

County court news

The following is provided by Commissioner Leann Rea.

July 13

The Morrow County Court met on July 13 in Irrigon with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the account payables and retirement taxes in the net amount of \$302,622.96.

Road Report: The court reviewed and, on the recommendation of the Morrow County Public Works Dept., awarded the bid for environmental cleanups to Eastern Oregon Environmental Recovery (EOER) of Pendleton. The court then reviewed and approved a five year personal/professional services contract with EOER.

Planning Dept. Update: Planning Director Carla McLane provided the court with an update regarding the traffic issues connected to the Speedway and how it is affecting planning requirements as well as a review of the taxing district ordinance; Reported on the county's status regarding the Carty Lateral's placement; Provided an update on conversations with the Navy regarding a variety of ongoing issues; Informed the court that ZeaChem had made a request to the USDA for some possible funding; Provided an update on activities surrounding the close-out at the Army Depot (LRA report); Discussed the July planning commission agenda; and discussed a possible request for an energy development fee.

Commission on Children & Families: Director Kim Carmine provided the court with an update and the latest news she had regarding the state funding program. The court reviewed and approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the Healthy Start program with an expiration date of June 30, 2013.

Veterans Quarterly Report: Director Linda Skendzel provided the court with a quarterly update showing that she had conducted 39 in-office interviews and one out-of-office interview, with a recovery of \$5,573 for our

local veterans.

Contracts: The court reviewed and signed a contract between the county and Tony Navarro for the juvenile crime prevention plan as provided for under the Youth Investment Services and for the wrap around services program at the rate of \$21.22 per hour. Both contracts began on July 1, 2011 and will expire on June 30, 2012. The court reviewed and signed a contract between the county and Karen Cooley to act as a court appointed special advocate (CASA) at the rate of \$31.25 per hour with a maximum of 288 hours. The contract commences July 1, 2011 and goes thru October 31, 2011 and then March 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2012. The court reviewed and signed a detention agreement between Morrow County and Walla Walla County for services at the Juvenile Justice Center for youth up to age 18 at the rate of \$140 per day per bed. Reviewed and signed an IGA between the county and the state of Oregon through its Oregon Youth Authority to work together to prevent and reduce juvenile crime. Reviewed and approved the following contracts related to the Morrow County Fair & Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo: **Exhibit Space:** Bank of Eastern Oregon (banking products & services), Morrow Co. Public Works (waste management info., park info., road info. & airport info.), Heidi Justus-Koehler (foster & adoption program info.), USDA Forest Service (Heppner Ranger District info.), Morrow County Chronicles (2011 Chronicles), Coriander Pereo (Scentsy warmers, travel tins, etc.). **Service Contracts:** Andrew and Donna Sherman, litter patrol service and cleaning of 4-H annex, dance hall, pavilion and restrooms; Heppner Day Care, gate workers; Neil Poulsen, Open Class photography and booths judge; Ellen Weber, 4-H horse judge; Darcy Timmons, 4-H quick and easy ground beef contest, measuring contest and presentations judge; Carol Mills, Open Class needle-

work, quilts and clothing judge; Jessica Langley, 4-H food exhibits and food preparation; Tim Hooper, 4-H/FFA swine conformation and swine showmanship; Charlene Hadden, 4-H Fashion Revue & clothing construction; Sally Forster, 4-H dog; Jean Collins, Open Class creative writing; Lenora Bringman, Open Class foods and canning; Willie Bovard, 4-H/FFA beef conformation and beef showmanship; Paul Beagle, Open Class kids, superkids and juniors; John Bagglion, 4-H/FFA sheep conformation and sheep showmanship, 4-H/FFA goat conformation and showmanship. **Concession Agreement:** Ron and Judy Peters (shaved ice, ice cream and pickles, etc.) **Entertainment Agreement:** Rock n' Roll Cowboys, Friday, August 19, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Adam the Great (strolling and stage shows four times each day.)

The court conducted the following business: The court met with Irrigon city manager Gerald Breazeale and discussed the city's interest in working on the part of the Heritage Trail that is within the area of Irrigon. The court informed Breazeale that they had no problem with the city working on the trail, but all proposals will need to be approved by the court and no money is to be committed without prior approval of the court.

Reviewed misc. correspondences and discussed upcoming meetings.

July 20

The Morrow County Court met on July 20, 2011 in Boardman with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the account payables, end of fiscal year payroll, payroll payables, additional payroll for some late time sheets and a final payroll in the net amount of \$209,875.69.

Road Report:

The crew completed hauling gravel and grading the washouts on Blackhorse Canyon and Fuller Canyon roads. They also finished

grading Sunflower Flat Road from Highway 207 to the junction of the 21 Road, as well as Tupper Lane and the Penland Lake Road. There has been a 1.4 mile stretch of Sunflower Flat Road that has been graded, watered and rolled in preparation of putting the dust abatement material down for this summer. The repairs to Road Canyon Road should be completed by the end of August. The paving of the intersection of the Lexington Grange Road and Baseline Lane has been completed. The project took a total of 112.80 tons of hot mix. The crew has been pave patching along Balm Fork Road. The paint striping crew has been out painting roads, with the center line and the fog lines on Willow Creek Road being finished. They also painted the center line on Jordan Grade Road, West Baseline Land and Dee Cox Road. The 700-foot parallel taxi-way at the Lexington Airport has been completed and dust abatement has been put down.

