

Court discusses CBEC's wish to install gas and fiber optic lines in railroad easement

At the Sept. 18 meeting of the Morrow County Commissioners, Judge Terry Tallman reported the interest of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative in installing a gas line in the railroad easement, and using the trench also for fiber optic line. Planning director Tamra Mabbott reported that the planning commission had granted a conditional-use permit last fall for a gas line, which included, as a last condition, written approval from the Court. Discussion focused on an easement earlier granted to a communication company and possible complications to granting another communication easement, as well as complications to the placement of other lines. County counsel Bill Hanlon agreed to examine the issues and report to the Court.

A representative of Greenstock Resources, Inc., spoke to the Court and other county representatives about an ethanol plant the company may be interested in locating in Morrow County. The company requested information about enterprise-zone tax abatement. The representative offered information about his company's proprietary product, improved technology, the U.S. production of ethanol, and Congress's plan for increased production by the year 2012 for economic security and environmental reasons. In answer to questions, he reported that production is subsidized by the federal government through the exemption from federal tax and that the subsidy is to sunset in 2007 unless it is extended to 2012. He also reported that five other states offer incentives to locate there, but Oregon does not. The commissioners explained the county's interest in resident employees, community involvement, and support for special bonding issues. Fire protection was discussed, as were plant emissions, transportation of the ethanol and by-products, and life expectancy of a facility.

The representative explained that Morrow County is a consideration on a "short list" of possible locations. He said that the plant would use natural gas, which, along with electricity, would require some additional infrastructure. The Court agreed to further discussion of the issue in two weeks.

The Court reviewed a draft letter to the State Trial Court Administrator in support of an additional circuit court judge position for the sixth judicial district. Executive secretary Andrea Denton outlined the

efforts toward this goal by presiding Circuit Court Judge Jeff Wallace, the proposal to locate said position full-time in Morrow County, and the issues of office space. The commissioners discussed the many questions that a new position raises.

A representative of the Boardman Development Association spoke to the Court about the tipage fees granted for its Main Street Beautification of Plaza Circle. She explained that after eight months of development work, the projected was halted the previous week by the city council. She requested permission to use the balance of the granted funds for moving and restoring a gazebo from a rest area to a city-council approved site in Boardman. The Court approved the proposal.

Hanlon asked the Court for instructions for the completion of an agreement with Finley Butte on the allocation and distribution of fees from the Potlatch waste. The commissioners agreed to inform him after the opportunity to examine notes from a meeting with the FB manager.

Public works director Burke O'Brien reported that Juniper Canyon drilling and blasting is complete and the crew is working on the west end section. After the recent rain, they bladed Alpine Road which is close to the Juniper Canyon project. Other gravel roads will be a priority, O'Brien said, as soon as more rain comes. They hope to chip seal Coal Mine Hill the week of September 23, using general maintenance and office staff to help so the essential equipment and crew can continue work on Juniper Canyon.

O'Brien also reported completion of the installation of new supports under the Gilliam and Bisbee Building. He reported a request for an approach off Willow Creek Road to the new assisted living facility, and the Court agreed to that. The department has submitted a formal request for the Financial Aid for Municipalities Grant from the Oregon Department of Aviation, for the replacement hangars.

O'Brien said that he and assistant Karen Wolff will meet with the State Parks Allocation Committee in Burns on September 20 for a report on the land-acquisition status. He explained to the Court his concern that an adverse effect on the use of Anson Wright Park during hunting season will result from the closure to hunting of several thousand acres of land around the park. He added that reservations

at Cutsforth Park are strong this year.

O'Brien also reported the interest by the Morrow County Schools superintendent in paving a driveway all the way around the fairgrounds where the school buses are traveling, as well as a desire for a perpetual easement. O'Brien said he would speak to the Fair Board, and the commissioners agreed to wait for that board's recommendation.

Other actions of the Court include the following:

- approval of the purchase of two uninterruptible power supply lines for the Irrigon and Boardman annexes for the phone systems during a power outage;

- recommendation of Carolyn Proudly, Larry Mills, Claudia Hughes, Bob Jepsen, and Jerry Breazeale to the Cultural Coalition;

- approval of a road approach permit for a landowner on Idaho Street in Irrigon.

Food Handler's Class offered

A Food Handler's Class will be offered by Blue Mountain Community College and the State Health Division on Tuesday, Oct. 1 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria.

A Food Handler's card is required by the State of Oregon for all employees who handle or prepare food in food service facilities in Oregon. This includes dishwashers, waiters, staff and businesspersons. Additionally, the card is also now required of all daycare workers.

The cost of the class is a \$10 licensing fee, payable to the State Health Department after successful completion of the written test. Registration will be done at class.

For further information, contact Anne Morter, BMCC South Morrow County coordinator, at 422-7040.

