

Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on October 13 in Irrigon with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court approved the minutes of October 6, 2010.

The court reviewed and approved accounts payable and retirement taxes for a total net of \$129,761.88.

Road Report

Blake Ranch Road: The crew has finished sloping back the banks to improve visibility. The materials that were removed were used on the Hanna-Arbuckle Road to fill in the rough areas and bad spots as well as to cover the base rock road. The crew has started the installation of two culverts near the Hanna-Arbuckle Road junction. The crew has also been working on the lower end, establishing ditches, grading and rolling the roadway. **Rock crusher:** The crusher crew will be finished with their rock crushing at the OHV pit by the end of this week. **Paint striping:** David Pranger finished the paint striping for Baker County last week, and this week he is paint striping for Umatilla County. **Road grading:** Since the recent rains, the crew has started the fall road grading. One grader is working in the Dalzell Road area and another in the Upper Little Butter Creek

area. The other grader will be working on other gravel roads once the Blake Ranch Road project is completed. **Commission on Children & Families**

Director Kim Carnine reviewed changes to contracts that were being requested due to cuts in state funding. Amendment #5 to the IGA between the State of Oregon and the County was reviewed and approved. Carnine presented survey results from the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families Assessment reflecting the Commission functions.

Umatilla Army Depot Update

The court was provided an update on the disposal of the chemicals at the Depot by LTC Kris Perkins, UCD Commander, Steve Warren UMCD Project General Manager, Michael Strong, UMCD Deputy Site Project Manager and Steven Potts, DEQ Administrator for the Chemical Demil Program.

Enterprise Zone (EZ) Manager

The court met with Carla McLane and discussed the duties and responsibilities surrounding the position of EZ Manager. It was decided that due to financial restraints, the court would like to see McLane continue in the position. In a few months, this matter will again be discussed.

Contracts

The court reviewed

and approved the following contracts: The Fifth Amendment to the CSEPP Evacuation System Maintenance Agreement, and the Sixth Amendment to the Broadband Wireless Lease Agreement.

The court conducted the following business: The court reviewed the Needs & Issues update and instructed Ms. Wolff to send letters to the entities that are eligible to request extensions so the funding is not forfeited on December 31, 2010. There was

some discussion surrounding the ability of requesting a change in purpose of the granted funds. The court authorized the use of up to \$200 from the Discretionary Funds to be used by Sheryll Bates and Diane Wolfe, Chamber Directors for Heppner and Boardman respectively, for costs associated with traveling the "Wind Tours" through Gilliam and Sherman Counties. Reviewed other miscellaneous correspondences and upcoming meeting notices.

Chick completes Eagle Scout project



Community members showed up at the Heppner football field armed with paint scrapers this past weekend to help Erick Chick complete his Eagle Scout Project. The crew scraped and repainted the bleachers. Pictured from left to right are Mark Lemmon, Eric Chick, Samm Lemmon, John Mahon, Max Mahon, Clayton Cook, and Sam Hornbeck. Standing behind Chick are Brayden Cook and Jared Lemmon. -Photo by David Sykes

DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office has released the following report:

-Mario R. Calvillo, 26, was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to six months driver's license suspension, 36 months supervised probation, 180 sanction units with 90 jail units, complete 120 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$2,108 in fines, fees, and assessments.

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Marriage Licenses

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report:

-October 13: Ty Arron Hall, 31, Irrigon and Tia Maree Cain, 34, Irrigon.

Mustang Football Schedule

Oct. 22 - Pilot Rock at home, 7 p.m.

Cardinal Football Schedule

Oct. 22 - at Arlington, 7 p.m.

Heppner Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 21 - at home vs. Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.

Rep. Greg Smith supported by Crime Victims United

Rep. Greg Smith (R - Heppner) has been endorsed by Crime Victims United for re-election as state representative in House District 57. Crime Victims United is a statewide organization that advocates on behalf of crime victims and works to influence public safety issues in the Legislature.

"I share Crime Victims United's efforts to promote a more balanced justice system through legislative action and public awareness," Rep. Smith said. "I'm honored to receive their endorsement and I look forward to working with Oregon's crime victims to make our state a safer place."

Crime Victims United endorsed Rep. Smith because of his efforts to uphold voter-approved measures that require mandatory minimum sentences for those convicted of violent crimes. Rep. Smith has also worked to preserve and strengthen public safety services and Oregon's corrections system - an effort that has also earned him the support of the union representing corrections employees.

