

County court news

By Doris Brosnan

Judge Terry Tallman opened the continuation of the public hearing on the BAIC land-use appeal, at the May 15 county court meeting, noting the submission by Joel Peterson of a summary of his previous testimony. Planning Director Tamra Mabbott reviewed her redraft of the findings, noting some changes. She read comments e-mailed by Steve Hultburg, attorney for the applicant, and responses to those by the county's consulting attorney, Larry Epstein. The applicant agreed to proposed language in the corrected findings and to some further language changes proposed by Commissioner Dan Brosnan.

After the hearing had ended, Mabbott handed the commissioners a draft of minutes from the May 2 public hearing on the speedway and discussed with them the hearing that was to follow the next day in Irrigon. The commissioners then discussed some of the questions they would be seeking answers to at the hearing.

Judge Tallman reported on his meeting with Health Department staff and his work on that department's budget. The court discussed the possible management of both health departments by the director of Behavioral Health. Later in the meeting, Behavioral Health Director Kelly Sager agreed that such a combining of departments could work, as some other counties are operating in this manner, and suggested need for further discussion of the management structure. Discussion ensued, with a general agreement that defining the mission of the Health Department is in order.

Sager updated the court on department issues, beginning with a copy of an editorial noting that Morrow County is "among the top five in motivating adults to stay in treatment for alcohol and other drug abuse." He noted that the department is in full compliance according to the Office of Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Sager reported continued recruiting efforts for a new director in Grant County, with plans to screen nine applicants and schedule interviews. Sager noted the hiring of a new clinician for Grant County, explaining that the hiring creates a full staff.

Sager then discussed HB 3024, which has created a quandary for the Mental Health Association, and which some directors see as an unfunded mandate. The court agreed with Sager that he not attempt to write a plan or pay to have a preliminary plan written for submittal under HB 3024.

Sager reported a loss of some alcohol and drug funding and noted that he will not be signing an alcohol and drug funding amendment because he does not agree with it.

Sager also reported that the Extension Agent's office will

be moving from the Gilliam and Bisbee Building on May 22, a move to which Behavioral Health contributed some funds. Sager requested permission to move into some vacated space and noted the need for some new equipment. He reminded the court that an architect had looked at the remodeling prospects at the Boardman Annex, and Sager proposed seeking a community development block grant for the project. He ended his appearance with comments on a broadband video-conferencing project of Eastern Oregon Human Services Consortium.

Surveyor Ron McKinnis reported to the court on a private surveying job he is performing for a subdivision, in which he found that deeds did not match his surveying findings. He discovered that the county had once paid landowners for a right of way but had not marked it completely with pins. The court informed him that he should, as county surveyor, set the remaining pins.

Public Works Director Burke O'Brien reported that the crew had finished patching County Line Road, Kunze, 8th Street, Pole Line, and Homestead, and they were to finish McNab on that day. O'Brien said that the hydraulic upgrade on the chip spreader is complete, and the crusher jaw unit would be ready by the end of the week for crushing operations the following week. Rock screening was to be completed on May 16. O'Brien also observed that having two people working on weed spraying has made an excellent difference.

Other actions of the court include the following:

- agreement to the extension of 90 days for a resolution to a property owner working on getting an agreement with a neighbor over a piece of Act of Congress land;

- approval of a day of work on software by the personnel consultant;

- review of Joel Peterson's letter for the record on the BAIC land use appeal and agreement with his recommendation to add language to the Transportation System Plan;

- approval of allowing Boardman Parks two loads of reject rock;

- approval of agreements for the Juniper Canyon Road realignment project and the Rhea Creek Brenner Bridge project.

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HHS students honored at awards dessert

Heppner High School held its awards dessert Monday, May 20. The following awards were presented:

President's Outstanding Educational Excellence awards: Jonathan Bennett, Shelley Rietmann, Bradley Bowman, Paula Spicerkuhn, Sam Van Liew, Brian Rust, Meghan Bailey, and Jesse Gutierrez.

President's Outstanding Academic Achievement awards: Stefan Matheny, Julie Proctor, Jodie Carlson and Codi Rosecrans.

Oregon Scholar/Athlete awards: Jonathan Bennett, Shelley Rietmann, Brad Bowman, Paula Spicerkuhn, Sam Van Liew, Meghan Bailey, Brian Rust, Jesse Gutierrez, and Jodie Carlson.

Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators Students of Merit Honor Team: Business: Genia Grant, Fine Arts Visual: Sibbea Jones, Computer Science: Brad Bowman, Foreign Language Spanish: Jesse Gutierrez, Home Economics: Ashley Ward, Performing Arts: Jody Maddern, Mathematics: Josh Lankford, Physical Education/Health: Tanner Britt, Social Studies: Jon Bennett, Science: Sam Van Liew, and Language Arts: Shelley Rietmann

4.0 all three quarters: Jon Bennett, Shelley Rietmann, Marcy Miller, and Shanna Rietmann

American Citizenship Awards: Tyler Henderson, Daniel Jepsen, Stefan Matheny, Doug Orwick, Jon Bennett, Brad Bowman, Leland Rill, Brian Rust, Kyle Huddleston, Kevin Drake, Dan Basile, Blake Allstott, Claire Anderson, Meghan Bailey, Brett Barber, Jodie Carlson, Dawn DeBoer, Ashley Collette, Sibbea Jones, Lacey Matteson, Marcy Miller, Courtney Nelson, Kyle Carlson, Sam Van Liew, Julie Proctor, Shelley Rietmann, Codi Rosecrans, Brooke Rust, Tammy Smith, Paula Spicerkuhn, Ashley Ward, Nicole Wilson, Madison Bailey, Emily Bergstrom, Chelsea Britt, Kylee Disque, Blair Keithly, Cara Kennedy, Elizabeth Orwick, Shanna Rietmann, Jessica Wainwright, and Terra Wilson.

Senior Drama: Julie Proctor, Samuel Van Liew, Leland Rill, Paula Spicerkuhn, Molly Turrell, Jody, Maddern, and Angela Moore.

Wendy Appleton's Music Awards: Danielle Prindle: Choir, District VI Choir, Featured Soloist; Darren Van Cleave: District VI Honor Band, Mid Columbia Honor Band, District VI Solo Contest (first alternate to state), Pep Band; Luke Murray: Mid Columbia Honor Band; Jody Maddern: District VI Honor Band, Mid Columbia Honor Band, Pep Band.

John Flaherty's Awards: Excellence in Social Studies tenth grade: Blake Allstott, Chantea Macaulay, Luke Murray, and Courtney Nelson.

Les Payne's Awards: excellence in Government and Economics: Jon Bennett, Jodie Carlson, Clementine Guyot, Paula Spicerkuhn, Sam Van Liew, Brad Bowman, Kelsey Greenup, Jesse Gutierrez, Shelley Rietmann, Brian Rust, Stefan Matheny, Molly Turrell, and Meghan Bailey. Excellence in Social Studies ninth grade: Madison Bailey, Kylee Disque, Liz Orwick, Shanna Rietmann, Blair Keithly, Cara Kennedy, Josh Lankford, and Jessica Wainwright.

Linda Dutcher's

Awards: excellence in eleventh grade Language Arts: Doug Orwick, Daniel Jepsen, Lacey Matteson, Tyler Henderson, Nicole Wilson, Connor Kilkenny, and Ashley Ward. Language Arts eleven Student of the Year: Marcy Miller.

Val Campbell's Awards: excellence in Language Arts Nine: Blair Keithly. Excellence in Spanish III/IV: Jesse Gutierrez and Michael McCabe. Excellence in Spanish II: Jon Bennett. Excellence in Spanish I: Daniel Jepsen.

Lea Mathieu's Awards: excellence in Language Arts IV: Meghan Bailey, Clementine Guyot, Sibbea Jones, Jon Bennett, Samuel Van Liew, Paula Spicerkuhn and Shelley Rietmann. Excellence in Sophomore Language Arts: Luke Murray.

Luke Casady's Math Awards: Outstanding Mathematics Achievement in Integrated I: Blake Allstott, Cara Kennedy, and Josh Lankford. Outstanding Mathematics Achievement in Integrated II: Luke Murray, Marcy Miller, and Shanna Rietmann. Outstanding Mathematics Achievement in Integrated III: Tyler Henderson, Lacey Matteson, and Doug Orwick. Outstanding Mathematics Achievement in PreCalculus: Jon Bennett and Shelley Rietmann.

Karen Beck's Math Awards: Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics: Madison Bailey, Blair Keithly, Jessica Wainwright, Elizabeth Orwick, Kylee Disque, and Kyle Huddleston.

Spelling Contest Awards: District Division III: third place Jesse Gutierrez; fifth place Daniel Jepsen; and eighth place Brooke Rust

Jason Palmer's Science Awards: Most Enthusiastic about Science: Shelley Rietmann and Matt Young. Chemistry: Outstanding Understanding of Concepts: Doug Orwick. Senior Chemistry Awards: Jon Bennett, Sam Van Liew, Shelley Rietmann, and Paula Spicerkuhn. Physical Science: Excellent Design of a Bridge: Francisco Escalante and Matt Young. Excellent Design of a Catapult: Jon Cain and Brian Smith. Excellence in Physical Science: Blake Allstott, Blair Keithly, Courtney Nelson, and Kiel Nairns. Most Improved in Physical Science: Tyler Boyer.

