

Wedding Pool - Sneddon



Thomas Pool and Amanda Sneddon

Thomas Clark Pool and Amanda Blaire Sneddon were married May 13, 2006, at the Springhill Country Club in Albany. Members of the wedding party were the maid of honor, Talia Spencer; bridesmaids, Genny Sneddon and Kelli Glasson; best man, Jordan Spikes; and groomsmen Jamin Pool and David Kuhns. Officiant was Pastor Gary Schmid.

The bride's parents are Donald and Tami Sneddon of Mt. Vernon, Washington. The groom's parents are Donald and Carrie Pool of Albany.

Amanda is a 2001 graduate of Heppner High School, and has a B.A. in history from Oregon State University. She is currently working as a special education assistant at South Shore Elementary School in Albany.

Thomas is a 2000 graduate of South Albany High School, and attended Oregon State University. He is currently employed as the purchasing manager for Research Mannikins in Lebanon.

The couple lives in Albany.

Volunteers needed to address Morrow County child abuse/neglect

Are you concerned about child abuse and neglect in your community? Do you want to help, but are unsure how to get started? The Citizen Review Board (CRB), a program of the Oregon Judicial Department, is looking for local citizens who can give one weekday every other month.

Local citizens will be trained in the skills required to perform case reviews of children and youth in out-of-home placements. Board members make findings and recommendations to the court and the child welfare agency regarding the case plan and ways to expedite permanency. Through these efforts CRB volunteers, who are appointed by the court, work actively to promote conditions which ensure every child lives in a safe, secure, healthy, permanent home, preserving families

whenever possible. CRB volunteers also work to ensure public safety and reformation in the cases of youth offenders.

"Citizen Review Boards strive to deliver exceptional service to the clients they serve, and are actively searching for interested applicants who can bring racial, cultural, socioeconomic, or language diversity to their local board," said a spokesperson. Limited funds are available to assist with certain expenses related to serving on the board. Mileage, day-care expenses, etc. can be reimbursed to those applicants meeting eligibility requirements.

Interested persons may contact Toni Sloan, CRB Field Manager at (541) 276-5520, or Kelly Merrick, Volunteer Support Specialist at (503) 731-4578 or at Kelly.M.Merrick@ojd.state.or.us.

Orchestra to present performance

Inland Northwest Musicians Symphony Orchestra members announce that their concerts on December 2 and 3 will include the "world premiere public performance" of a work entitled "Theme and Variations on Simple Gifts" by Lawrence Groupé, of Los Angeles. "Groupé works extensively in movie and television composing and is highly regarded in that musical arena," according to a news release. An interesting sidelight to the piece, Groupé told Inland Northwest manager, Berle Nash, that the original manuscript was destroyed in a fire and the present work has been reconstructed from memory.

Also on the program, the orchestra will perform New England Triptych by W. Schumann and Symphony Number 99

by Haydn. The concert on Saturday, December 2, will be at the Humboldt Elementary School in Canyon City at 7 pm. The group then travels to Hermiston High School Auditorium for a 4 p.m. performance on Sunday, December 3.

The concerts are free to the public, with donations accepted.

A reception follows each concert to allow audiences to greet the musicians.

For more information about the musical ensembles of Inland Northwest Musicians, inquire at 322 S W 3rd Street, #1, Pendleton, OR 97801, phone 541-966-6649 or email info@inwm.org

More information on the composer can be found on Groupe's website: Larry Groupe.com.

Tree auction to be held after Parade of Lights

Heppner's fourth Annual Christmas tree (and basket) auction and raffle will be held Thursday, Nov. 30, after the Parade of Lights.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce is again joining forces with Pioneer Memorial Hospice to sponsor this event. Everyone is invited to vote on his favorite decorated Christmas tree and maybe even making the winning bid to take it home.

To donate a tree, decorate an artificial tree (usually between 3-5 ft.), and bring it to Heppner City Hall between Nov. 24-30, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. After-hours deliveries can be arranged with prior notice. Fill out a registration form and submit it before or with tree. The tree judged "People's Choice" will be awarded a special plaque.

Fifty percent of the value of a donated tree is tax-deductible. Receive your tax voucher when you register the tree.

To donate a basket, fill a gift basket with your choice of goodies, and bring it to City Hall between Nov. 24-30, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. After-hours deliveries can be arranged with prior notice. Fill out a registration form and submit it before or with basket.

Fifty percent of the value of a donated basket is also tax-deductible. Receive your tax voucher when you register the basket.

Entry forms may be picked up at the Chamber office, or use the entry form on page two of this issue of the G-T.

Volunteer sought for Recreational Trails Advisory Committee

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking a volunteer to represent off-highway vehicle (OHV) users on the state's Recreational Trails Advisory Committee.