"I'm committed to upholding Oregon's public safety laws and holding people accountable for their crimes," Rep. Smith said. "As State Representative, I'll continue my efforts to give law enforcement the tools they need to do their jobs and improve public

safety." This endorsement comes on top of the endorsements of the Oregon State Police Officers Association, Oregon Council of Police Associations and Trooper PAC.

Representative Smith also earned a 94% from the Oregon Anti-Crime Alliance on the 2009-2010 Oregon Anti-Crime Alliance Scorecard.

During the 2010 primary election, the Sheriffs of House District 57 had this to say about Representative Greg Smith.

"Representative Smith has shown through his voting that he is dedicated to the protection of the citizens and law enforcement officers of Northeast Oregon. Greg does a great job for our public safety," -Union County Sheriff, Boyd Rasmussen

"Representative Smith has shown true diligence for the public safety of Wallowa County as he represents us in Salem." -Wallowa County Sheriff, Fred Steen

"I have known Rep. Smith for a number of years as Morrow County Sheriff. He has always been an advocate for public safety. He and I have worked together multiple times in drafting legislation for public safety issues. He continues to be an advocate and an outstanding partner for the citizens of Morrow County." -Morrow County Sheriff, Kenneth Matlack

UMESD employee awarded 'Outstanding Clinician' honor

Jennifer Reed was shocked to hear her name called as an award recipient at the Fall Speech-Language & Hearing Association Conference on October 8, 2010, held in Vancouver, Wash. She had just won the 'Outstanding Clinician Award for Schools and EI/ECE' (Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education). Reed is a Umatilla-Morrow ESD Speech-Language Pathologist based in Hermiston.

"The award is wonderful, but what's even nicer is that you get to see and read what your colleagues think of your work," Reed said. Reed has been with the

UMESD for 24 years. Unbeknownst to Reed, her colleague Charles Clupny had nominated her for the award last spring. "Jennifer brings to our staff a sense of balance and deep thought when it comes to program planning, dealing with our patrons and providing individualized appropriate services to all children in our system," Clupny said. "Our ESD is fortunate to have such a professional in our midst. It was high time Jennifer Reed was recognized on a broader level for the accomplishments and services she has and continues to foster within our local area."

JV Mustang Football Schedule

Oct. 25 - Weston McEwen at home, 5 p.m.
Nov. 1 - Pilot Rock at home, 5 p.m.

Cardinal Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 21 - at home vs. Echo (JV/V), 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 - at Arlington (JV/V), 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 30 - District Tournament in Umatilla, 10 a.m.

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The U.S. Navy and National Guard INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE in the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman EIS

The U.S. Navy, in cooperation with the National Guard Bureau and the Oregon National Guard (ORNG), is in the early stages of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed military training activities associated with Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) Boardman. The EIS will analyze potential environmental effects from the proposed training of U.S. forces in military airspace above and land training areas within the boundaries of NWSTF Boardman. Public input is requested on the scope, content and issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The Navy and the National Guard request your input!

You can participate in a variety of ways:

- Visit the project website at www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com to learn more about the project and provide comments.
- From the project website, link to more information on Navy and ORNG training and testing activities.
- Mail written comments to the address below.
- Attend open house scoping meetings in Oregon.

Let the Navy know what factors you want considered in the preparation of the EIS.

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:
Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Northwest
Attn: Mrs. Amy Burt - NWSTF Boardman EIS Project Manager
1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203
Silverdale, WA 98315-1101

Submit comments online at www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com. Comments must be postmarked or received by **November 15, 2010**.

PROPOSED ACTION:
The Navy and the National Guard propose to implement actions to maintain baseline training activities at current levels; increase certain training activities from current levels to support Navy and ORNG requirements; develop appropriate ranges and facilities to support training activities; accommodate mission requirements associated with force structure changes and the introduction of new weapons systems; and implement range enhancements.

The Navy and National Guard appreciate your input. If you are unable to attend a scoping meeting, there will be more opportunities to participate during the EIS development process. Visit www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com to learn more.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Boardman:
October 27, 2010
5-8 p.m.
Port of Morrow Conference Center, Riverfront Room
2 Marine Drive
Boardman, OR 97818

Hermiston:
October 28, 2010
5-8 p.m.
Hermiston Conference Center, Rotary Room
415 S. Highway 365
Hermiston, OR 97838

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations, please contact Sheila Murray, Navy Region Five Affairs Officer, at 360.544.4881, sheila.murray@navy.mil