

Hansens win July yard of month; Youngs take August honors



The Heppner July Yard of the Month winners were Hoby and Susie Hansen of 380 South Gilmore. The Yard of the Month is sponsored by the Heppner Garden Club and Green Feed and Seed.



The Heppner August Yard of the Month went to Bruce and Linn Young of 270 NE Chase. The Yard of the Month is sponsored by the Heppner Garden Club and Green Feed and Seed.

AWANA to begin Sept. 4

It's time for another year of fun at AWANA. Truth and Training Clubs - Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to attend and play relay games, hear Bible stories and earn awards for memorizing Bible verses.

AWANA Truth and Training Clubs are nondenominational Bible clubs sponsored by Lexington Baptist Church with help from the Christian Life Center, Heppner

First Christian Church, and Valby Lutheran. AWANA meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at Lexington Baptist Church starting on Wednesday, September 4, where "Failed Plans" will be the theme. This year's club will show some new changes in uniforms, songs, and workbooks for those in grades three-six.

For more information, contact Glenn Anderson at 989-8555.

UI scholarships announced

The University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho has announced its cash and tuition scholarships for students attending the university in the 2002-2003 academic year. Following are local students who qualified and scholarships received:

Heppner-Meghan Bailey, Idaho Tuition Waver, Presidential Award; David Bates, Academic Transfer Waver; Brad Bowman, Idaho Tuition Waver, Presidential Award; Top Non-Resident Award; Matthew Jepsen, Jones Family Music Award; Bobbi

Rankin, Presidential Award; Codi Rosecrans, Top Non-Resident Award; Brian Rust, Fred Reichert Agriculture Award, Presidential Award; Sam Van Liew, Presidential Award; Scott Van Winkle, Academic Tuition Waiver.

Ione-Jessica Krebs, North Idaho Fdn. Seed Assn. Inc. Award; William E. Folz Award; Adam McCabe, Idaho Tuition Waiver, Presidential Award.

Irrigon-Cody Gordanier, Top Non-Resident Award, Transfer Tuition Waiver; Matthew Gordanier, Presidential Award.

Sheriff's Report

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

July 8: MCSO deputy cited Erick Kynaston, 18, for exceeding the maximum speed limit, 98/65; no operator's license; and driving uninsured. Ezequiel Salgado, 28, was cited for permitting the unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

MCSO deputy cited Fortunato Diaz-Minarez, 20, for failure to appear/possession of a forged instrument I and criminal trespassing II. Subject was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail with \$20,000 bail.

MCSO received a request for officer contact n Irrigon regarding the caller being harassed by someone who had been told not to call or stop by but continues to do so.

MCSO received a report of a stolen four-wheeler at a residence in Irrigon.

MCSO received a call from Irrigon reporting that a man had taken the caller's ATM card and used it to take \$160 out of her account without permission.

MCSO deputy cited Rodrigo Rodriguez, 28, for possession of a controlled substance.

MCSO received a report of a tire tread in the lane on the freeway near Boardman.

MCSO deputy arrested Ralph Carl Greer, 42, for failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance II. Subject was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail on \$20,000 bail.

MCSO received a request for officer contact from Tim's Gun Shop in Irrigon regarding a vandalism that had occurred.

MCSO received a report of a domestic disturbance in Irrigon. Tony Kellar, 29, was cited for driving while license suspended/revoked.

MCSO received a call from Heppner that the neighbor's dog is chasing emus behind the caller's house.

MCSO received a report of a domestic dispute that had occurred about 20 minutes before on Main Street in Boardman.

MCSO deputy arrested James Daniel Elliott, 23, for felony elude. Elliott was lodged the Umatilla County Jail. He was also cited for failure to use a helmet, driving while license suspended, and no insurance.

MCSO received a report of shots being fired in the vicinity of the fish hatchery.

MCSO deputy arrested Billie Mac Cole, 46, for failure to pay fines/driving while license suspended, driving uninsured.

July 9: MCSO received a call from Boardman that an intoxicated person was sitting on the caller's front porch and she wants him gone. The subject said that he was dumped by two subjects who fled in his pickup up.