Steve Brownfield's Science Awards: Outstanding Achievement in Biology I: Madison Bailey, Shanna Rietmann, Josh Lankford and Jessica Wainwright. Outstanding Achievement in Biology II: Tyler Henderson, Luke Murray. Outstanding Achievement in Field Biology III: Daniel Jepsen, Lacey Matteson, Sam Van Liew and Shelley Rietmann.

Walt Pilgrim's Business Awards: Word Processing I: Shanna Rietmann, Danielle Prindle, and Cara Kennedy. Word Processing II: Genia Grant and Nicole Wilson. Accounting II: Jonathan Bennett, Jessica Gutierrez, Marcy Miller, Samuel Van Liew, and Nicole Wilson.

Dave Fowler's Technology Awards: Outstanding Effort: Dawn DeBoer and Jessica Bash. Outstanding Technology Education Student: Madison Bailey. Most Improved Technology Student: Brandon Seitz. Outstanding Projects: Brian Rust and Molly Turrell.

Tom Shear's Art Awards: Outstanding Achievement in Art: Kelsey Greenup and Clementine Guyot.

Golfers go to State



Six members of the high school golf team went to state this month.

Golfers Brad Bowman, Jon Bennett, Kevin Drake, Doug Orwick, Tyler Boyer and Darren Skaggs went to Woodburn, May 13-14, to compete in the State competition. They played on the OGA golf course in Tuquilla.

Kevin Drake placed fourth individually and they placed fifth as a team.

Country club ladies hold playday

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies held a playday on May 14. Results are as follows:

Low gross of the field-Sheri Stahl.

Low net of the field-Joyce Dinkins.

Least putts of the field-Missy Cutsforth.

Flight A: low gross-Pat Edmundson; low net-Karen Thompson; least putts-Luvilla Sonstegard; KP-Jan Paustian.

Flight B: low gross-Betty Christman; low net-Lorraine Montgomery; least putts-Bernice Lott and Betty Carlson; KP-Bernice Lott.

Flight C: low gross-Kim Houweling; low net-Loa Henderson; least putts-Barbara Gilbert; KP-Kathy Cutsforth.

Chip in: Loa Henderson.

Birdie: Sheri Stahl and Jan Paustian.

Long putt: Missy Cutsforth. Special play: Sheri Stahl-A; Betty Christman-B; Joyce Dinkins-C.

A playday was also held May 21. Results are as follows:

Low gross of the field-Dana Reid and Pat Edmundson.

Low net of the field-Carole Hamilton.

Least putts of the field-Karen Bishop and Corol Mitchell.

Flight A: low gross-Sheri Stahl; low net-Virginia Grant; least putts-Luvilla Sonstegard.

Flight B: low gross-Betty Christman; low net-Lorraine Montgomery.

Flight C: low gross-Jackie Allstott; low net-Loa Henderson; least putts-Maude Hughes.

Special play, skills challenge: first Pat Edmundson, second Jackie Allstott, Betty Christman, Virginia Grant and Shari Stahl.

OSU to hold commencement ceremonies

More than 3,700 Oregon State University students will receive diplomas at two separate commencement ceremonies on Sunday, June 16, at Reser Stadium in Corvallis.

Students receiving master's and doctoral degrees will go through commencement during the morning ceremony, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Undergraduate students will receive their diplomas from 2 to 4 p.m.

This is one of OSU's largest graduating classes, a result of spiraling enrollment numbers that have seen the university's student body grow from 13,777 in 1996 to more than 18,000 this year.

OSU President Paul Risser and other university officials will present the degrees, and Risser will address the undergraduates.

Special awards will be presented to two individuals.

OSU students receiving diplomas from local regions include:

Schools release June calendar

Heppner Elementary School:

- Monday, June 3: Site Council, 6:30 p.m.; Parent Club, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 4: Awards Night, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 5: School Picnic; Student Body Assembly, 1 p.m.; Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, June 6: Last day of school for students
- Monday, June 10: School Board Meeting, RHS, 7:30 p.m.

Heppner High School:

- Monday, June 3: Jr. High Academic Awards, 6:30 p.m.
- Last day of school for students

Ione Schools:

- Wednesday, June 5: semester exam schedule
- Thursday, June 6: last day of school; semester exam schedule
- Tuesday, June 11: pool opens, 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 12: report cards ready at HS office, 8 a.m.

- Friday, June 14-Sunday, June 16: summer league basketball tournament

- Friday, June 21-Saturday, June 22: Columbia Plateau stage race

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney, David C. Allen, has released the following report:

-Christopher W. Lyons plead guilty to driving while suspended and was fined \$374; plead guilty to possessing a controlled substance-meth and was placed on probation for 18 months and fined \$974.

Garden Club meeting coming up

The Garden Club will hold its next meeting on June 3 at 7 p.m. at St Patrick's Senior Center. The hosts will be Peggy Connor and Jeanette Padburg. The program will include a film with discussion and an update on the basket project. The annual trip to Portland Gardens will also be discussed.

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