

Anniversaries

Lyle and Virginia Peck

Lyle and Virginia Peck, of Heppner, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party at their son and daughter-in-law's, Stephen and Camille Peck of Lexington.

Their children are Allen, Debbie VanCleave of California, Stephen, Teresa of North Carolina, and Dennis. The couple has ten grand children and two great grand children.

Lyle Peck married Virginia Allstott on Oct. 5, 1952, in Heppner. Lyle was a self-employed wheat farmer and now is retired. Virginia is a homemaker. They have lived in Heppner for 31 years.

Child Care Resource and Referral to hold class

Child Care Resource and Referral will be offering an Overview session, Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gilliam and Bisbee Building, above Heppner Hardware.

This class is designed for childcare providers who are interested in becoming registered through the state. Childcare providers that are caring for three or more children are required by Oregon law to become registered.

For more information or to register for the free class, contact Child Care Resource and Referral in Hermiston by calling 1-800-559-5878.

Garden Club to hold meeting

The Heppner Garden Club will hold a meeting Nov. 11, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., with hosts Ida Farra and Eleanor Gonty.

The evening's program will include a talk by John Murray on general gardening. Murray is the President of the Master Gardener Club, Heppner Chapter.

DA's Report

Todd Patrick Copenhagen pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance-Methamphetamine, a Class-C felony. Copenhagen was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, 80 hours of community service, completion of a drug package to be provided by Morrow County Behavioral Health, and \$914 in fines.

Local advisory committee to meet

The Local Advisory Committee for the Willow Creek Senate Bill 1010 process will be meeting at 6 p.m., on Nov. 5, in the Pettyjohn Office Building conference room. This meeting is to review the final draft of the Willow Creek Plan. The public is welcomed to attend.

Justice Court

Richard Frank Flaiz, 54, Heppner, Driving while Suspended, \$297 fine.

Travis P. Bellamy, 19, Lexington, MIP-Alcohol-Consumption, \$157 fine.

Sandra Kay Day, 36, Heppner, VBR 75/55, \$136 fine.

Chris Quinn Brusman, 41, Long Creek, Driving while Suspended, \$297 fine.

Michael S. McCabe, 18, Heppner, MIP-Alcohol-Consumption, \$157 fine.

Edward J. Ducre, 28, Stanfield, Failure to Validate Elk Tag, \$59 fine.

Nathan M. Wilson, 25, Lexington, No Driver's License (Driving while Suspended in MO), Driving Uninsured, and No Seatbelt, \$213 fine. VBR 81/55, Failure to Display Plates (out of state), Failure to Register Vehicle, \$268 fine.

Jeffery James Carrow, 39, Ridgefield, WA, Operating an All-terrain Vehicle while Carrying a Firearm, \$155 fine.

Carol Lynn Daley, 42, Ione, VBR 65/45, \$77 fine.

Christina M. Stanton, 21, Wilkes Barre, PA, Open Container, \$179 fine.

Jeffrey P. Cutsforth, 43, Lexington, VBR 75/55, \$111 fine.

James L. Boor, 55, Arlington, Failure to Validate Deer Tag, \$77 fine.

Douglas James Boor, 34, Ione, Failure to Validate Deer Tag, \$77 fine.

Jose A. Madrigal, 34, Boardman, Truck Speed 68/55, \$117 fine.

Mark A. Anderson, 31, Ione, VBR 73/55, \$77 fine.

Sheri Renee Haley, 54, Roseburg, VBR 76/55, \$132 fine.

Brian Robert Wallace, 20, Dallas, Operating All-Terrain Vehicle while Carrying a Firearm, \$155 fine.

Christopher D. Brown, 31, Tigard, VBR 71/55, \$87 fine.

Sunday Dyer, 43, Heppner, VBR 73/55, \$132 fine.

Kathleen L. Sinsel, 46, Toledo, VBR 63/45, \$111 fine.

SWCD weed board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD weed advisory board will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office Building in Heppner. The meeting is open to the public.

Agenda items and discussion items include: BPA contract update, LAC update, annual meeting planning, annual report discussion, sub-basin planning, small grants, and agency reports.

KAREN'S KORNER

I have a potpourri of items to present in this column starting off with a disturbing report out of Toronto's The Globe and Mail on an aspect of breast cancer research.

If a teenage girl takes up smoking within five years from the onset of her menstrual periods, she almost doubles her risk of developing breast cancer. "Even if they quit in their early 20s, the damage may already be done," medical oncologist Pierre Band says.

