

Obituaries

Rose Powell Mills

Rose Powell Mills, 75, of Irrigon died July 21, 2002, at her home. The funeral was held on July 25 at the chapel at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston with burial at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

Mrs. Mills was born January 4, 1927, to William and Julia Mitchell Powell at Henryetta, Oklahoma. She married Robert "Bob" Mills on September 29, 1948, at Tullison, Arizona and the couple moved to Irrigon in 1972.

She liked to bake cakes, camp and cook as well as garden, fish, sew and travel. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bob, her husband of 53 years, died in June.

Survivors include sons: Ronald of Klamath Falls, Donald of Hermiston, and Thomas and Keith both of Phoenix, Arizona; daughters Cheryl Moore of Phoenix, Debbie Roberts of Irrigon, and Elizabeth Dunn and Marla Cabral both of Hermiston; brother Oscar Powell of Buckeye, Arizona; sisters Barbara Doherty of Buckeye and Vivian Delk of Phoenix; 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Her parents and a great-grandson also preceded her in death. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of the arrangements.

Isabell K. Parry

Isabell K. Parry, 85, of Ione died July 22, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Mrs. Parry was cremated.

Mrs. Parry was born April 20, 1917, in Maine. She came to Ione eight years ago from Gold Beach where she had lived for 28 years. At Gold Beach, she was employed by the U.S. Forest Service for 12 years.

She loved to play bingo and cards and to travel. Survivors include a son, Del Parry of Brookings; a daughter, Linda Halvorsen of Ione; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Mrs. Parry was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Delbert Parry.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of the arrangements.

SWCD, weed board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building conference room in Heppner. Agenda items and discussion items include manager report, director elections, BPA contract, sub-basin planning, OWEB small grants, landowner requests for assistance, weed report and agency reports.

The meeting is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Court discusses Airport Layout Plan

By Doris Brosnan

At the July 24 meeting of the Morrow County Court, Public Works Director Burke O'Brien and Planning Director Tamra Mabbott appeared for the court's first public hearing on the adoption of the Airport Layout Plan. Mabbott presented the required and related documents and both offered testimony at the hearing. Four Lexington residents attended the meeting.

Mabbott reported that in April, after extensive public input, the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the plan. Comments in opposition to the plan included concern by one property owner who interpreted certain information to mean that she cannot sell property until the county sells airport-related holdings. Judge Terry Tallman, Mabbott, and O'Brien clarified that sale of the EFU property, as well as its zoning, is not affected, but development of buildings above particular obstructive elevations is when an air industrial zone is involved. The landowner remained concerned about the county's power over her property. O'Brien noted that controls are also placed on the airport to limit effects on adjacent landowners. Another landowner questioned the plan's effect on the Lexington well and reservoir. Commissioner Dan Brosnan explained that Lexington plans to decommission that well and drill a new well. He also noted that the airport plan does not involve moving anything on the property. Tallman closed the hearing and announced that the second reading will be on August 7 at 11 a.m.

O'Brien reported work on a system at the airport that will enable emergency responders to use the airport during inclement weather. County Counsel Bill Hanlon spoke to the court about the airport lease, recommending a five-year term for the contract. Commissioner John Wenholtz noted that a new contract might need to be drafted, as the present one dates to 1997.

O'Brien also reported that Terrace Drive has been barricaded and the conduit for the fiber optic lines to the courthouse have been installed. The crew had been preparing the crusher site near Ukiah, had paint striped on Willow Creek, East and West Baseline, Jordan Grade, McNab, and Ione-Gooseberry Roads. They continued resurfacing work on Upper Rhea Creek Road. O'Brien also provided the court with a report on the status of the fair and the court approved more contracts for that event.

