

## Morrow County Court weekly meetings held

The Morrow County Court met on September 23 in Heppner with Judge Tallman, Commission Grieb and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court approved the minutes of September 9 and September 15, 2009.

The court reviewed and approved accounts payable, Open Class, 4-H and FFA Premiums for a total of \$99,923.48.

### Road Report

**Morter Lane:** The application of the dust abatement/road stabilization product was completed on September 9. Since this is an experimental project, the county will be monitoring the road condition over the next few years.

**Paint Striping:** Finished the paint striping for Baker County on September 3. Started striping for Umatilla County on September 16 and should finish around the first week of October. When the Umatilla County project is completed that will finish up the paint striping for this year.

**Cutsforth Park:** Continuing with the pond repairs at the park, as well as replacing the retaining wall and sidewalks for the handi-cap access area to the pond.

**Miscellaneous:** Repaired alkali blowouts and thin spots on Rietmann Lane, Elmer Griffith Road, Johnson Grade Road, Piper Canyon Road, Nichols Lane, and Cutsforth Road. The crew is currently working in the Campbell Road area.

**Road Canyon Road/Board Creek Road:** Finished hauling 1 1/2" rock on these roads and a short piece of Toll Rock Road. Now that we are done hauling over these roads the crew is currently tight blading and rolling them.

### Awards

The court heard that Bill Morris and Jay Papineau attended the skills demo competition in Roseburg last week. Jay Papineau placed second in the Loader and Grader competition, and third in the Top Gun

event, this is only one place away from an all expense paid trip to Colorado for the National Competition. There were approximately 120 individuals competing for these awards.

### City of Ione

Approved a request from the city to purchase some gravel for the road work in the new Emert Addition. The city will be responsible for the loading, hauling and weighing the rock. This is not something the county usually does, but the city had exhausted other sources, so the request was granted with the statement that this is a one time occurrence. The rock will come from the Brenner Canyon Stock Pile Site.

### GPS Work

The department is continuing with the GPS mapping project. When completed all of the county roads, culverts, cattle guards and road signage will be denoted.

### Paving

A contract has been awarded to Crestline Paving out of The Dalles for the paving project (2.3 miles) on Upper Rhea Creek Road. This project is being paid for with stimulus funds.

### Permits

Approved application #139 for Rex Nielson & Rhonda Hanby on Estergaard Road. Approved permit #DEGL for Matthew & Doris Doherty to place a pipe under the Ione Boardman Road.

### Hazardous Waste Event

The household hazardous waste event held Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 36 participants at the Lexington area site collecting a total of 7,916 lbs. There were 26 participants at the Boardman area site collecting a total of 2,516 lbs. A household hazardous waste event was also held on May 9 at the Boardman area site with 42 participants, collecting a total of 4.73 tons. Some of the items collected were pesticide wastes, acids, ammonia, paint, aerosols, flammable liquids, corrosive liquids, mercury etc. In 2007 a total of 5.26 tons was collected

from 39 participants, in 2008 a total of 4.83 tons was collected from 59 participants. In 2009 a total of 9.94 tons was collected from 104 participants.

### The court conducted the following business:

Reviewed and awarded to Blue Mountain Construction Services, a contract for the campground Restrooms/Shower Project at the OHV Park. This construction is funded through a county Opportunity Grant; Reviewed and approved an extension of time (December 31, 2010) for an award to the Morrow County Health District through the Needs & Issues process. The funds were to be used for the renovations of the restrooms at the Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner to make them ADA accessible. The District recently advertised this project, but did not receive any bids for the project, thus the request; Reviewed a progress report for repairs and work to the Morrow County Columbia River Heritage Trail and authorized the payment of said repairs; Approved a request from the sheriff's department to allow an employee to "work out of class" for approximately four to six weeks; Approved a request to allow the sheriff's department to exceed the credit limit on their credit card for a time not to exceed 10 days. Due to the recent search and rescue efforts to locate the lost fishermen in the Columbia River, the Department incurred additional costs; Reviewed and approved a request to replace the four batteries for the courthouse back-up system; Appointed Barb Huwe for one term to the Irrigon Position and Tom Wolff as a temporary for the At Large Position for the Needs and Issue Committee; Reviewed the information provided by Association of Oregon Counties for protocol should the county experience a H1N1 epidemic; Miscellaneous correspondences and notices of upcoming meeting were reviewed.

met with representatives from the following departments: District Attorney, Commission on Children & Families, Fair Board, County Clerk, Special Transportation, Treasurer, Veteran Department, Planning Department, Public Works, Assessor, Finance Department and the Emergency Management Department. A meeting with the other departments will be scheduled as time allows. The purpose of these meetings was to see if they had any special needs in their respective offices that the court could or should address. Also requested that they look ahead to see what their needs and plans are for the next five years. The court felt the day was well

spent and want to thank everyone for their participation.

**Permits**  
The following permits were reviewed and approved on the recommendation of the Road Department; CenturyTel for a road crossing in the area of Bergstrom Road and Liberty School Road; Columbia Basin for the installation of an underground electric line in the vicinity of Turner Road and Lovgren Road.

### Road Department

Heard a report regarding the repair work being done at the Cutsforth Pond. The design for an overflow system has been completed and installation will occur as time allows.

The Morrow County Court met on September 30 in Heppner with Judge Tallman, Commission Grieb and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court approved the minutes of September 23.