MCSO received a report from a Morrow County Public Works employee that someone had started up a county fuel truck at a crusher site near Skinner Creek and pumped out the diesel. Approximately 800 gallons was

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The truck was still running when the public works employee had arrived on the scene.

MCSO received a report from Irrigon that the caller thought his windshield had been shot out while he was driving.

MCSO received a call from Irrigon with the caller saying that her daughter was beating up on her, then hung up. When the residence was recontacted, the caller said that the daughter had left and no further assistance was needed.

MCSO deputy arrested Antonio Montez Jaime, 31, for failure to appear/driving while license suspended. Subject was lodged at the Umatilla County jail on \$6,000 bail.

MCSO received a report of two loose dogs at May and Chase in Heppner. Jeremy M. Walker, 25, was cited for two counts of allowing a dog to run at large.

MCSO received a report of a horse trailer with the door open headed north on the highway toward Hermiston.

MCSO deputy cited Garrett Curtis Brown, 37, for violating the basic rule, 59/40.

MCSO received a report from Irrigon that the caller's neighbors are walking across her yard and she has no trespassing signs up and is afraid that her dogs might bite them.

MCSO deputy cited Charmin Marie Hobson, 25, for violation of the basic rule, 53/40.

MCSO received a report from Irrigon of loud music coming from the Irrigon Mobile Court.

MCSO received a report of a male who was having a seizure in Boardman.

MCSO deputy cited Iraj Boroumand, 49, for violation of the basic rule, 75/55.

MCSO received a report that the caller's ex-husband was over two hours late with her children.

MCSO received a report that a woman at the Boardman rest area was having car trouble and was going to try to make it to the next exit. She advised that she has three children with her.

MCSO received a report from Boardman that a boxer is loose in the caller's yard and she is worried about her cats.

MCSO deputy cited Dustin Dale Rollis, 21, for driving while license suspended.

MCSO received a report from Boardman that the caller's 18-year-old son is out of control, throwing articles and breaking up stuff.

July 10: Boardman Police Dept. officer located a vehicle in Boardman with a subject in the back who was unresponsive. An ambulance was requested. It was determined that the subject was all right and the ambulance call was cancelled.

MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of two suspicious males behind the Banner Bank. It was determined they were working on the bank siding.

Dairy neighbors discuss poor condition of Morter Lane

By Doris Brosnan

At the August 7 meeting of the Morrow County Court, neighbors to the new dairy on Morter Lane, southwest of Ione, addressed the poor condition of the road resulting from the heavy truck traffic into the dairy. They voiced several concerns and questions, and the commissioners and public works director Burke O'Brien explained the county road system. O'Brien said that Morter Lane is scheduled for some rebuild but it could not be accomplished at this time because of other commitments, principally the Juniper Canyon project.

Judge Terry Tallman opened a public hearing on the Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Plan. One letter of support for allowing eligible property to receive a property tax deferral was read into record. The commissioners discussed the issue and approved the program. Judge Tallman also opened the public hearing for the second reading of the ordinance amending the comprehensive plan and the transportation system plan to incorporate the Lexington Airport layout plan and maps. As no one appeared for the hearing, Tallman closed the hearing, and the Court approved the ordinance as amended.

The Court discussed with planning director Tamara Mabbott the status of the building permits for the Threemile Canyon Dairy. Also participating in the discussion, Cheri Davis, the governor's Eastern Oregon representative, explained that the state could perform an on-site evaluation at no cost to the county.

economic development specialist Martin Davis also noted the option of turning the project over to the state. No action was taken.

Mabbott also provided the Court comments on the resolution in support of the revenue bonds for Beef Northwest Feeders. She concluded that the proposed development is "consistent with the comprehensive plan" pursuant to ORS Chapter 197. She also commented on a proposed Cascade Natural Gas franchise agreement, recommending a clause requiring Cascade to comply with applicable land-use laws and to clarify that permission to construct on private property also requires consent of the affected landowner.