Mental Health Director Kelly Sager and Assistant Director Kimberly Lindsay updated the court on the Behavioral Health Department. Sager reported that service to Grant County has officially ended. He continues to wait on final information about HB 3024. Lindsay offered a report on the Friday Life Youth Program, which ran from October 2001 to June

2002 and served 99 youth. She considered the "fun and educational" program successful, but it has been discontinued by the state because not enough of those served were rated as "high risk" youth. Lindsay also noted that some other counties have asked how the Morrow County program worked. Lindsay and Sager also explained to the court "encounter data," which is the number of actual encounters the agency has with Oregon Health Plan clients. Morrow County represents 5% of covered individuals and has the lowest "adverse incident and hospitalization" rates. Sager added his interpretation of the data, that the department is doing a good job and has expectations of clients' recovering and no longer needing services. Lindsay noted, however, that the state is considering less funding if encounter data is low. Lindsay also used a chart to show that department contacts with individuals had increased from 100 in January 2000 to 500 in January 2002, interpreted to mean that the department is successfully creating innovative programs. She reported that they will be starting, on a trial basis, a weekly meeting of a daily structure and support group. If no improvement results, that element will be discontinued. They are also planning a door-to-door approach for introducing the department services to more individuals.

Representatives of SCM Consultants reported to the court on the status of the chemical incinerator, showing five completed task reports and five reports not yet completed. A lengthy discussion of the several tasks and plans and procedures ensued, with several questions from Commissioner Dan Brosnan.

A representative of Morrow-Umatilla ESD joined Emergency Management Director Casey Beard for a discussion with the court on the fiber optic project, providing a conversion diagram, cost breakdown for installation of fiber to each county building, and savings to be expected from the conversion. The group discussed the potential for use by the public and the benefits to the county. The point of presence (POP) will be in Irrigon, with an effort at getting a POP in Boardman. Installation at the Emergency Operations Center is nearing completion, with August 30 targeted for "going operational." The court studied the figures, discussed the expenses and grant funding possibilities, and approved proceeding with the project that will convert other county buildings.

Beard also spoke with Counsel Hanlon about some wording in the contract for over pressurization of the Irrigon elementary school.

Other actions of the court included the following:

- appointment of Gary Neal to the Northeast Area Commission on Transportation;
- selection of Heppner as August 14 meeting site because of the county fair;
- approval of a grant agreement with Wildhorse Foundation for funds for production and installation of four interpretive panels on the Heritage Trail;
- approval for an Oregon State Police transmitter site for the county paging system;
- approval of funds for OSU Extension Service for 2002-2003;
- approval, contingent upon review and approval by the Planning Department, of the issuance of industrial development revenue bonds by the State of Oregon to Beef Northwest Feeders.

DA's Report

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

Rick L. Dungan plead guilty to forgery I and was sentenced to 18 months probation, 80 hours community service, \$1,139 in fines and other conditions specified by the court.

Sheriff's Report

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

June 14: MCSO received a report from Lexington of lightning striking and causing fires at Blackhorse Canyon and Piper Canyon.

MCSO deputy cited Warren Kenneth Tolle, 18, for unreasonable sound amplification.

MCSO received a call from Boardman of a suspicious person walking in the area.

MCSO received a call from Irrigon from a woman who thought she had a bullet hole in her truck.

MCSO received a call from the Boardman Marina that two Rotweilers are running around.

MCSO received a call from Ione that there are three horses that have been running loose for days. Caller believes that the owners are out of town and doesn't know if anyone is taking care of them.

MCSO received a call from Irrigon that a man was choking his wife in front of their children. The man is possibly high on heroin and there are possibly drugs in the house.

MCSO received a report of a car driving all over the road. Another caller called about same car saying that driver had turned into Boardman rest area and hit a pole. Julie Ann Scott, 40, was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

MCSO received a report of horses out in Ione.

Karen's Korner

By Karen Masshoff

If you were injected with all the nicotine from one pack of cigarettes, you'd die. When you think about it, without nicotine what earthly reason would there be to smoke? Can't you just picture sitting around taking teaspoons of nail polish remover (acetone), slurping up some Dibenz(a,h)anthracene©, or inhaling a bottle of methane from the swamp?

