varsity baseball doubleheader, Weston-McEwen at Athena, 11 a.m., track district meet at Hermiston, 12 noon

May 13-14-state golf tournament, boys at Woodburn, girls at Redmond

Monday, May 13-JV baseball, Pilot Rock at Heppner, 4:30 p.m., Morrow County Board meeting in Lexington, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14-varsity baseball, Umatilla at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15-spring concert, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 16-district spelling contest at HHS, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 17-track state meet at Monmouth

Saturday, May 18-track state meet at Monmouth, varsity baseball district tournament at The Dalles, 12 noon

Monday, May 20-academic awards, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21-baccalaureat, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22-eighth grade job shadow, varsity baseball state playoffs

Thursday, May 23-senior breakfast, 7 a.m., senior graduation practice, 8 a.m.

Friday, May 24-varsity baseball playoffs

Saturday, May 25-graduation, 2 p.m.

Monday, May 27-Memorial Day, no school

Tuesday, May 28-varsity baseball semifinal playoffs

Wednesday, May 29-spring sports dessert, grades 7-12, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 31-school in session

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