The thinking is that during puberty, when there's overall rapid growth, the cells of the developing breasts are also undergoing such changes that increase their vulnerability to the carcinogens in tobacco smoke. Some breast cells don't fully develop until a woman has carried a baby to term.

Finally, where does family history of breast cancer and growing up in an environment of secondhand smoke fit into this equation? The article did not speak to this specifically.

Some numbers to ponder: On October 17, 2002, Philip Morris posted third quarter revenues of \$19,996,000,000 with a net income of \$4.35 billion. This included the profits from Kraft Foods at \$869 million. Their total revenue to date comes to \$61.6 billion with a net income of \$9.3 billion. However, Philip Morris has lost some domestic retail shares over the last six months so they will be increasing their promotional spending to about \$350 million. It is estimated that it costs about a penny for the tobacco companies to make a cigarette; the additional costs pay for advertising and profit.

A report released by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids and Common Cause reveals that the tobacco industry has thus far contributed more than \$7 million in soft money and political action committee contributions to federal candidates, political parties and committees during the 2001-02 election cycle. During this same period, Philip Morris has contributed \$3,203,801. Over a 14-year period, the Center for Responsive Politics estimates that Philip Morris has contributed at least \$18.9 million.

I refer you to Margie Boule's column in Oct. 24 edition of The Oregonian, "Oregon needs to take a deep breath and ban smoking in bars." ... "Doesn't anyone else find it odd that people go on and on about the "freedom" to smoke, when most smokers want to quit and can't ...because they're addicted? Where is the freedom in that? Let's move to the question of morality. Smokers must not be allowed to harm others. Bar and restaurant workers must be protected... Allowing smoking in any public place in our state is allowing people to be hurt. It's as simple as that. And nobody should have the legal right to hurt other people."

OSU Extension offers Farm Business Plan workshop

Farmers and ranchers will create a comprehensive, written business plan in the upcoming OSU Extension Farm Business Plan Workshop Series. The first seminar session is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 1-4 p.m. at BMCC in Pendleton in Morrow Hall Room 132. Registration is required by Friday, Nov. 1. Enrollment is limited to 12 families or farms per location.

According to a news release, producers will answer three age-old questions about their business: "Where are we now? Where do we want to be in the future? and How do we get there?" as they build the components of their plans.

"I believe the 'Create a Business Plan' series offers a unique opportunity for local growers to develop a business plan," says Mary Corp, OSU Extension agent. She sees the three-pronged approach offering a good mix of structure, helpful tools and individual assistance to make the series productive. The degree of personalized feedback and attention has not been available before locally for farm business plan development. The examples and leaching materials will be oriented towards dry land and irrigated cropping as well as livestock production.

Contact the Pendleton Extension Service office at (541) 278-5403 or Blue Mountain Community College at (541) 278-5969 for more information. A brochure detailing the series is available by request.

Ione graduate finishes Army National Guard course

Army National Guard Pfc. Christopher R. Bennetto has graduated from the radio operator-maintainer advanced individual training course at Fort Gordon, in Augusta, Ga.

The soldier was trained to install, operate, and perform preventive maintenance checks and services on single channel radio, teletypewriter assemblages, communications security devices and associated equipment. The student also learned to operate manual and automated communications systems, and perform preventive maintenance services on assigned vehicles and power generating equipment.

Bennetto is the son of Terri Bennetto of Ione, and Kevin Bennetto of Willits, CA. He graduated from Ione High School in 1999.

Marriage Licenses

Oct. 18: Duane Edward Strong, 43, Irrigon and Liza De Maria Quintana, 30, Irrigon.

Oct. 22: Miguel A Sepulveda, 47, Boardman and Josefina Rangel, 33, Boardman

Court approves new security plan and position

At the Morrow County Court meeting on Oct. 23, Circuit Court Judge Jeff Wallace, accompanied by Trial Court Administrator Bill Jones, County Counsel Bill Hanlon, and Sheriff Verlin Denton, spoke to the commissioners about using some court security funds to pay for a Court Security Coordinator. Wallace explained that the Chief Justice's budget reduction plan includes \$13 million that is being removed presently, with some possible add-backs if the January budget issue passes. Cutbacks include offices closed on Fridays and employee hours cut to 90%. He spoke of present understaffing and empty positions that will go unfilled and shared a prioritization list that reflected the impact the reductions will have on cases. He and Jones explained their hope for county funding of a six-month temporary position for a court security coordinator for the county. After discussing the merits and complications of Wallace's request, the Court approved a slightly different agreement with the Trial Court Administrator to fund a position, from November 1 to June 30, to develop and manage a court security plan for Morrow County.

