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**Fair and Rodeo Court busy meeting more people**



Pennant Bearers Jessica Hamilton and Jarreid Miller, Princess Josie Miller and Queen Heather Yocom at the Morrow County Courthouse inside steps.

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court attended the County Court in Heppner to meet County Judge Terry Tallman and Commissioners Ray Grace and John Wenholz. They discussed what they have been doing in representing the county this year.

After the meeting, the group went and had lunch at the city park.

The court enjoyed the afternoon with a trip up to Willow Creek Terrace where they read cowboy poetry and then visited with the residents.

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**Morrow County Schools get serious about student performance**

By Wade Smith, MCSD Assistant Superintendent

School	Grades	AYP	Report Card	Highlights of Accomplishments
Sam Boardman Elementary	KG-4th	MET	Satisfactory	95% reading passing rate, 88% mathematics passing rate, 10% writing improvement, 100% of students tested
Windy River Elementary	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	MET	Satisfactory	73% reading passing rate, 78% math passing rate, 100% of students tested
Riverside Jr/Sr High School	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	NOT MET	Will be rated 07/08	20% increase in reading scores, 35% increase in math scores, 15% science increase, 99% tested, 1.7% dropout rate
AC Houghton Elementary	KG-4 <sup>th</sup>	MET	Strong	91% math passing rate, 98% reading passing rate, 40% writing improvement, 100% of students tested
Irrigon Elementary School	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	MET	Will be rated 07/08	30% reading improvement, 15% math improvement, 100% of students tested
Irrigon Jr/Sr High School	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	NOT MET	Will be rated 07/08	15% reading and math improvement, 99% of students tested
Heppner Elementary	KG-6 <sup>th</sup>	MET	Exceptional	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile in reading, math and science, 45% writing improvement, 100% of students tested
Heppner Jr/Sr High School	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	MET	Strong	20% reading improvement, 15% math improvement, 0% dropout rate, 100% of students tested
Morrow County School District Overall AYP	All Students	NOT MET	Districts not rated	Elementary: 10% LA growth overall MS: 8% LA growth in Hispanic population, 14% math growth overall, 21% Hispanic math growth HS: 10% LA growth in Hispanic population, 7% math growth overall, 11% Hispanic math growth

**Morrow County AYP and Report Card results**

The recent release of the No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly Progress Report and the Oregon State School Report Cards was cause for celebration in Morrow County. Although two schools missed meeting AYP, all schools showed significant growth in many areas while one school earned the prestigious Exceptional school rating for their second time in four years.

During the 2005-06 school year, the Morrow County School District Board of Directors, administrative team and staff set lofty performance goals for all of their students. The goal read that, "Each student

will achieve annual reading and math RIT gains prescribed by Oregon State grade level standards. Each student, a grade level or more deficient in reading and/or math skills, will achieve RIT gains sufficient to achieve the standard within 3 years." It is obvious from the outstanding performance and growth shown on the two reports that the implementation of this goal played a significant role in positively impacting student performance.

As has been widely discussed in recent news and media releases, both the AYP and Report Card ratings hold schools to an extremely rigorous set of standards.

The No Child Left Behind Act requires that states provide their constituents with an, "...annual determination of whether [their] schools, districts and state have made adequate yearly progress toward the goal of having all students meet rigorous state academic standards by the 2013-2014 school year. Each year, the performance of all students in the school and district, as well as subgroups of students, is measured against annual performance targets. In a school, if all groups meet the statewide academic achievement targets in English/Language Arts and Mathematics and the school

meets the targets for either attendance in elementary and middle schools or graduation rates for schools with grade 12, the school is designated as Meeting AYP."

Preliminary results show that in Oregon, only 28 percent of high schools and 78 percent of elementary and middle schools met the rigorous AYP standards. Included is an outline of each of the schools in Morrow County, their AYP and Report Card results and highlights of their accomplishments.

For more information or for broader explanations or results, please contact Wade Smith, Assistant Superintendent, at 989-8202.

*~ Letters to the Editor ~*

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT 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 \$10.

**Executive director shares information regarding clinic in Boardman**

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to your headline, "Federally funded clinic refuses to make financials public" in your Aug. 2, 2006 edition. This headline implies that Columbia River Community Health Services has something to hide. Nothing could be further from the truth. As a private non-profit corporation our financial information is available in the form of a Federal 990 tax return. This information can be obtained on the internet.

Our mission statement is, "the primary purpose of this clinic is to protect and improve the quality of life for all people, particularly medically underserved and vulnerable people, by providing access to high quality primary and preventative health care." We do this by providing health, dental, prenatal and

mental health services to all people. In our first year of operation as a non-profit clinic, we saw 325 patients who had never been to our clinic before. We have outreach services available that are new to our community such as a dental van and diabetic management. There are applications available at the clinic for anyone who feels they qualify for these services at a discounted rate.

We would like to invite everyone in the county to our second annual Community BBQ on Aug. 9, from 3-5:30 p.m. at 201 SW Kinkade in Boardman. Please join us for food, fun and a chance to see all the great things that are happening here at Columbia River Community Health Services. If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Binder, Executive Director.

(s) Mindy Binder  
Executive Director  
Columbia River  
Community Health  
Services

**Collection of historical artifacts dictated by carefully prescribed procedures**

To the Editor:

I read with interest, and considerable concern, your recent article about a local gentleman who did some "treasure hunting during the demolition of the old Heppner Gazette-Times building" in 2005. ("Heppner man pieces together bits of Heppner's past," 5/17/06).

Collecting historical artifacts of the type described in the article may have serious legal and ethical implications. State and federal laws prohibit the collection of artifacts from most locations. They also require that removal is accomplished under the guidance of a professional

archaeologist and in accordance with carefully prescribed procedures.

Legal issues aside, collecting without careful excavation and documentation could also undermine researchers, scholars and the general public as they try to better understand the story of a particular site.

We encourage Oregonians' interest in the past and suggest that citizens contact that State Historic Preservation Office, a qualified archaeologist, or a local historian if they have questions about artifacts they find.

(s) Dennis Griffin  
State Archaeologist

**Obituaries**

**Dallas L. Dalzell**

Dallas L. Dalzell, 61, of rural Condon, died Friday, July 28, 2006 at his Dry Fork home.

A graveside service was held July 29 at the Dalzell Dry Fork Family Cemetery. A memorial gathering was held Aug. 2 at the Condon Elks Lodge.

He was born June 15, 1945 at The Dalles to Kermit LaVern and Frances Mae Inskeep Dalzell. He attended school at Ione where he graduated from high school, then attended Columbia Basin Community College in Tri-Cities, WA. He returned to the family ranch where he worked until the time of his death.

On Aug. 28, 2000, he married Edna Mae Weilert at Fossil.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Catholic Church and the Condon Elks Lodge No. 1869 where he served as a trustee. He served on the board of directors of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative.

Survivors include his wife, Edna of Condon; mother, Frances Dalzell of Condon; daughter, Rachell Ellen Hughes of Mayville; son, Edwin LaVern Dalzell of Eugene; stepson, Steven Paul Weilert of Fossil; and grandchildren.

Contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the Condon Elks Lodge, P.O. Box 123, or the donor's charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon was in charge of arrangements.

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