

Fishing derby a success



Glen Ward measuring Dillon Howe's fish -Photo by Allen Anderson

The sixth annual Youth Fishing Derby was held at Cutsforth Park on May 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ninety-seven children registered for the event, which had three different age classes.

The PeeWee group was for ages zero to five. Landon Waddell caught the first fish, a 15" specimen. First prize in the group went to five-year-old Bill Alldritt, who caught a fish 17-1/4" long. Second prize went to Jessie Bowles, age four, with a catch of 17-3/4". Esa Chavis, Katie Hendericks and Sammy Hendericks each caught 16-1/2" fish.

The Junior Class contained ages six to 10. Liam Nolan won first place with a 17-1/2" fish. Second place was a tie among Bryce Wonderly, Colby Daugherty, Dominick Calvert and Liam Seberson, who each had 17-1/4" fish. Third place went to Cameron Crum, Kenna Troxell and Kenneth Troxell with 17" fish.

The Senior Class included ages 11 to 14. First place went to Tristan Moses with a 17-1/4" fish. Kianna Duprie won second with a 17" fish. The smallest fish was a nine-incher caught by Matt Orem.

Sponsors and partners who made the event possible include: Morrow County Parks, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Elks Lodge 358, Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply, Community Bank, Bank of Eastern Oregon and AGC Enterprises.



Bill Alldritt holds the prize for the largest fish overall, a whopping 17 and three-quarters inches. -Photo by Melanie Gates



Josh Hendrichs and daughter Katie Hendrichs. -Photo by Allen Anderson

Fishing derby sponsor and tool creators former Heppner residents

One of the sponsors for the recently held fishing derby at Cutsforth Park, AGC Enterprises NW, LLC, is owned by former Heppner residents Andy Gorman and Steve Croce, the creators of the Retractable Tool Tether.

Gorman said that after losing three cell phones during his heavy construction career, he used the concept of the retractable key chain that former Heppner Elementary School janitor Harry Green, now deceased, used back in the early 70s.

Instead of using actual chain, they use a rust-proof vinyl-coated steel cable with metal clips.

County Court news

The Morrow County Court met on May 18, 2011 in Boardman with Judge Tallinan and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes for the May 11 meeting. They also reviewed and approved the account payables in the net amount of \$58,442.44.

Road Report: May 5 to May 13. The crew hauled more gravel to the Sunflower Flat Road; they then finished the section of the 21 Road to the County Line. The crew then started working on the section between Hwy 207 to the Board Creek Road junction. The paving patches have been completed and the last of the equipment has been moved to Cutsforth Park; when the prep work has been completed, the crew will begin the chip sealing project on Willow Creek Road. The pavement was cut and two holes were dug out on Sand Hollow Road and one on Juniper Lane. A sink hole on the Liberty School Road approximately one half mile from the Rhea Creek Road junction was repaired. The graders are finished with the grading on the gravel roads except for the higher elevation roads that are still snow covered.

May 18 Report. On Saturday May 14 a large thunder storm passed over Morrow County. The amount of rain ranged from one to four inches depending on the location. At 2 p.m. on Saturday the 14th, Assistant Public Works Director Bob Nairns began inspecting roads for areas where water might be overtopping roadways, creating safety issues. Nairns found this to be true at **Myers Lane** and sections of **Baseline Road**. Nairns called out two grader operators and one other employee to address the most serious problems. They worked until midnight and resolved the most serious problems. On Sunday the 15th two grader operators worked a ten hour shift to correct and clean up the remaining mud issues. At this time all of the major roads were passable and safe to travel. On Monday the more remote roads and locations were inspected. Some problems were located on the **Blake Ranch Road** where a culvert had plugged, creating an area of erosion that allowed the creek to jump its banks and wash up to the side of the road. These repairs were made that morning. Another set of culverts on the approach into the Wilkerson quarry was also partially plugged and this problem was resolved in the afternoon. The **Upper Rhea Creek Road** suffered the loss of a 60' long 4' diameter culvert when it was washed downstream approximately 150 feet. On Tuesday May 17 the crew winched the culvert back up stream and the culvert was then reinstalled and the road was made passable. Four other culverts on Upper Rhea Creek Road were cleared of debris so they would be able to handle future water flows. The remaining repairs were completed on May 18. **Willow Creek Road** had some minor damages that were found on the 17th and repaired on the 18th. The graders have been going over areas as they dry out, in an attempt to clean up the remaining mud and washing issues. **Road Canyon Road #697** suffered an extensive amount of damage in a three mile length. It will take a great deal of time and manpower to reopen this road to traffic. Due to the limited use of this road and the amount of time it will

