

Byrd to release book on Heppner flood

By Joann Green Byrd

Most of us know the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." I would add: "It takes a town to create a book."

My book about the Heppner flood will be published soon, and the acknowledgments section thanking all the people who have helped me appears at the front of the book. It is seven pages long.

Many people in Heppner and Morrow County have shared family memoirs, pictures and recollections. Some gave me multiple interviews. Others have made it easier for me to find materials I wanted, some tipping me off to valuable records and sources I didn't know about.

This book shows how the flood and its aftermath illustrate the truth that the little things we do have consequences. In a

similar way, the book itself is the result of hundreds of small and not-so-small contributions from people in eastern Oregon.

"Calamity: The Heppner Flood of 1903" is being published by the non-profit University of Washington Press (which has expanded its Northwest history emphasis since the demise of the University of Oregon Press and the Oregon Historical Society Press).

The book is a paperback and should be available, including at the Morrow County Museum, early in September. But I will have a supply of advance copies in a booth at the Morrow County Fair starting August 5.

I hope people around Morrow County will know as they read it that the efforts of local citizens are woven through its pages.



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Birth Announcement



Paxton Warren (left) and Payton Steven (right).

Paxton Warren and Payton Steven Plocharsky - Wayne and Michelle Plocharsky of Castle Rock, WA announce the birth of, Paxton Warren and Payton Steven, on May 26, 2009 at St. John Medical Center in Longview, WA.

At birth Paxton weighed six pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length, and Payton was five pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

They join sisters Kendra and Tiera, and a brother, Teryn.

Grandparents are Warren & Irene Plocharsky of Heppner, Wally and Jan Marthaller, and Will and Kim Hampton of Longview, WA.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Shalon Garlynn Angel, 31, was convicted of Attempt to Commit a Class C/Unclassified Felony - Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days incarceration with 180 days suspended, 18 months bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$988 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Christopher DeWayne Schneider, 26, was convicted of Contempt of Court, an Unclassified misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 30 days incarceration with 30 days suspended, one year bench probation, other conditions, and pay \$663 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Drion M. Donner, 20, was convicted of Delivery of Marijuana < 5 grams within 1,000 feet of school, a Class C misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180

days incarceration with 172 days suspended, two years bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$933 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Bobby Lee Newland, 23, was convicted of strangulation, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days incarceration with 150 days suspended, two years bench probation, other conditions, and pay \$633 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Debbie Lynn Clark, 46, was convicted of Felony Possession of a Firearm, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration and two years post-prison supervision. Clark was also convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C Felony and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration, six months driver's license suspension, two years post-prison supervision, and other conditions. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$701.

Camarillo receives ConAgra Foods Foundation scholarship

Tiana Camarillo of Ione was recently awarded a \$2,000 Gary and Barbara Rodkin Scholarship Fund award, renewable for three years, from the ConAgra Foods Foundation.

The scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding students who are enrolled or intend to enroll at an accredited college, university or vocational-technical school. Camarillo plans to attend Boise State University this fall.

Camarillo is the daughter of Sharon Camarillo, a ConAgra Foods employee located in Boardman.

Cardinal Booster Club to sponsor 4th of July duck race

The Cardinal Booster Club is sponsoring a duck race on the 4th of July to raise funds for the SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) program at Ione Elementary School.

Ducks can be purchased within the next week at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione for \$5 each, or

on July 4 up until race time. First place will win \$150, second place \$100 and third place \$50.

Anyone with questions about the reading program may contact coordinator Janet Holland. For more information about the duck race call Arlynda Gates or Jeri McElligott.

State Acres for Wildlife (SAFE) enrollment being held

Donald Howard, Acting Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Oregon, recently announced that enrollment for the State Acres for Wildlife (SAFE) Program began on June 8.

To be eligible for Oregon's SAFE program, the land must be located in designated portions of Morrow and Umatilla counties. The land must have been planted with an annual crop or in rotation with an annual crop for at least four years between 1996 and 2001. Additionally, the land must be physically and legally capable of being planted with the required habitat

cover. Expiring CRP contracts within the designated area may also be eligible for enrollment in SAFE.

Producers within the SAFE area can submit offers to voluntarily enroll eligible acres in SAFE contracts for 10-15 years. In exchange, the participants receive annual rental payments, cost-share funding to establish the desired habitat, and possible additional incentives for enrollment and cover establishment.

For applications or further questions about SAFE, producers may contact their county FSA office or visit FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Ione 4th of July Red, White & Blues Festival to be held

Ione's 4th of July Red, White & Blues Festival will feature Woodbrain (formally "The Joe McMurrian Quartet"), The Texas Troublemakers Kolvane (formally "The Rose City Kings"), and the Ione All Stars (Randy Lilya, Jimmy Lloyd Rea, Doug Row-

ell, and The Reverend Dan).

Music will begin at 3 p.m. at the Ione City Park amphitheater. A fireworks show will begin at dusk.

