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## Electric Co-Op announces new statement format

A new look is coming to your electric invoices in the next month. Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative announces the completion of a six-month software conversion project that provides new, laser-printed statements, notices, and invoices.

"The new invoices and notices will have a complete new look," said Lea Winters, customer service representative in the Heppner office. "They will be easier to read, with more information provided." The new statements will have a graph of consumption history, as well as a more complete breakdown of the individual charges. "The statement is totally different, so don't be confused when you get it," she continued. "Please don't discard it thinking it is something else."

The new bottom-stub statements, which should first appear around the end of June, have a bar-code feature that will increase efficiency when processing payments. Also, the return envelopes will no longer be beige in color, but a regular white window envelope.

Consumers with any questions are asked to contact either the Heppner or Condon offices of the Co-Op.

## WCCC golf news

Willow Creek Country Club held a Jack and Jill Scramble on Friday, June 5.

First place: Gross - John and Pat Edmundson; Net - Gary and Nancy Propheter. Second place: Gross - Dennis and Debbie Peck; Net - Dave and Sandi Hanna. Third place: Gross - Earl and Peggy Fishburn; Net - Roger and Andrea Mortimer.

Special events were won by Nancy Propheter, KP, and Dennis Peck, long putt.

A Father's Day Bar-b-que will be held on Sunday, June 21, at 4 p.m. Other activities at WCCC include the Ladies' Jo Pettyjohn Tournament on June 12-14 and the Men's Tournament on June 26-28.

## Heppner FFA to hold car wash

Heppner High School's FFA Chapter will be holding a car wash on Friday, June 12, from 11-5 at Les Schwab.

Funds raised will be used for the FFA's upcoming trip to National FFA Convention.

### OPEN HOUSE!

Please join our family on this joyous occasion when our parents:

**Joe and Bonna Rae Miller**

celebrate 50 years of marriage

They were married June 27, 1959.

We will be celebrating with a buffet reception in their honor on

Saturday, June 13th, 2009

3:00 pm until 7:00 pm

at the

Heppner Elks Club

Main Street Heppner, Oregon

No gifts please

## Large newly remodeled home in Heppner



You have to see this home inside. Completely remodeled including new kitchen counters, carpeting and a completely redone basement. Small barn and lots of room out back for horses or other animals. 3 plus bedrooms and nice big living room. 1.5 acres m/l for your horses or animals. A total of 2856 Square/feet. Call 541-980-5045.

**\$169,500**

## Lauritsen, Mooney announce upcoming wedding



Pat Mooney and Carl Lauritsen

Carl Lauritsen and Pat Mooney announce their upcoming wedding celebration to be held June 20 at 2 p.m. at Cutsforth Park, Heppner. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Obituaries

### Marilyn Joy Davis

Marilyn Joy Davis, 88, of Heppner died Friday, June 5, 2009 in Richland, WA.

Joy was born on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1920 in Anatone to Edward and Augusta "Gussie" Scheibe Peterson. Joy attended school in Anatone and graduated in the class of 1938. She received her teaching certificate from Lewiston State Normal School, which is now Lewis-Clark State College, in 1941. She graduated from Eastern Washington State College in 1946.

Joy's teaching career began at the Fairview School which was a one-room eight grade school near Gifford, ID. Later, she taught in Anatone; Asotin; Lewiston; Little Rock, WA; and Edmonds, WA.

On January 18, 1946, she married Breece Davis of Cloverland, WA, in Anatone. Breece and Joy have two children - Dorine and Wendell. She was a member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church; the Blue Mountain Good Sams; and the Anatonie Friendship Club.

She enjoyed camping, travel, music, and was an avid reader.

Breece passed into God's glory in 1993.

Joy is survived by: her sister, Dorothy Blevins of Clarkston, WA; her children, Dorine Enz and her husband, Jonathan of Heppner, and Wendell Davis of Edmonds, WA; four grandsons; three great-grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service was held in Clarkston, WA on Monday, June 8 for Mrs. Davis. Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner United Methodist Church, or the Senior and Disabled Transport of Morrow County.

### Richard D. "Mike" Olson

Richard D. "Mike" Olson died Sunday, June 7, 2009 at his home in Heppner.

He was born July 7, 1928 at Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Marion and Ida Woods Olson. He was raised and attended school at Des Moines.

In 1946, he moved to the Heppner area and began working at the Heppner Pine Mill and then Kinzua Corporation until his retirement in 1991. Mr. Olson enjoyed hunting, fishing and anything involving the outdoors. He also was a great storyteller and a longtime member of



Richard D. "Mike" Olson

## Boardman adopts '09-'10 city and URA budgets

During Tuesday's meeting, the Boardman City Council adopted the 2009-2010 fiscal year city budget of \$7,103,875 and the Urban Renewal Agency adopted their 2009-2010 fiscal year budget of \$493,000. Property taxes will be levied at a rate of \$4.2114 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and \$476,000 will be levied for bonded indebtedness not subject to Measure 5 or Measure 50 limitations.