Martin Davis updated the Court on a variety of topics: 1) The representative of the owner of property that the county is interested in for the ATV park met with public works staff and was receptive to what the county wants to do at that site. He discussed security and land-value issues. 2) The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group had been in discussion with a company possibly interested in locating in the industrial site, but that company needs natural gas, which would cost too much to bring to the site. WCVEDG has also started its buy-a-business project, engaging business brokers to search for a business that would fit the community's needs. One such possibility has been brought to its attention, and WCVEDG has asked Davis to travel to the business site and examine it closely. The Court agreed that the trip warranted coverage by the county, and Davis agreed to figure expenses and advise the Court. 3) Davis maintains close contact with Judge Tallman and asked if the other two commissioners were comfortable with the direction he is taking as the contracted economic development specialist. They agreed that they would address any problem that might seem to arise in the agreement.

Behavioral health director Kelly Sager spoke to the Court about agreements he anticipates bringing to the Court for approval: for chemical dependency services and for Columbia Center for Living for Anasazi software; and contracts for respite services, which the Court approved, with Emily Unruh and Shirley Meadows.

Sager also noted that the governor would be addressing budget matters that evening, so agencies were anxious over possible vetoes. General

agreement was that better education of the public about behavioral health services is necessary. He informed the Court that a staff member from the Fossil office has been temporarily filling in while this office is short on staff, and he shared the Morrow County two-year report showing no critical incidents (such as a client's death or abuse). Sager also told the commissioners that he would like to hold a staff retreat in the fall, invite a motivational speaker and invite all county employees to a second-day presentation by that speaker.

Public works director Burke O'Brien reported that the crew had completed five miles of asphalt removal on Rhea Creek Road, had finished touch-up work on Sanford Canyon and were working on the Juniper Canyon realignment project. He submitted an application for a conditional-use permit in the event that the ATV park project becomes a reality and Judge Tallman signed it.

O'Brien reported the need to upgrade the county spray unit, because the booms are falling off, and the Court approved upgrading the spray and nozzle package. Commissioner Dan Brosnan suggested the need to periodically update the Soil and Water Conservation District on the weed plans.

O'Brien reported that for the Juniper Canyon project several rental needs will have to be addressed quickly, and the purchasing pre-authorization process every time would create a paperwork delay. The accounting supervisor suggested a blanket pre-authorization for several rentals and periodic reports to the Court. The Court agreed to the procedure and authorized O'Brien to sign the rental agreements. Also for that project, O'Brien noted that the county has received quitclaims from landowners for the right of way.

Other action by the Court includes the following:

- approval of the purchase of three replacement computers for the accounting and personnel offices and purchase of a computer for the assessor's office;
- approval of contracts for the Children and Families Department with/for Domestic Violence Services, Heppner Preschool, CASA, a Juvenile Assistant, Creative Care Preschool, Client Specific, Youth Investment, Community Safety Net, Heppner Daycare, and Boardman Parks and Recreation;
- appointment of Cyde Estes and reappointment of Burke O'Brien to the Safety Committee;
- appointment of Jerry Breazeale, Judge Tallman, and Gary Neal of the Port of Morrow to the Northeast Area Commission on Transportation;
- designation of the Heppner Gazette Times as the newspaper of record for publication of a foreclosure list;
- approval of a five-year agreement with Irvin Rauch for a rock pit and approval of an addendum to the agreement with Devin Oil to adjust the price of fuel as previously agreed;
- approval of a permit to Qwest Communication along Wyoming for the school;
- approval of fair contracts;
- approval of an increase in on-call pay for managers, for consistency with the union contract amount;
- approval of the minutes of the June 21, 2002, public hearing on the application by the Port of Morrow for comprehensive plan and zoning amendments to allow the siting of a speedway and related facilities at the Port of Morrow;
- approval of an indirect-cost-negotiation agreement, contingent upon county counsel approval, with the Oregon Emergency Management.

Marriage Licenses

August 6, 2002: Joshua Glen Vandecar, 20, Umatilla, and; Amie Marie Swanson, 19, Umatilla.

Ingrown Toenails?
Dr. Donald J. Carlson, Foot Specialist will be at the Pioneer Memorial Clinic on August 21st for the diagnosis of this and other foot problems.
Call 676-5504 - Heppner
or 567-8750 - Hermiston

Wedding Tables
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