

# Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on March 16 in Boardman with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of the meetings provided by Leann Rea.

The court reviewed and approved the account payables in the net total amount of \$181,364.49.

### Road Report

**Ditch Cleaning:** The crew has finished cleaning the ditches in the Boardman area. **Road Grading:** The crew is continuing with grading the gravel roads around the county as the weather permits. Currently there are two graders working in the McElligott Road, Blackhorse Canyon, and Nolan Road areas. **Crusher:** The crusher crew is finishing setting up the crusher. They should have it all set up and start crushing rock on March 21.

**Lexington Grange/Baseline Lane:** This week the crew moved equipment and materials to the intersection of Lexington Grange Road/Baseline Lane. They started working on laying pipe to drain water from the intersection, as well as reconstructed the Lexington Grange Road part of the

project. The grade will be raised and a culvert will be added to alleviate the water issue. **Misc:** The forklift training for the General Maintenance, Parks, and Road crews was completed last week. Four members of the paving crew attended a one day class on paving techniques last Thursday. A lot of good information was provided at the paving class.

### Public Hearing

The court continued the hearing for the Appeal of the Planning Commissions decision regarding Conditional Use Permit CUP-N-287 for the addition of a pistol and rifle range at the current location of the Hermiston Gun Club located just north of I-84 and west of the Army Depot Exit. Harvey Childers, applicant and Patty Carson, Hermiston Gun Club secretary provided reports regarding the configuration of other gun ranges in the area. Doug Hojem representing Wade Aylett and Rock Solid Sand and Gravel, LLC provided testimony in opposition of the proposed change in use to the gun club. Bill Milbrodt, Umatilla Chemical Depot Counsel stated that the U.S.

Army strongly opposes the siting of this facility. After some questions and deliberation the court overturned the Planning Commission's decision and upheld the appellants request to deny the pistol and rifle range at the Gun Club site.

The court conducted the following business: The court discussed the proposed budget for the court for the 2011-2012 fiscal year and all agreed that the judge and commissioners would not be requesting any increase in their pay for the upcoming year. The court approved a youth turkey hunt at the OHV Park. The court heard a status report from Kristi Pardue and Lynette Berriochoa representing Idaho Power regarding the Boardman to Hemmingway (B2H) Transmission Line.

### Contracts

The court approved a Professional Services Contracts between the county and John and Darla McBride to serve as park hosts at the OHV Park at the rate of \$50 per day until November 18, 2011 or park closure, whichever date occurs first; approved a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the county and the following entities to participate in the Chemical Stockpile

Emergency Preparedness Program: Boardman Rural Fire Department in the amount of \$10,700, Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District in the amount of \$10,700, Heppner Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$10,700, Lone Rural Fire Protection District in the amount of \$7,700, and the Town of Lexington in the amount of \$2,700; the court approved an amendment resolution to amend the Morrow County Retirement Plan, changing the word "shall" to the word "may" allowing flexibility to the county's contributions to the retirement plan; approved the Third Amendment to Agreement #132026 for the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Public Health Services. Approved a Grant Agreement No. 133258 Amendment to Department of Human Services Grant Agreement; the court agreed to waive the fees for a variance application for the Boardman Rural Fire Department.

Various correspondences and upcoming meeting notices were reviewed and discussed.

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

## Oregon East Symphony winding up anniversary season

Oregon East Symphony will wind up their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with concerts April 3, 17, and 30.

A String Spectacular will be held on April 3 in the Vert Auditorium at 3:15 p.m. A Sharp Finale, a free concert, will be held on Sunday, April 17, at 3:15 pm in the Bob Clapp Theatre (Pioneer), at Blue Mountain Community College. Red, Hot and Blue will be held on Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bob Clapp Theatre (Pioneer), at

Blue Mountain Community College.

Tickets for the April 3 and April 30 concerts can be purchased at the OES Office (345 SW 4th Street, 1-5 pm) at 541-276-0320, at Armchair Books (39 SW Dorian Ave, Pendleton) and at the door. Both concerts are included on the Season Ticket Membership. Tickets are \$16/20 (floor/balcony) for adults, \$13/\$17 seniors and \$3/\$5 for students over 13. Children 12 and under are free.

## HHS Baseball Schedule

April 2 - Sherman County at home, 11 a.m.  
 April 5 - at Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 9 - Union at home, 10:30 a.m.  
 April 11 - at Pendleton, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 16 - at Pilot Rock, 11 a.m.  
 April 20 - Stanfield at home, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 26 - Irrigon at home, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 30 - Weston McEwen at home, 11 a.m.  
 May 7 - Dufur at home, 11 a.m.  
 May 10 - at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 14 - at Horizon Christian, 11 a.m.  
 May 21 - District Tournament in The Dalles, 10 a.m.