A nine-member group appointed by the OPRD director, the advisory committee evaluates and ranks requests for federally funded Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants. The grants help other government agencies and non-profit organizations acquire, build, restore and repair trails and trailhead facilities for both motorized and non-motorized use.

Volunteers on the committee serve three-year terms. They normally attend one public meeting per year and participate in occasional workshops and tours.

Applicants should contact OPRD grants program coordinator Michele Scalise at (503) 986-0708 for more details, or to obtain an interest form. OPRD will accept completed applications through Friday, Dec. 8.

RTP grants are funded by revenue from federal gasoline taxes attributed to recreation on roads not supported by the taxes. The Recreational Trails Advisory Committee submits its grant recommendations to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission for approval. The Federal Highway Administration considers the grant requests for funding.

GT closed for Thanksgiving

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. All newspaper deadlines will remain the same, Mondays at 5 p.m. Have a safe and happy holiday!

ATTENTION MEDICARE PART D PARTICIPANTS
Morrow County Health District is again offering free assistance with Medicare Prescription Plans. Participants can change prescription plans between November 15 and December 31. If you have questions about what plan is best for you, or need help changing plans, please contact us to set up an appointment. 676-2914 or 1-800-737-4113 ext. 2914.

MCSO awards 'Innovation Grants' to teachers

A cross section of teachers, administrators, central office personnel and board members met on Nov. 6 to review and award grants written by teachers or teams of teachers within Morrow County schools. Referred to as the "Innovation in the Classroom" grant, this award is intended to recognize and support the initiative and imagination that teachers employ to engage students in learning. This program provides grants to individual teachers and teams of teachers for projects intended to stimulate more effective classroom learning with respect towards school district goals. Grants were not to exceed \$2000 for team grants and \$750 for individual grants.

The criteria the committee used to evaluate the proposals included:

- Teacher initiative: Did the project demonstrate creativity, imagination, and motivation of a teacher or a group of teachers?

- Planning: Did the project show solid planning and appear to be achievable?

- Innovation: Is the activity new to the school or is it designed in ways that are different from traditional approaches?

- Alignment towards school district goals: Are student learning outcomes aligned with school district goals?

- Complements or enhances other school programs: Does the program appear to fit well within this school context and does it build on other curriculum and/or work already established in the classroom or school?

The school district awarded the following grants for the 2006-07 school year:

Michael Cates, PE teacher at Sam Boardman Elementary School. Description of project - Funding provided for a transverse wall climbing kit for the school gymnasium. This kit includes all of the necessary equipment and tools to construct the project. This climbing kit will give students the opportunity to develop physical, social, and emotional skills and an enjoyment towards a physical activity other than organized sports.

Tonya Pomeroy and teacher team, third grade at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon. Description of project - The proposal funds "Buck and Elizabeth," a quality creative writing program. This program encourages students to use creative writing techniques using song and music formats to encourage and strengthen writing abilities.

Elizabeth Shane and math department (two grants awarded), math 7-12 grades at Riverside Jr/Sr High School in Boardman. Description of project - This proposal will fund two document cameras and a projector to be used in the mathematics department. Using these devices will allow greater access for students to visual imagery, manipulatives, interactive online materials, graphing calculators, and other media to help increase mathematical literacy and competence.

Forrest McKinnis and staff, Alternative Education at Morrow Education Center in Irrigon. Description of project - This grant will update and improve the exercise and weight room facilities at the Morrow Education Center adding an additional treadmill, free weights, and a universal gym. It is the intention that the facility improvement will increase student ownership and participation in personal health and fitness.

Adriene Lorraine, music teacher at A.C. Houghton Elementary School. Description of project - This project will help fund additional curriculum resources for the first through fourth grade music curriculum. These resources will help students better analyze and describe musical works as well as strengthen their understanding and appreciation of music.

Dawn Callow, science teacher at Riverside Jr/Sr High School. Description of project - This grant will fund a document camera for use in her sheltered and ESL science classes. Such a device will help improve the teaching of reading and science, allowing visual word recognition as well as bring science demonstrations "to life."

For more information, contact Wade Smith, assistant superintendent, 989-8202.

Real Estate
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DON'T BE YOUR OWN REALTOR
Many home sellers, especially when the market is hot, figure they can save money and avoid real estate commissions by selling their own home without the assistance of a Realtor. Although this method may appear a cost-cutting measure on the surface, those who attempt to sell their home and don't have the training and knowledge that a real estate professional has, may be opening themselves up to more frustration, disappointment and possible legal entanglements than they ever dreamed about. Because of today's complex laws, conducting a home selling transaction can be a legal maze, and if things aren't handled properly, a disgruntled buyer may be able to get his revenge in court. Also, with the million-and-one problems that most agents work with, getting the sale closed and the buyer through the loan process in a timely fashion will be well worth the price of the commission alone.

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