The court reviewed and approved accounts payable, payroll payables, four addition invoices for new vehicles for the sheriff's office and one additional invoice for a CDL physical reimbursement for a total amount of \$174,743.96.

The court normally does not meet on a fifth Wednesday, however, decided to hold a special planning meeting. The court

## Ione students take four day camping field trip

The natural resource and horticulture classes of Dale Holland and Erin Heideman took a four day camping field trip through the south central region of Oregon Sept. 19-22. The trip was made possible by a grant from Dr. Michael Cummings, the department head of geology at Portland State University.

"Even though we had 'class' for 15 hours a day and it was exhausting," said sophomore Zac Orem. "I learned more on this trip than I ever would in a classroom!"

Students were able to hike to the top of cinder cone volcanoes, army-man crawl to the end of caves and explore the unique geographical features of Oregon. The group started out from Ione and traveling through the John Day and Burns area before finding their way to Christmas Valley and investigate places like Fort Rock, Crack in the Ground and Glass Buttes. The group of 27 students and six chaperons were hosted by North Lake High School on one night for showers and to sleep on their gym floor. The group also visited the lava cast forest, lava caves, Paulina Lake and Obsidian Flow.

At each stop students were responsible for keeping a log of what they learned and the geological texture of the area and be prepared with a full report



**Top Photo:** back row - Jeremy Coleman, Vanessa Zilliani, Kyle Clause, Kevin LaRue, and Matt Hams. Middle row - Jordan Peterson, Stefani Archer, Shannon Metcalf, Mary Rietmann, and Sarah Stillman. Front row - Mary McElligott, Tyree Svetich, and Makenna Ramos.

**Bottom Photo:** Members of the Natural Resource and Horticulture class at Ione High School enjoy the view from the top of an obsidian flow that occurred 12,000 years ago. The group went on a four-day camping field trip with their teachers, Erin Heideman and Dale Holland. -Contributed Photos

for a grade upon return. On a typical day, the caravan could make up to nine stops. Additionally, students got the chance to camp and for some a first experience at doing so. Students were grouped and each group was responsible for their own coolers of food, tent, sleeping bags and so on. It was an exclusive opportunity for students to gain

hands-on experience of the beauty and matchless scenery of our state.

Group chaperons included Virgil Morgan, Keith Rea, Deacon Heideman and Joe Orem. Eric Orem provided the use of his enclosed snowmobile trailer that packed all the gear. The group is considering a trip this spring as well.

## HES announces September Students of the Month



Heppner Elementary School recently announced the September Students of the Month. The character trait for the month was Respect. Kindergarten - Mark Adams and Gracie Orem; 1<sup>st</sup> - Jackson Lehman and Madelyn Nichols; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jason Rea and Kami Holtz; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gibson McCurry and Jacee Currin; 4<sup>th</sup> - Coby Dougherty and Morgan Correa; 5<sup>th</sup> - Caden Hedman and Emily Cecil; and 6<sup>th</sup> - Ryan Smith and Emily Rea. -Contributed Photo

## Missoula Children's Theatre coming to Ione

The Missoula Children's Theatre, the nation's largest touring children's theatre, will be putting on an original production of The Princess and the Pea at Ione Community School during the last week of October. Auditions for the production, funded by the Morrow County Recreation District and coordinated through the Friends of the Heppner Library, are open to all Ione and Heppner Schools' students, K-12. Auditions will be held on Monday, October 26, beginning at 3:45 p.m., with a 3 p.m. Halloween performance slated on October 31.

The Monday auditions will be held in the Ione School Cafeteria, lasting from 3:45 until 5:45, upon whence time casting will be immediate. The first

two-hour rehearsal will commence directly. There will be two shifts of two-hour rehearsals Tuesday-Thursday, with the first shift running from 3:45-5:45 and the second shift running from 6:15-8:15. Individual cast members will only be asked to attend one shift per night, and a snack will be provided for the children during the 5:45-6:15 break. Friday's rehearsals will take place between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and a final rehearsal will take place on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a curtain time of 3, which will be free and open to the public.

Among the roles to be cast are the Princess, the Pea, King and Queen Size of Riverdom, Storm King and Queen of Glaciereadom, the Prince, the mischievous

Jack Frost, the citizens of Riverdom and Glaciereadom, the Dust Bunnies, and some wannabe Princesses, not to mention some meddling leprechauns. All Ione and Heppner students, K-12, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props, and makeup. All that the community needs to provide is willing and enthusiastic student-actors and actresses.

For more information, contact Becky Wagenblast at 422-7131.

## Heppner Christian Church to host Gendron as guest speaker

Heppner Christian Church invites the community to hear speaker Mike Gendron on Sunday, October 18, at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Gendron is the founder of Proclaiming Gospel Ministries which was established in 1991 to serve and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by equipping and encouraging Christians to proclaim the Gospel

clearly, faithfully and effectively. The ministry also exposes the fatal errors of Roman Catholicism, Islam and apostate Christianity, along with other faith movements such as the emerging church, purpose driven church and the church growth movement. Gendron has taught the students and faculty at The Master's Seminary, Dal-

las Theological Seminary, Moody Bible and Tyndale Theological Seminary. He is the author of Preparing Catholics for Eternity as well as other works. Since graduating from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1991, he has conducted short-term mission trips and taught in hundreds of churches throughout the world.



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