take to repair the road the County Court has extended the seasonal road closure through August 31, 2011. The closure will be approximately four miles, from the Madison Butte School House to the Road Canyon Bridge on Rhea Creek. This extended closure will allow the crew time to complete other scheduled projects and make plans on how best to complete the repairs. There are alternative routes available and no property will be landlocked. Roads that were repaired are Baseline, Beach, Kemp, Strawberry and Myers Lanes, Sand Hollow, Kenny, Blackhorse Canyon, Bell Canyon, Dee Cox, Cutsforth, Juniper Canyon, Lunceford Canyon, Sanford Canyon, Shobe Canyon, Upper Rhea Creek, Balm Fork, Blake Ranch and Willow Creek Roads and Spur Loop. It is apparent that all of the culvert repairs and cleaning that had been done earlier minimized the amount of damage in those areas.

Columbia River Enterprise Zone (CREZ): Enterprise Zone Manager Carla McLane provided a brief overview of the requested expansion of the enterprise zone boundaries to incorporate land at Three Mile Canyon Farms and additional land at the Port of Morrow. The court then signed the resolution and instructed that it be forwarded to Business Oregon to complete the expansion request.

Contracts: The court reviewed and signed a grazing agreement between the county and Horseshoe Hereford Ranch, Inc. and Triangle Ranches for grazing rights in Grant County for \$3,793.02 and in Morrow County for \$4,900 per year, both at the OHV Park.

Health Dept.: Director Sheree Smith provided the court with a quarterly update of activities. Smith discussed the Health Department's request to purchase a 2011 Chevrolet Impala in the amount of \$19,352.70. The Dept. lost a vehicle that was totaled as the result of an accident in February. The request was approved. Smith discussed Umatilla Electric Company's (UEC) scheduled power outage and UEC's cooperation in providing a backup generator to protect the vaccines in the refrigerator at the Boardman office. Smith stated that the Healthy Communities (CHIP) grant will be ending June 30, 2011. Smith stated that the coordination between all of the health entities has been great and expressed an interest in continuing to work with the other partners.

The court conducted the following business: The court reviewed and awarded the Lexington Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Project for runway rehabilitation to Jack Robinson & Sons, Inc. for \$1,892,742. The total cost of this project is \$1,978,805 with the entire project funded with grant dollars. The court reviewed and approved the purchase of a new air conditioner unit for the Boardman Health Dept. building with the amount not to exceed \$5,000. The court authorized Hal Bergstrom to operate the tractor at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The court learned that Nancy Anderson recently resigned from the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families, creating a vacancy that will need to be filled when a replacement can be found. Reviewed misc. correspondences and discussed upcoming meetings.

Storm causes road damage



The recent rain storm caused some damage on area county roads. One particular road that will need attention will be county road #697, the Road Canyon road, from the Upper Rhea Creek Road intersection to one mile north of the Matteson Butte schoolhouse. This portion of Road Canyon will have a closure extended to August 31, 2011.

The Morrow County road department would like to remind all motorists that maintenance practices include construction of new roadway and laying of culvert. The combination of practices used at each site may vary to accommodate the different climate, traffic and storm conditions encountered.



Recent rains have caused damage to some of the county roads. Such as this on Road Canyon.

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Tom Shear celebrate his retirement!

Drop in Anytime!

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

4:00-8:00 pm

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