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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

Accomplishments make Creamer worthy of Port position

To the Editor:

Please join us in supporting Dan Creamer for reelection to Morrow County Port Commissioner, Position #2.

During the 16 years Creamer has served on the Port, every town in Morrow County has been aided in economic development. The Port is currently involved in the Oregon Public Revolving Loan Fund requesting funds for industry. It should be noted that during Creamer's tenure, he has helped to develop over 900 jobs at the Port and he is tirelessly working to promote new jobs.

The Port recently accomplished assisting Tillamook Cheese in a 50-million dollar expansion that will bring in over 30 more

jobs. The Port is currently working on installing a railroad spur for unit trains, making it possible for trains to enter the Port, discharge their loads and exit via the spur.

When Creamer was president of Oregon Public Ports, he worked with the other 22 ports in the State of Oregon for economic development. Creamer has been active with the PNWA (Pacific Northwest Waterways Association) and traveled to Washington, D.C., where he successfully lobbied for dredging along the Columbia River, including the Irrigon Marina. His years of experience and his accomplishments make him worthy of your vote.

(s) Al and LaVelle Partlow
Irrigon

Hearing set May 17 on proposed Boardman urban renewal plan

The city of Boardman has planned a public hearing on a proposed urban renewal plan for the city on Tuesday, May 17, at 6 p.m. at Boardman City Hall.

An urban renewal plan for Boardman would decrease local taxing district levies permanently according to the following projections: Morrow County-\$24,472; Morrow County Health District-\$3,581; Port of Morrow-\$498; city of Boardman-\$24,925; Boardman Rural Fire District-\$4,418; Boardman Cemetery District-\$168; Boardman Park District-\$1,769; Morrow County Unified Recreation District-\$2,699; North Morrow Vector Control-\$1,124; Oregon Trail Library District-\$1,501; Morrow County School District-\$23,877; Umatilla-Morrow ESD-\$3,334; Blue Mountain Community College-\$3,913.

According to information from the city of Boardman presented to the Morrow County School Board Monday night, the urban renewal plan would establish an urban renewal area in central Boardman. According to the city's information, "urban renewal is one way to improve specific areas of a city or county that are poorly developed or underdeveloped."

According to the release, an urban renewal plan does not raise additional taxes, "but rather dedicates a part of future taxes to a specific purpose. Urban renewal also permits the city's urban renewal agency to acquire and sell property and to partner with private parties to complete development projects."

Property taxes levied in any taxing district would be based on the growth in assessed value within the area and allocated to the city's urban renewal agency instead of that taxing district over the 25-year period in which tax increment financing is projected to be used. It is based on projections of what growth in assessed value would occur if there were no urban renewal plan.

According to the Boardman City Council, the

Council votes to re-write parking space law

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Council member Tom Wolff agreed. "We are not holding out a very good welcome to Heppner," he said of the ordinance.

City Manger Jerry Breazeale, who argued three years ago in favor of reducing the number of required spaces, said he didn't necessarily agree with the parking ordinance, but in his job as city manager was required to enforce the ordinance. He had earlier told the Haydens their building permit would be held up until the additional parking spaces were found.

Breazeale did admit, however, that at times there are parking problems in certain parts of town. He pointed out parking was usually tight around the front of the Heppner Hardware at 106 May street, especially with all the government office buildings upstairs. "Most of the time there is enough parking downtown," he added.

In other action, the council:

-reviewed a request (earlier approved by the planning commission) that a business use be allowed in an R2 zone. Angie Hanson has purchased the catering business Puddin' on the Ritz from from JoAnn Tinguo and requested she be allowed to park a 35 foot catering trailer on her residential property at 395 N. Gale.

-heard of a plan by the Bank of Eastern Oregon to add a second story to the operation center located on Gale Street behind the Heppner bank branch. The planning commission will be reviewing the plans at its meeting in June. The city council took no action on the bank expansion plan at this time.

-approved a request from Charles Nelson of Lexington to use the city park July 22 for a rehearsal dinner for his son Justin and

Piano students to hold spring recital

Twenty local piano students will present a spring recital on Sunday, May 15 at 3 p.m. at Christian Life Center in Heppner.