Advisory Committee to meet in Heppner

The Willow Creek Local Advisory Committee for SB1010 will meet Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office Building conference room in Heppner. Agenda items include review and possible acceptance of the updated Draft Willow Creek Water Quality Management Plan. If the committee approves the plan, the Oregon Department of Agriculture will be requested to go to rulemaking after which public hearings on the contents of the plan will be held.

The public is invited to attend.

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Obituaries

Josephine Healy Rands

Josephine Ellen Healy Rands, 88, of Boardman, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, at Life Care Center of Richland, surrounded by her family.

A funeral mass and celebration of life will be held Friday, Sept. 27, 2002, at 11 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, E. Olson Road, in Boardman.

Mrs. Rands was born May 3, 1914, in Heppner, to Michael and Mary (Hughes) Healy. She was the third of seven children. In the late 1920s she moved with her family to Boardman, where she resided for the next 70 years. The last eight years of her life, she was a resident of Richland Life Care.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Rudy Allemann, Richland, Wash., and Nancy and Don Renschler, East Wenatchee, Wash.; grandchildren and spouses, Linda and Steve Rivedal, East Wenatchee, Wash., David and Michelle Renschler, Bothell, Wash., Bill and Julie Allemann, Brier, Wash., Susan Allemann and David Messner, Seattle, Wash., and Ginny Allemann and Jerry Howe, Seattle, Wash.; and great-grandchildren, Molly, Emily, and Libby Messner, Wyatt and Catherine Allemann, and Jack Renschler; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Lilli Healy of Portland; sister, Geraldine Gronquist of Pendleton; sister-in-law, Jewell Healy of Beaverton; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Josephine was preceded in death by her husband, R.B. "Buster" Rands; her parents; sisters, Mary Holmboe and Nora Healy; and brothers, Tom Healy and Pat Healy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory may be designated for research to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Inc., 919 North Michigan Ave. Suite 1100, Chicago, Ill. 60611-1676.

Joseph Edward Trubachik

Joseph Edward Trubachik, 81, formerly of Heppner, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2002, in Clackamas.

A celebration of his life was held Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel in Gresham. Disposition was by cremation.

Mr. Trubachik was born March 22, 1921, in Eileen, Wis., the son of George and Anna Trubachik. He was reared and educated in Wisconsin. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps at the age of 16. He moved to Cleveland, Ohio, at the age of 18 and worked for Warner/Swayze as a machine operator and a lens cutter.

He served in the U.S. Army as a medic in the ETO during WWII. Following the war, he returned to Ohio and his former job. He then moved to the steel mills and worked as a millwright.

On July 24, 1943 he married Inez Misun in Moquah, Wis. They moved to the Mosier/Hood River area in 1955 where he began his career as a

carpenter. They moved to Portland in 1965 and he retired in 1982. The couple moved to Heppner following his retirement and had recently moved back to East County.

Joseph is survived by his wife of 58 years, Inez; daughters and sons-in-laws, Rosemary and Ted Plocki of Olympia, Wash., and Georgi and Mark Avoles of Las Vegas, Nevada; sons and daughter-in-laws, David and Pam Turbachik of Gresham, and Paul and Susan Trubachik of Estacada; sisters, Cagnes Comte of Baraboo, Wis., and Margaret and brother-in-law Jim Riley of Sun Prairie, Wis.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Kathy Trubachik of Ashland, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his eldest son, Joe; by his brothers, George, Steve and John; by sisters, Mary and Annie; and by a grandson, Scott.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel of Gresham was in charge of arrangements.

Ivan Eugene Dieter

Ivan Eugene Dieter, 80, of Boardman, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2002, at his home.

The funeral was held Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Boardman with burial following at Boardman's Riverview Cemetery.

He was born March 21, 1922, at Cedar View, Utah, to Eugene A. and Leona Margarete Carruth Dieter.

On Sept. 17, 1955, he and his wife, Idella, were married at Olympia, Wash. They had been residents of Boardman for the past 28 years.

Mr. Dieter enjoyed oil painting, woodworking, fishing and hunting.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include his wife, Idella N. Dieter of Boardman; sons, Loren Dieter and Leroy Dieter, both of Boardman; daughters, Kathleen Dieter and Irene Dieter, both of Boardman, and Laura Luttrell of Olympia, Wash.; sisters, Margarete Lina Clark of Aloha, Melva Graham of Hillsboro, and Ramona May Jepson of Sweet Home; brothers, Delvin Dieter of Rossevelt, Utah and Clarence Dieter of Colorado Springs, Colo.; nine grandchildren, Sandra Dieter, Kevin Dieter, Robert Dieter, Sasha Dieter, Travis Dieter, Justin Dieter, Michael Luttrell and Samuel Luttrell. He was preceded in death by a son, Russell Dieter; brothers, Monroe Dieter and Ray Dieter; and by his parents, Eugene A. Dieter and Leona Margarete Dieter.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

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Test scores, attendance lone Site Council topics

At the Ione Site Council meeting, held Sept. 11, school wide goals for this year were discussed. Goals include: improving the reading and math scores so that 90 percent at levels three, five, eight and 10 reach the benchmarks; improving attendance (reminders to students about policy, calls home when absent, tracking of reasons for absence, etc); and DIBBLES testing for the elementary children including K-2 and training for secondary teachers on how to use the results of the testing.

