

Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on June 9 in Irrigon with Judge Tallman, Commissioner Grieb, and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes from the June 2nd meeting.

The court reviewed and approved account payables and payroll payables in the net total amount of \$253,468.14.

Road Report

Weather Damage: The crew has finished hauling gravel to the washouts along Baseline Lane, Clarks Canyon Road, Stock Drive Lane, Stock Drive Road, Fuller Canyon Road and the Lovgren Road. They are back working on Nichols Lane finishing up hauling rock to those washouts. When finished with Nichols Lane, they will move to the Valby area to work on roads with washouts.

Road Grading: Ken Matlack, provided the court with the following report: Heppner, Lone, and Lexington areas - An arrest regarding the endangerment of a minor, operating a drug house and attempting to deliver marijuana; a wreck on Rhea Creek Road with injuries; several sightings of a cougar near the fairgrounds; an incident at the Lakeview Heights resulting in the

paving projects which include: Upper Rhea Creek Road, Laurel Lane Road, Lexington Cemetery Road, Lexington Grange Road and the North end of Bombing Range Road. The crusher crew is continuing with maintenance and guard work on the crusher units. The crew has cleaned culverts along Liberty School Road, Brenner Canyon Road and Morter Lane and will start working along Rhea Creek Road from Ruggs Junction to Brenner Canyon today. Permits: Reviewed and signed three approach permits for the Cathiness Wind Project, two on Fairview Road and one on Cecil Road. Bid Award: On the recommendation of the Road Dept. the Court awarded the bid for the belly dump trailer to Bruckners in the total amount of \$31,450 delivered to Lexington.

Sheriff's Report

Morrow County Sheriff, Ken Matlack, provided the court with the following report: Heppner, Lone, and Lexington areas - An arrest regarding the endangerment of a minor, operating a drug house and attempting to deliver marijuana; a wreck on Rhea Creek Road with injuries; several sightings of a cougar near the fairgrounds; an incident at the Lakeview Heights resulting in the

transfer of the resident. Irrigon area - No unusual calls. Boardman area - Responded to a call regarding a missing wind surfer on the Columbia River; responded to a report of a man lying in the road resulted in a charge of property damage and criminal mischief.

Community Counseling Solutions

Kimberly Lindsay, Director, provide the court with a report regarding the operations of Lakeview Heights. Lindsay informed the court that they were no longer interested in purchasing the Docken Building in Boardman. They are requesting the renewal of the current lease. The court agreed to the renewal and requested county council to prepare the necessary papers.

Planning Department Report

Planning Director, Carla McLane updated the court on the following issues: Stated that the TSP would need to be updated. The update will consist on reviewing and addressing the current list of proposed road projects with minor additions. McLane informed the court that the easement issues for Tower Road are almost resolved. Everything should be finalized in the next two to three months. McLane stated there was going to be a

public hearing at the Port of Morrow at 6 p.m. for the CAFO permit for the Independence Dairy (located on Wilson Lane).

The court conducted the following business: Reviewed and approved a request from the Heppner Daycare & Preschool for \$4,000 from the court's discretionary fund. Heard a report from ESD regarding a new telephone system for all county offices was provided. The court will continue to research the proposal and make a decision later. Approved the following purchase pre-authorizations: Six computers for the assessor's office at a cost of \$8,387, four desktop computers for Judge Gray (Heppner Office), Judge Gray (Irrigon Office) and two for the sheriff's office for a total of \$4,936, a laptop computer for Judge Tallman at a cost of \$1,282 and a laptop computer plus software for the public health department at a cost of \$1,807. Reviewed and declined an offer of \$35,000 for the property in the Blake Ranch Addition. Various correspondences and upcoming meeting notices were reviewed and discussed.

If you would like to be placed on the list to receive county minutes, contact Karen Wolff at (541)676-5620.

June is National Home ownership Month

June is National Home ownership Month and Bank of Eastern Oregon and the other nearly 8,000 members of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) continue to help Americans in communities throughout the country become, and remain, homeowners each year through the personal attention that only a local community bank can provide.