Juvenile Dept.

Quarterly Update: Director Tom Meier provided the court with the statistics for April 1 through June 30, 2011 (the fourth quarter). The fourth quarter appeared to be very active, with 42 referrals. The numbers of referrals for the other quarters were 27, 23 and 30.

Wind Economic

Impact Report: OSU Extension Community Economist Bruce Sortee provided the court a report on how the wind towers may impact future farming practices. He did not see any negative financial impacts to farming practices in the foreseeable future.

The court conducted the following business: Reviewed and signed a non-disclosure agreement with PGE regarding location of proposed transmission lines.

Reviewed misc. correspondences and discussed upcoming meetings.

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

Ione 4-H participates in fair cleanup



Ione 4-H members (back to front) Austin Morter, Jake Heideman, Paul Taylor, Tyler Carter, Austin Carter, Aaron Smythe and Donald McElligott. -Photo by Erin Heideman

The Ione community 4-H club participated in the annual Morrow County Fair clean-up day on Saturday, August 6. All 11 members of the club were present and worked to use bark dust donated by Green Feed and flowers from Glenda Taylor to prepare the flower beds around the stage and pavilion.

This is the first year for Ione 4-H; it's open to any student 10 years and older who would like to show a livestock animal.

"It's been a great year and we've had a lot of support," said club leader Erin Heideman. "The unique thing about our club is that we welcome all the major livestock groups. I'm very proud of these kids and am anxious to watch them in the show ring."

Countdown to fair

By Oskar Peterson

The Ione community 4-H club held their final meeting before the Morrow County Fair on August 7 at 5 p.m. at Ione High School. Present were: Aaron Smythe, Austin Carter, Austin Morter, Donald McElligott, Hannah Padberg, Jenna Taylor, Kylie McElligott, Mary McElligott, Oskar Peterson, Rita McElligott and Tyler Carter.

Erin Heideman gave the 4-H members a crash course on the re-

quired livestock judging at fair. Meanwhile, members' mothers discussed the fair schedule, packing list and buyers' luncheon. They were also reminded about gifts for the livestock buyers.

Everyone then met together in the library and visited about details and scheduling. Heideman stressed teamwork and mutual support.

The public is invited to attend the fair livestock auction at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 27.

Blood donors needed for summer supply

The American Red Cross Northwest Region, is urging blood donors to take time out of their busy schedules to roll up their sleeves and donate blood. The Red Cross would like to strengthen blood inventories to be prepared to meet any additional blood needs over the final holiday week-end of the summer.

With only a few weeks before the start of the school season, the Red Cross urges all current and eligible new donors who have not given blood this summer to help combat the Region's shortage by donating blood.

Blood products are routinely transfused to those with cancer and other diseases, premature babies, organ transplant recipients,

and accident and trauma victims. Volunteer blood donors are the primary source of blood used for transfusions, and the blood must be there before it is needed in order to save lives.

Any healthy person age 16 (with signed parental consent) or older and weighing at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood. Valid identification is required for all blood donations.

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive August 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. All eligible donors are asked to stop by or schedule an appointment to donate blood by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visiting redcrossblood.org.

An invitation to the library

Friends of the Heppner Library will be meeting at the library from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday, August 15 for their monthly meeting.

The library is usually closed on Mondays, but Friends of the Heppner Library would like to invite area residents to come to the meeting, see what the Friends have done for the library and hear about upcoming projects planned for the benefit of the library and community.

Friends of the Heppner Library is also asking people to add their names to the list of volunteers to help occasionally with fundraising and miscellaneous activities that will be held throughout the coming year.

The farmer's market book sale will be at the fairgrounds on Friday, August 19 with the other market vendors. Everyone is invited to come by and visit there, too.

Win a flower arrangement at fair

Rose Crum will be demonstrating the art of flower arrangement at the fairgrounds on Wednesday, August 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Those present for the demonstration will have the chance to win one of Crum's many arrangements.



Rose Crum

Chamber lunch meeting

The Chamber lunch will be held Thursday, August 11 at noon at the Heppner City Hall.

The guest speaker Diane Childs, identify theft program outreach coordinator from the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services. Diane will talk about the Oregon Identity Theft Protection Act.

The cost of the lunch is \$9; Howe's About Pizza will be catering. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Wednesday morning of each week. Call the chamber for more details at 541-676-5536.

Rolling Hills Chorus at Music in the Parks



The Rolling Hills Chorus will perform it's a cappella harmony at Music in the Parks on August 15. -Photograph by E J Lilley Photographers, Harwich Port, MA

The Rolling Hills Chorus (Sweet Adelines) will perform for Music in the Parks on Monday, August 15 at 7 p.m. at the Boardman Marina Park.

Rolling Hills Chorus is affiliated with North Pacific Region 13 of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style through education and performance. The chorus is community-based and centered in the Tri-Cities, with members hailing from the lower Yakima Valley, Tri-Cities, Ritzville and Hermiston. They perform

for community events, charitable organizations and private functions, as well as producing annual shows.

Rolling Hills Chorus is a group of real women, singing real harmony and having real fun today. Their mission is, "Through friendship and commitment to musical excellence, we create an atmosphere of respect, excitement and harmony to enrich our chorus, ourselves and our communities."

Music in the Parks is presented by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric.

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