New this year in the City budget is a General Reserve Fund, which will be reviewed annually along with the city's other reserve funds.

The city's finance

director, Tom Kligel explained that city taxpayers will see a \$.66, per thousand of assessed value, reduction in their Utility Bond Levy assessments. This is due to the Coyote Springs II Co-generation plant coming onto the tax rolls.

In other city business, councilors reviewed draft resolutions regarding truck routes and truck parking regulations. These resolutions will be discussed further at the next city council meeting.

The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m.

## ~ 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.

*Editor's Note: The following letter were written by Heppner High School FFA members to Oregon State Representatives in regards to Senate Bill 5519.*

Dear Representative,

I am writing on behalf of the Heppner FFA Chapter to explain our thoughts about Senate Bill 5519. Although you know what this bill consists of manually, there is no way you are aware of how it affects the leadership clubs of Oregon. So please let my thoughts fill you in as to how this bill affects Oregon's kids.

As a third year member of Oregon FFA, I know every aspect of what this program provides for kids. Oregon FFA has nearly 4,600 members that are directly affected by this bill. This doesn't count the numerous members in FBLA, DECCA, Skills USA and other valuable organizations. Being our chapter's newly elected historian, my duties require me to keep an accurate record of our chapter's history. If this bill continues to go on, our chapter may not have a history. "Why?" you ask. Well being from a small town, our school just received funding to support an Agriculture program three years ago. The last thing we need is state directors jobs cut. This will come back to individual chapters and affect their opportunities.

So as you can very well tell, I am concerned to the utmost about this bill. Every year these organizations fight to keep the legislators from cutting the Student Leadership Development Center's funding. Without these officials, we have no one to organize and maintain our organizations, at the state level. This leads to the decline of members in not only the FFA, but the other organizations as well. You can ask just about any adult dealing with America's children and they will very well tell you that these leadership clubs supplement children with necessary qualities and skills. I have personally talked to many adults who explained in great detail how important it is to know the qualities that they learned, just in high school. To talk about the FFA, it has opportunities to learn about leadership, business management, parliamentary procedure, all about livestock and crop production, along with so much more. This is only to explain the FFA, and not the other organizations involved that will not have a state leadership team, if this bill is not passed.

Please take into your thoughts how this bill will affect a huge aspect of our society today. It will not only cut jobs, but deprive America's young adults of crucial skills that are hard to come by in our world today. I know that with your support of SB 5519, it will affect the Heppner FFA Chapter, as well as the other 103 chapters in the state. This bill is needs to be passed- thank you for your time and for your support.

Devin Robinson  
Heppner FFA Chapter

Dear Legislator,

FFA is a great organization for the youth of our state. If you cut the budget, you are in turn taking opportunities from us, to be involved in an organization that is positive. The FFA is a great experience for everyone, it gives you a feeling of importance and it's also a lot of fun. Why would anyone want to take that away from someone? FFA teaches you about what the real world is going to be like. It also readies you for college and gives you a head start for the world.

By cutting the budget you take the leadership of seven state youth organizations jobs away, which would take away a huge part of the whole organization (SLDC). Opportunities that would be affected for FFA would include: State FFA convention, and state contests that the members take part in. I would hope that you wouldn't want to take that from them. Before you take these opportunities away, please give it some thought. Do the right thing- support SB5519.

Willy Gentry  
Heppner FFA member

Dear State Representative,

My name is Brett Harrison and I am a part of the Heppner FFA chapter. I have been a part of the chapter for two years now. I was the chapter vice president last year and am currently our chapter sentinel. I believe in the FFA program and feel it teaches you many different skills needed in life, such as public speaking, leadership, personal growth, and management skills. So therefore this program is very important to myself and many others.

I believe that you should support SB 5519 which will supply funding for the Student Leadership Development Center. These people are important to our organization because they are the ones scheduling and planning our events and contests throughout the year. Without them, our organization would not function in an organized manner, nor would many activities happen - at the local, state and national level.

But why is the FFA organization so important? Well, it prepares students for the real world ahead of them, which is very essential because many students today are nowhere near aware of what life is like out of school. When you choose to support SB 5519, you will not only be investing in the leadership of this great program, but you will also be investing in the future of the state of Oregon.

I hope that you choose to support SB 5519. I feel it would be a decision you will not regret. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my thoughts and concerns.

Brett Harrison  
Heppner FFA

## Port of Morrow to celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The Port of Morrow will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, June 12, from 4-7 p.m. The anniversary celebration will be held at the new Transload building at 71404 Rail Loop Drive in Boardman.