## HHS Varsity Softball Schedule

April 2 - Grant Union at home, 11 a.m.  
 April 12 - Irrigon at home, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 16 - at Pilot Rock, 11 a.m.  
 April 19 - at Weston McEwen, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 23 - Echo at home, 11 a.m.  
 April 28 - at Irrigon, 3 p.m.  
 May 3 - Pilot Rock at home, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 7 - Weston McEwen at home, 11 a.m.  
 May 10 - at Echo, 4:30 p.m.

## HHS Junior High Track Schedule

April 1 - at Stanfield, noon  
 April 7 - at Riverside Invitational, 3:30 p.m.  
 April 8 - at Weston Invitational, 2 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.

## St. Pat's successful once again

To the Editor:

St. Pat's has come and gone. It was once again a success. This would not have happened if it were not for all the volunteers.

I have heard people complain about being bored, so look for a cause that needs support in our area and hop on board. You will enjoy working with others and feel a satisfaction that you have helped.

The St. Pats events moved smoothly due to the one and only Sheryl Bates, our leader.

Jo Anne Burleson  
 Heppner

## HHS JV Baseball Schedule

April 4 - at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 8 - Grant Union at home, 1 p.m.  
 April 22 - at Stanfield, 10 a.m.  
 April 25 - at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 29 - Stanfield at home, 10 a.m.  
 May 6 - Pilot Rock at home, 10 a.m.  
 May 13 - Stanfield at home, 10 a.m.

## HHS Varsity Track Schedule

April 1 - at McLoughlin High School, 11 a.m.  
 April 9 - at Riverside High School, 11 a.m.  
 April 15 - at Stanfield Secondary School, 11 a.m.  
 April 22 - at Umatilla High School, 1 p.m.  
 April 29 - Mustang Invitational at noon  
 April 30 - at Union High School, TBA  
 May 7 - at Arlington High School, 11 a.m.  
 May 14 - at Union High School, 11 a.m.  
 May 20-21 - at Mid Valley Christian Academy, TBA

## HHS JV Softball Schedule

April 5 - at Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 7 - Riverside at home, 3 p.m.  
 April 21 - at Riverside, 3 p.m.  
 April 25 - at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 26 - La Grande at home, 3 p.m.  
 May 13 - Grant Union at home, 1 p.m.

## Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

### Dec. 20: -MCSO

arrested Lyle Ross Aylett, 51, on a UCSO warrant for Failure to Appear - Possession of Methamphetamine/DUII.

-MCSO issued a citation to Michael Joseph Fitzpatrick, 25, for Driving Uninsured.

-MCSO arrested Orlin Dean Kloepper, 76, for DUII. Kloepper was also cited for DUII (BAC .10), Failure to Drive Within Lane, and Failure to Drive With Lights On.

**Dec. 21: -MCSO** was notified that Carl Richard Haney, 33, was arrested by Jackson County Sheriff's Office on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for DUII.

-MCSO received a report of a possible intoxicated driver. MCSO arrested Steven March Flegel, 58, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (BAC .04). Flegel was also cited for DUII and Open Container.

-MCSO issued a citation to Charlotte Garcia, 42, for Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance.

**Dec. 22: -MCSO** arrested Juan Rodolfo Medrano, 22, on a warrant for Failure to Appear on the original charge of Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree.

-MCSO was notified that Latisha S. Rodriguez, 28, was arrested by Hermiston Police Department on a Morrow County Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Failure to Appear.

**Dec. 23: -MCSO** issued a citation to Rosalio Rojas Cruz, 35, for Violation of the Basic Rule by driving 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO issued a citation to Diego Enrique Ponce, 26, for Trespassing. Ponce was also cited for Criminal Trespass I.

-MCSO was notified that Robert Loren Lester II, 36, was arrested by Malheur County Sheriff's Office on a Morrow County Court warrant for Harassment Physical.

-MCSO was notified that Tony Allen, 31, was arrested by Gresham PD on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/False Information to a Police Officer.

-MCSO issued a citation to Clinton Raymond Downs, 20, for Minor Possession of Alcohol.

**Dec. 24: -MCSO** issued a citation to Juan M. Llamas Arvizu, 19, for DUII (BAC .12). The subject was also cited for Failure to Drive Within Lane.

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