The district goal to improve test results by five percent from current scores was also discussed.

There was additional discussion about the various testing—the tests work, who is tested and how they are tracked. It was also discussed whether progress was made with the students' preparedness for the benchmarks.

At the OSAA Cup presentation, Ione High School received its third "Gold Cup," giving Ione the honor of having received each "Gold Cup" since the start of its presentation. Peter Weber from OSAA, along with his wife, presented the award.

Other business included:

- discussion of some needed repairs and cleanups.

- information about Measure 19 from school board member John Rietmann, who encouraged support of the measure;

- information about the composition of advisory boards, now to be known as the Local School Committee, along with a discussion on the duties of the people on that committee, and acknowledging of the fact that each school would have three parent representatives whose children were in attendance at that particular school;

- information about attendance at Ione High School, which is 154, down two from last year; and

- an announcement that Brad Burtight was honored as 2002 alum special team player of the week at Eastern Oregon University.

Engagement Gribskov-McDaniel

Lela Gribskov and Caleb McDaniel, both of Heppner, announce their engagement to be married.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Robert and Cathy Gates of Ione. She is a graduate of Ione High School. She is currently attending Blue Mountain Community College, as well as being employed with the Morrow County Health District.

The groom-elect is the son of Scott and Joan McDaniel of Heppner. He is a graduate of Heppner High School. He was formerly employed with the Co-Gen plant in Heppner.

The couple plans an Oct. 12 wedding at Lincoln City Congregational Church in Lincoln City.

March set in Boardman

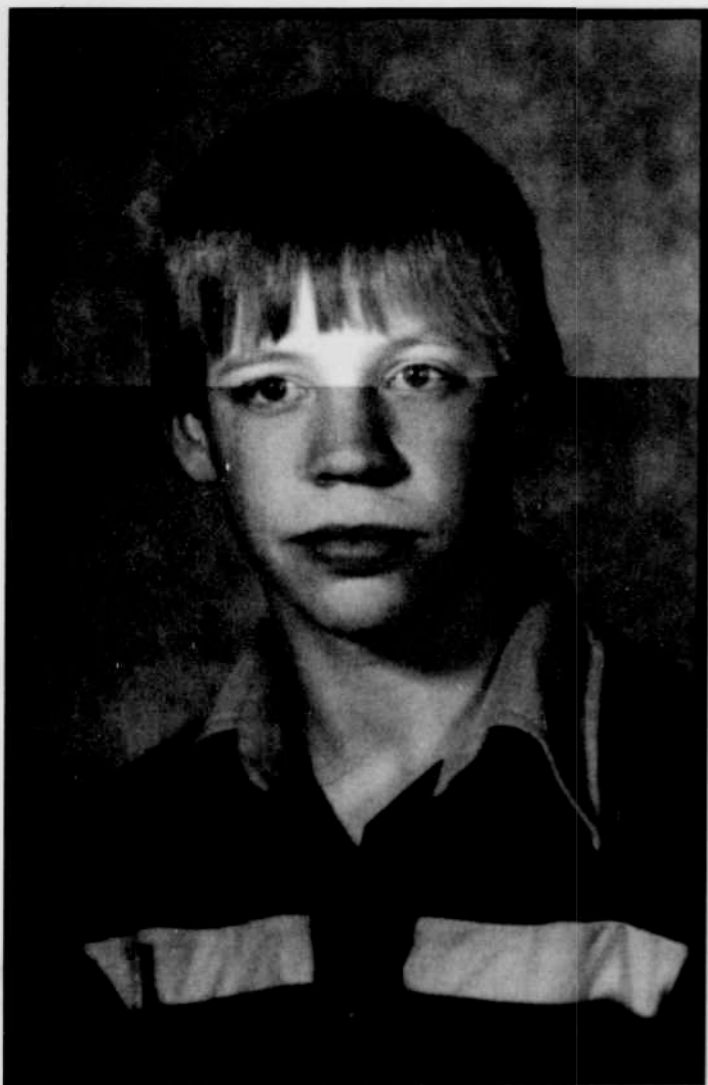
The Domestic Violence Services in Boardman is having its 25th anniversary open house, Thursday, Oct. 3, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at 103 S.W. Kinkade Rd., Boardman. The open house will be followed by the second annual March to End the Violence.

Marchers will assemble at 103 SW Kinkade Rd., at 6 p.m., then march to Boardman City Hall, where a candle light ceremony will be held.

Anyone wanting more information may contact the Domestic Violence Services at 481-2832.

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