The Court reviewed an amended architect's proposal for the expansion of the Boardman Annex. Executive Secretary Andrea Denton reported that the Behavioral Health Department is prepared to proceed but that the Public Health Department has no funds for construction. She also suggested that the Court consider the possible future co-locations of other departments to the annex before finalizing an expansion plan. The Court agreed to discuss the issue further.

County Counsel Hanlon reviewed for the Court an agreement from the State that recognizes the County Building Official's authority in determining Threemile Canyon Dairy's compliance with building-code requirements for the issuance of an occupancy permit. The agreement clarifies the technical assistance to be provided by the State. The Court approved the agreement.

County Counsel Appointee David Allen reported on the issue of the Behavioral Health employee's educational expenses for courses from a college that is not accredited. The employee's supervisor had approved the enrollment, and the college officials had presented it as an accredited college. He recommended that the Court approve reimbursement and pursue a refund from the college. The court agreed, and Allen agreed to contact the State Attorney General's Office to request a demand letter to the college. Allen further recommended that employees be required to check with the Office of Degree Authorization to assure accreditation before commencing classes.

Public Works Director Burke O'Brien and US Forest Service representative Lori Seitz reported to the Court on an application for Federal Title II money. If funded, the project would improve safety on Ditch Creek, Penland Lake, and Shaw Creek Roads. The road surfaces would be stabilized by introducing a new lift of crushed rock over the exposed base rock, cattle guards would be replaced - improving one-way traffic problems - and sight-restricting trees and limbs would be removed. The project would also reduce the introduction of air-borne and water-borne sedimentation into the ecosystem. Seitz requested a letter of support from the Court before the Dec. 15 deadline.

O'Brien asked about the commissioners' meeting with representatives of the Fair Board

and Rodeo Committee for discussion of the school district's request to pave and use the road behind the rodeo arena. The commissioners believed that the issue seemed resolved at that meeting, granting the school district's request. A copy of meeting notes from a subsequent Rodeo Committee meeting, however, showed that the issue resurfaced.

O'Brien reported crew work with the grader on Rhea Creek Road, sign work and rural addressing, and stockpiling of sand for winter maintenance. He described a tour of the Juniper Canyon project scheduled for Oct. 29. He added that the project is on schedule.

Actions of the Court follow:

- approval of a permit to Knerr Construction for installation of new phone lines on Spring Street in Ione;
- approval of an approach permit on the First Street extension in Irrigon;
- approval of a Bunker Hill landowner's request for a weed no-spray zone to protect some windbreak trees;
- approval of an indirect cost rate agreement between the CSEPP program and Oregon Emergency Management;
- approval of a renewed cooperative purchasing agreement with the State;
- reviewed the letter of resignation from Planning Director Tamra Mabbott and agreed to proceed with recruitment for the position; and
- approval of two quitclaim deeds, from the Nature Conservancy to Morrow County and from the County to the Nature Conservancy on the Juniper Canyon project.

Lexington Grange happenings

The Lexington Grange met Oct. 21 at the hall beginning with a potluck dinner at 6:30.

At the meeting officers were elected for 2003. The elections were as follows: Master- Wilbur Jackson; Overseer- Earl Papineau; Assistant Steward- Ned Clark; Lady Assistant Steward- Kathleen Clark; Steward- Lyle Peck; Chaplain- Zelma McDaniel; Gatekeeper- Jim Carter; Lecturer- Barbara Gilbert; Secretary- Robin Moran Bailey; Treasurer- Clarence Buchanan; Pomona- Dorothy Jackson; Flora- Edie Hendricks; Ceres- Lisa Carter; Executive Committee members- Dorris Graves, Virginia Peck and Ned Clark.

Guests for the evening were Bob Allen, Helen Crawford and Dot Halvorsen from Willows Grange; and Richard Hartwig and his mother from Estacada.

During the meeting plans were made to host Wheatland Pomona on Oct. 27 beginning with fifth degree. Members will then be eligible to receive sixth degree, state, and seventh degree, national, Nov. 16 at Portland.

The group decided to have a table at the Artifactory on Nov. 23 at the Fairgrounds.


Fourth degree pins were presented to Edie Hendricks, Lisa and Jim Carter, and Ashley Zimmerman by Master, Barbara Gilbert.

Members plan to help as hosts at the National Grange to be held in Portland, Nov. 11-17.



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