Melissa Lindsay

"Community banks take the extra steps necessary to give potential homebuyers the service and attention they need," said Jim MacPhee, ICBA chairman and CEO of Kalamazoo County State Bank in Schoolcraft, Michigan. "They can help their customers evaluate whether the time is right for them to purchase a home, determine the most affordable mortgage options for their situation, and provide them with information to help the process go more smoothly."

ICBA and Bank of Eastern Oregon offer the following suggestions for home buyers:

- Know all the sources and amounts of your monthly income and know your budget, including how much you spend on rent, utilities, entertainment, clothing, food, and transportation.

- Gather and organize paperwork, such as pay stubs, W-2 forms, tax returns, and bank and investment statements.

- Check your credit report and bring it to your community banker. Credit reporting agencies must give you one free report annually. Access your credit at www.ftc.gov/freereports.

- Work with your community banker to figure out how much you can borrow and which mortgage product is right for you. Your community banker will carefully explain the mortgage options of each mortgage product available, including rate adjustments, fees, and other loan features, so

you aren't surprised by payment increases down the road.

- Talk to your community bank before you begin looking for a home. Your community banker can tell you what current mortgage rates are and help you understand how that translates into monthly mortgage payments.

- This will help you shop for a home that fits your budget and shows sellers you are an educated home buyer.

- Learn as much as you can about the home-buying process. In addition to talking with your community banker, look for classes on home buying and maintenance. Some community banks offer seminars and there are free online educational tools at www.hud.gov.

- Check with your local state, city, and county government agencies for special first-time home-buyer loan or grant programs available to assist with down payment and closing costs.

- Once you have spoken to your community bank and know what you can afford, stop by real estate open houses to see what's available in your price range.

- Know your rights. Learn how the Fair Housing Act protects you. <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/your-rights.cfm>.

- Potential homebuyers should visit their local community bank to learn what their mortgage options are," said Melissa Lindsay, Mortgage Manager and Vice President for Bank of Eastern Oregon. "Not only are community banks like Bank of Eastern Oregon interested in helping home buyers purchase a home, they also want to help borrowers find a mortgage they can afford and afford to keep."

- For more information about ICBA, visit www.icba.org. To find out more about BEO Bancorp and Bank of Eastern Oregon, visit www.beobank.com.

~ 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.

Congratulations Mustangs!

This last Spring I had the privilege of working with the Heppner High School varsity baseball team's pitching staff. Not only was I excited with the talent of this group of young men, I was also impressed by their work ethic and eagerness to excel on the mound. There was no doubt in my mind that these kids were "the real deal" and were going to have a great season.

I would like to congratulate coaches Jim Kindle and Scott Coe in their first season coaching the Mustangs, who lead the team to second place finish in state. A feat of this nature is a challenge in itself for any veteran coach. To do this in their first season must not go unnoticed. Job well done gentlemen.

However, I would like to extend my deepest congratulations to the Mustangs who battled so gallantly this season to earn such an honorable finish in the state playoffs. I hope you take this season's hard work and determination and apply it to your future education, athletics and careers. Doing so will ensure success. Hold your heads high boys. I am very proud of you and you should be proud of yourselves.

Scott White
Mayville

Ladies Play Day results

Ladies Play Day was held on Tuesday, June 8, at the Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

June 8
Low gross of the field was Pat Dougherty and Nancy Prophet. Low net of the field was Ann Elgin. Least Putts of the Field was Betty Carlson.

Flight A winners: low gross was Karen Thompson; low net was a three-way tie between, Jan Paustian, Eva Kilkenny, and Carol Mitchell;

and long drive was Carol Mitchell.

Flight B winners: low gross was Lynnea Sargent; low net was Lorrene Montgomery; and long drive was Pat Dougherty.

Flight C winners: low gross was Laura Rogers; low net was Jacki Allstott; least putts was Luvilla Sonstegard; and long drive was Laura Rogers.

Chip-ins: Pat Dougherty on #18.