Participating students include: Alexandra Allen, Cade Arbogast, Cara Arbogast, Kai Arbogast, Tim Clay, Paige Grieb, Diana Healy, Amy Jepsen, Eric Jepsen, Rebecca Jepsen, Emily King, Maddie Lindsay, Ella McCormack, Devin Robinson, Stephanie Schuler, RJ Skaggs, Emily Thompson, Bethany Van Cleave, Daniel Van Cleave and Kristen Van Cleave. Teachers of participating students include Wendy Appleton, Chandra Arbogast, Amy Jepsen, Kristen Van Cleave and Myrna Van Cleave, all of Heppner and Shirley Bredlinger of Portland.

Refreshment will be held following the recital. The public is invited to attend.

his fiancé, Andrea Perry of Pendleton. The couple will be married July 23 at the Heppner United Methodist Church.

-voted to give \$500 to a bike training program put on by the Morrow County Sheriff Department.

-voted to sponsor a "Support our Troops" parade May 30 at 1 p.m. The parade will start at Green Feed and end at Les Schwab.

-heard from the City Manager Breazeale that there were three fire hydrant "issues" related to the new water system going in around town. Clarice Baker was at the meeting and asked that something be done about a new hydrant placed in front of their house at 485 W. Linden Way that is blocking a former on street parking area that she and her husband Clarence used. The new hydrant made the parking spot unusable. The city agreed to move the hydrant so it is not in the way. Breazeale said he would work with the other property owners to resolve the hydrant placement issues.

-discussed the upcoming increase in the rental fees at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. Because of increase operational costs, effective June 1 rent will go up \$20 per month for each unit.

DA's report

Charles Brian Barker pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class C felony. Barker was sentenced to 18 months formal probation and completion of a drug treatment package. The fine was waived due to Barker's incarceration on other matters.

Kenneth M. Stookey was convicted of Wildlife Violation, an unclassified misdemeanor. Stookey's hunting license was suspended for two years and he was sentenced to 24 months bench probation and payment of \$876 in fines and fees. Stookey was also convicted of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to 36 months supervised probation, 80 days in jail, completion of 80 hours of community service and payment of \$666 in fines and fees. Stookey also admitted to violation of probation allegations for Felon in Possession of a Firearm. His probation was revoked and reinstated and he was sentenced to an extension of 24 months probation from the date of the order.

Richard D. Hayden admitted to violation of probation allegations for Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle. Hayden's probation was revoked and reinstated and he was sentenced to 10 days in jail and to an extension of 12 months probation from date of the order.

HES kindergarten visitation

Kindergarten visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at Heppner Elementary School for all eligible students. Students must be 5 years old, on or before Sept. 1, 2005 to qualify.

Students are invited to come to the school at 11 a.m. and eat lunch in the cafeteria. Afterwards, they will go out to recess until 12:20 p.m. From 12:20-1:30

p.m. students will visit the classroom and engage in fun activities.

Please be sure to bring your child's immunization record, birth certificate and social security card to the registration.

If you are unable to bring your child on that date, please call the school office at 676-9128 and talk to Linda Padberg for further information.

Workforce grants available


Are you a business with employees in Umatilla or Morrow County? Are you interested in applying for funds to train your current workers? If so, this information is for you.

Governor Kulongoski has established 15 Workforce Response Teams to bring together workforce development, education and economic development to support the retention and growth of living wage jobs, a skilled workforce, and competitive businesses in Oregon.

Morrow and Umatilla counties (Region 12) make up one of the state's Workforce Response Teams. To enhance the

competitiveness of businesses in our region, the Region 12 Workforce Response Team will prioritize and award approximately \$100,000 to upgrade the skills of existing workers. The grant award must be matched 1:1 by the employer through in-kind or cash contributions.

Businesses wishing to apply for a training grant can request an application packet by calling (541) 278-5675 or write to Umatilla-Morrow Workforce Response Team, Attn: Tara Bishop, 721 SE Third, Suite D, Pendleton, OR 97801. The deadline to submit application is June 15, 2005 at 5 p.m.



VOTE for
MARGIE
HOLLANDSWORTH

Morrow County
Health District
Position #2

- Boardman Resident for 8 years
- Dependable
- Hard Working

Paid for by Margie Hollandsworth

Columbia Basin Electric Co-operative has hired Southeastern Reprographics (SRI) to conduct a complete GPS field inventory as part of our new mapping program.

This will require that SRI visits each pole, meter and pad-mounted device on the CBEC system. SRI will be using pickups and ATVs with CBEC markings on them for inventory. Please direct any questions to Slater Mitchell, 676-9146.



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