The music is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on June 10 in Irrigon with Judge Tallman, Commissioner Grieb and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of those meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court approved the minutes of June 3rd.

The court reviewed and approved accounts payable in the amount of \$122,357.87.

The Road Department provided the following report: **Myers Lane** - The crew continues paving on Myers Lane. Should be finished June 10 with a short piece left on the main roadway and two approaches at the intersections of Campbell Road and Little Butter Creek Road to finish. Would have finished earlier, but the hot mix plant was down. As of Tuesday, June 9 had hauled and placed 9,666 tons of hot mix for a price so far of \$555,750. The crew is continuing to use four Granite Northwest trucks with pup trailers and four ODOT trucks to haul the hot mix. After the paving on Myers Lane is finished the crew will move some of the equipment to Juniper Lane. The plan was to begin paving on Juniper Lane on Monday, June 15. On the recommendation of the Road Department, the court approved an overhead crossing across 3rd Street in Irrigon.

The court conducted the following business:

Reviewed and approved a "Purchase Pre-Authorization for the Juvenile Department for a new Dell computer; reviewed and approved a "Purchase Pre-Authorization for two digital cameras; reviewed and approved a "Purchase Pre-Authorization for the court for a new laptop computer for Karen Wolff; reviewed and approved a "Purchase Pre-Authorization for Justice Court for a new desk top computer; Reviewed and approved a number of contracts. The other items on the agenda were postponed to the following meeting for various reasons.

The court heard a request from Carol Michael on behalf of the Morrow County Historical Society for some funding to pay for the needed repairs and maintenance to the signage on the Columbia River Heritage Trail. The court approved this request and encouraged Carol to gather more information regarding costs of additional repairs that need to be completed as well as do some research regarding the placement of another sign in the Irrigon area. The assessor's office will attempt to scan some of the information panels, to assist with the regeneration of the new signs.

The court reviewed misc. correspondences and reviewed a letter prepared by Casey Beard regarding the Mustard disposal.

Heppner teen attends "Boys State"

Frank Meyer spent his first week of summer break, June 14-20, at "Boy's State" in Eugene.



"Boys State" is a program sponsored by The American Legion and its mission is to give boys who are in their junior year of high school the opportunity to participate in mock government and learn about governmental processes and procedures. As many as 160 boys come from all parts of the state and spend

a week living on the campus at University of Oregon. The boys are up in the morning at 6:30 and busy with workshops, seminars and guest speakers until late in the evening.

Meyer was selected as the representative for Heppner High. Ed Baker is the local chairman for the American Legion and he helped to coordinate and facilitate Meyer's participation in "Boy's State."

Winners announced for annual 4th of July Hold 'em Tournament



Pictured left to right are Billy Gates and Tim Patton. -Contributed Photo

The annual 4th of July Texas Hold 'em Tournament was recently held in Ione. All place setters earned special tournament hats with the top four players also earning cash awards.

The winners were: 1st place - Tim Patton; 2nd place - Bink Ramos; 3rd place - Nacho Elguezabal; 4th place - Brad Clements; 5th place - Dwayne Disque; 6th place - Andre Kendrick; and Skunked-Billy Gates.

Senior Center Menu

Hope/Valby/All Saints members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, July 1. The menu will include pulled pork sandwiches, rice and beans, green salad with tomatoes, apricots, and Jell-O parfait.

Poker Run Event at Morrow County OHV Park

Saturday, June 27th
Sign ups at 8:30 a.m.
Prizes awarded at 3:00 p.m.

Barbecue

To benefit Morrow County OHV Emergency Medical Services

Please join us in honoring

Victor Vander Does,

Morrow County Health District Administrator,
at a Retirement BBQ on
Tuesday, June 30th, 6 p.m.,
at the Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Area Community Members who would like to wish Victor and Nancy Farewell are welcome to attend. Dinner will be potluck salads, with BBQ Beef, beans, bread and cake provided by Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Real Estate

By DAVID SYKES

CONTINGENT ON SALE

Often buyers make offers to purchase subject to certain contingencies. Normally these are not major problems. Contingent on an inspection which can take place within a few days or financing being obtained which is understandable. Then there is the sale contingent upon the buyer selling his present property. Some sellers will outright reject such a contingency because they would now have two houses to worry about selling rather than one.

If you do accept such a contingent offer, it would probably be wise to have your attorney insert an escape clause. This provision allows you to continue showing your home. If you receive another offer that you want to accept, you notify the first buyer that they must remove their contingency or withdraw. Either they agree to buy your home by the specified date come what may, or they must void the contract and drop out of the picture, allowing you to sell to your new purchaser.

Property listings are available at www.sykesrealestate.net

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2009 Buck Deer Rifle Hunt

White Elephant Ranch - Condon, Oregon
\$50.00 per ticket

3 Day Hunt - October 3-5, 2009
Landowner Preference Tag can be provided
Lodging included October 2 - October 4, 2009
Hunt valued at \$2,150.00
Drawing to be held no later than August 1, 2009
Only 100 tickets sold

For more information contact:
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