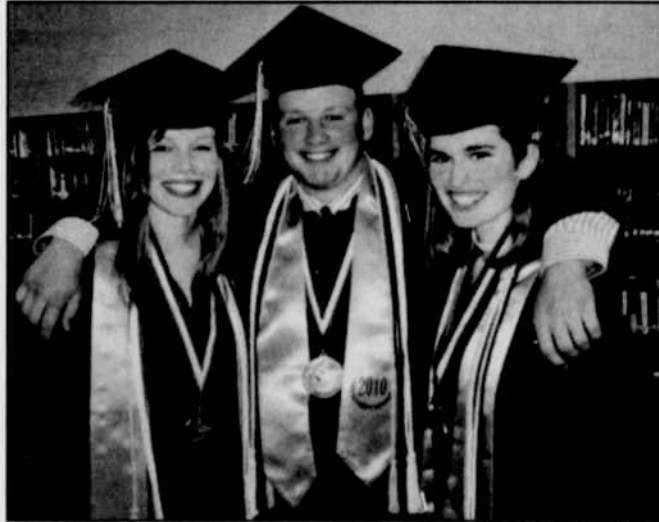
A nine-hole invitational tournament will be held on Sunday, June 20.

Ione Legion Auxiliary League hosts luncheon for school staff



The ladies of the Ione Legion Auxiliary League hosted an end of the year luncheon for the staff at Ione Community School. Pictured left-right are Sheryl Parrott, Nancy Anderson, Pat Pettyjohn, Becky Rietmann, Ina Peterson and Irene Holtz. -Contributed Photo

HHS valedictorians and salutatorian celebrate end of school



Pictured left to right are Heppner High School valedictorians Emily Thompson and Lane Wright, and salutatorian Ashley Wolff. -Contributed Photo

WCCC to host Junior Golf

Willow Creek Country Club will be hosting Junior Golf June 21-24.

Students age 7-16 are invited to attend. Cost of the junior golf is \$20 payable to Willow Creek Country Club.

Registration will begin Monday, June 21, at 8 a.m. at Willow Creek. Sessions will be: ages 7-10, 9-10 a.m. and ages 11-16, 10-11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday's classes will be ages 7-10, 3-4 p.m. and ages 11-16, 4-5 p.m.

For information contact Greg Grant at 541-676-5257 or 509-528-3134.

Boardman's 2010 Fall Quilt Show planned

Boardman's 2010 Fall Quilt Show will be September 24 and 25 at the Boardman Senior Center. Details of the show will soon be available. The show is sponsored by Boardman Quilt Group.

Music in the Parks continues June 21



Pictured is John Wambeke who will perform at the Irrigon Marina Park on Monday, June 21. -Contributed photo

The Music in the Parks series will continue on Monday, June 21, at Irrigon Marina Park at 7 p.m.

John and Frazer Wambeke are not new comers to Music in the Park. Lavelle Partlow introduced the Wambeke's Homestead Quartet in 2000 for their first debut.

With downhome music and humor of original songs and some old time classics you will enjoy an evening to remember. These two wonderful musicians will have you singing and tapping your foot all night long. There will even be some Jazz thrown in to the mix. We hope you enjoy the Wambeke duo.

Music in the Parks is funded by the Morrow County United Recreation District and PGE. The event is sponsored by North Morrow Community Foundation and Irrigon Watermelon Festival and is presented each year by MP5+.

Chamber lunch meeting speakers announced

Shelley McCabe will be giving a brief report on Pioneer Memorial Physical Therapy at this week's chamber lunch meeting to be held on Thursday, June 17, at noon at Heppner City Hall. Also, Jeremy Vandehey, community engagement coordinator for

the newly formed Oregon Health Authority will be giving a brief overview of the work on health reform in Oregon and how federal reform impacts the work they were already doing and where they are in the process.



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Annual Father's Day Picnic & 2nd Annual Kenny Turner Memorial Horseshoe Tournament



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Horseshoe Tournament will start promptly at 1 pm.



There will be games and activities for children and adults.