Seriously, over the years the cigarette has become a highly engineered nicotine-delivery device. At one point, tobacco researchers realized that much of the nicotine wasn't being released from the leaf as it was being burned (and therefore not inhaled). They then began adding substances such as ammonia, which increases the pH, or makes it more alkaline, and thus more readily vaporized by the intense heat of the burning cigarette. The average smoker in the United States takes in one to two milligrams of vaporized nicotine per cigarette.

In the quest for a "safer" cigarette, ironically, taking the toxins out of cigarette smoke has turned out to be a technological and political challenge. First, tobacco companies have had to be cautious and not imply that past or present products have been or are unsafe. Actually, any research of this nature has made industry lawyers very uncomfortable so such activity has, until recently, been quite guarded.

Technically, the biggest problem has been maintaining the taste and smoking sensations that smokers crave - so far no company has got it quite right. As they proceeded with their experiments, British American, for example discovered their smoke condensate was more harmful than previously sampled. Other research has focused on the removal or lowering of four types of carcinogenic compounds: nitrosamines, perhaps the most deadly of the cancer-causing agents; aldehydes, formed by the burning of sugars and cellulose in tobacco; polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's), which form in the cigarette behind the burning tip; and traces of heavy metals present in tobacco as a result of fertilizers used on the plant.

Perhaps you've heard of "Eclipse" or "Accord." I will finish this series next time with the tobacco industry's high-tech efforts to keep us smoking.

Before you know it, the Fair and Rodeo will be upon us and I am looking forward to being there with the Health Department, Aug. 13-18. I always enjoy meeting folks. Be on the lookout for some special events to take place at our table.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that someone had stolen his car within the last half hour.

MCSO received a call asking them to attempt contact with an Ione resident. Residence was called and individual's father advised that the individual had been lying underneath a car for two days. MCSO attempted recontact with no results. Later found that individual was fine.

MCSO received a call from Irrigon that someone had misused the caller's calling card.

MCSO received a call saying that someone had stole from caller's yard sale.

MCSO received a call from Ione that someone had run a car through the caller's yard and took out his fence. Later called back and said that it was his dad and MCSO could disregard.

MCSO received a call from Boardman that caller's ex-wife had picked up their son without notifying him as stipulated on custody papers.

MCSO received a call from Irrigon that there was a fight in progress at Bake's Restaurant and Lounge in Irrigon.

MCSO received a call from Irrigon reporting loud music for the last half hour.

MCSO received a call from Irrigon of suspicious activity at a nearby vacant house. Juveniles were driving on the lawn and chasing another juvenile.

June 17: MCSO, Heppner Ambulance, Lexington Ambulance received a report of a Lexington man suffering from severe edema and vomiting. Subject was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

MCSO received a report from Irrigon that three county owned vehicles had slashed tires.

MCSO received a report of a fire in Boardman.

MCSO deputy was flagged down by citizen who says his vehicle was broken into in Irrigon.

MCSO received a report from Heppner that someone attempted to use the caller's Social Security Number.

MCSO received a report of a hazardous vehicle on Bombing Range Road. The door was open, no one was around, there were no keys in the car and it was partially blocking the roadway. The owner was en route and the vehicle was out of gas.

MCSO received a request from Boardman for assistance with a cow that had a fence stuck on her neck.

MCSO received a request from Irrigon for contact regarding an ongoing dispute with the caller's neighbor.

MCSO received a request from Irrigon regarding a tool that was taken.

MCSO received a complaint from Boardman that the neighbor's dog had been barking all night.

MCSO deputy cited Sandra Dieter, 21, for violation of the basic rule, 68/55.

MCSO deputy cited Keri Taylor, 20, for violation of the basic rule, 67/45.

MCSO received a report of an audible alarm at Riverside High School. Building was found to be secure.

MCSO received an anonymous report of a possible drunk or reckless driver that almost struck caller's wife's truck.

MCSO received a call from Irrigon that a man had fallen on the outside steps. There was no bleeding but pain in the right leg. Man was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

MCSO received a report from Heppner that someone had been assaulted. Curtis Ray Perkins, 31, was arrested for domestic assault IV. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail with bail at \$7,500. He was also arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants, \$10,000 bail and failure to appear/no anglers license, \$8,700.


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