

Shannon Metcalfe Girl's State candidate

Shannon Metcalfe, daughter of Heather Hibbs, was this year's Girl's State Candidate from the Ione Ladies Auxiliary. She attended this program at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, June 19 through June 25. "When they said that the week would shape a lifetime, they were completely right," commented Shannon.

Girl's State is a program for girls from all over the state designed to create a better understanding of government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

During this week, the attending girls participated in activities such as mock trials, campaigning, elections, and handling the American flag. They also had time to develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

The opportunity has left Shannon wanting to go back again as a counselor in the future. She will be speaking about her



Shannon Metcalfe before the Ione Fourth of July parade

experiences at the Ione American Legion/Ladies Auxiliary annual observance on Veteran's Day, as well as helping encourage the junior girls to sign up during recruitment in February.

There is also a Boy's State program at Oregon State in Corvallis

each June. Anyone who knows of any junior boys or girls who may be interested in this experience may contact a local member of the American Legion or Ladies Auxiliary. Up to two boys and two girls can be sent each summer from each local chapter, so they must go through an application process.

County Court holds August 17 meeting

The following is provided by Commissioner Leann Rea. The Morrow County Court met on August 17 in Heppner with Judge Terry Tallman and Commissioner Leann Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the account payables, payroll payables for July 6, payroll payables for August 3, payroll payables for Fred Carlson, payroll payables monthlies for July 6 and payroll payables monthlies for August 3, in the net amount of \$189,547.98.

Road Report: Pothole patching has been completed on Brenner Canyon Road, Clarks Canyon Road, Halvorsen Lane, West Main St. in Ione, Ione-Gooseberry Road, and the crew is currently working on Blackhorse Canyon Road. The schedule is to patch Spur Loop, Dee Cox Road, Liberty School Road, Fuller Canyon Road and then the crew will be moving north to patch roads in that area. The crew has finished hauling rock to alkali blowouts on Strawberry Lane, Lindsay Road, Barak-Martin Road, and Bell Canyon Loop and they are currently working on Johnson Grade Road. The crew also worked on Spur Loop and Kenny Road, hauling base rock and gravel as needed to complete repairs from the flooding. They also cleaned out a cattle guard that was full of mud and cleaned out culverts as needed. **Stripe Painting:** Dave Pranger has finished paint striping for Umatilla County, and is currently coordinating with Gilliam and Baker Counties (Baker Co. scheduled for Sept. 6, 7

and 8) about their striping needs. August 16 Pranger did some paint striping for Morrow County, painting the yellow centerline on Homestead Lane, Poleline Road, Frontage Lane, Patterson Ferry Road, County Line Road, Depot Lane, Division Road and Eighth Street West. **Misc.:** The crew has cleaned out cattle guards as needed along Sanford Canyon Road, Shobe Canyon Road, and one on Clarks Canyon Road. They also finished up with removing one cattle guard on Baker Lane and one on Immigrant Lane that were no longer being used and had no fences to them. Part of the crew will be assisting ODOT with paving projects in the Monument and Spray area. **Parks:** Word has been received that the County has received the grant funding to proceed with the upgrades to the RV park area at Cutsforth Park. The Oregon State Park Commission will be holding their meeting at the OHV Park the end of September. **Permits:** The following permits were reviewed and on the recommendation of Road Master, Burke O'Brien approved: Permit OIH with Century Link for the installation of a buried line in the area of Fairview Road and Cecil Road, Permit OIY with Cascade Natural Gas Corp to bury a gas line in the area of Usage Lane and Buchanan Lane and Permit 165 with Robert McLaughlin for an approach onto Paul Smith Road.

Contracts: Reviewed and signed the investment management and consulting agreement with McGee Financial Strategies, Inc. for the manage-

ment of the county's retirement fund. Reviewed and signed an IGA with InterMountain Education Service District (ESD) for services to begin at the conclusion of demolition of the Umatilla Chemical Depot and continue for 90 days following in the amount of \$45,061.47. Reviewed and signed an IGA with InterMountain Education Service District (ESD) for services from October 1, 2011 through completion of demolition of the Umatilla Chemical Depot. The services will be provided on a month-to-month basis in the amount of \$14,583 per month. Reviewed and signed Amendment Number 01 to the Connect Oregon III Multimodal Transportation Fund Program 2010 Rural Airport Fund increasing the grant funds from \$73,950 to \$106,866 for work to be performed at the Lexington Airport.

The court conducted the following business: Reviewed the Pooled Cash Report. On the recommendation of the tax collector, Greg Sweek the court signed a petition and order to cancel the personal property taxes for Rapid Communications (TV cable equipment) in the Boardman and Irrigon areas in the amount of \$228.64 and \$240.67. The company is no longer in business and the assets have only a minimal value.

Reviewed miscellaneous correspondences and discussed upcoming meetings.

Anyone who would like to be placed on the list to receive county minutes may contact Karen Wolff at (541)676-5620.

Bank of Eastern Oregon announces winners of fair giveaways in Morrow County



(Left) Sheryl Angell stands near her camp chair & cooler while son, Carson, takes to the chair. (Above) Cara Osmin is presented with a BEO steak knife set by Customer Service Representative, Sandy Van Liew.

Tricia Rollins, branch manager at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Heppner branch, drew the names of three persons who won the prizes displayed at the

bank's Morrow County Fair booth.

Cara Osmin won the BEO steak knife set; Sheryl Angell won the camp chair and cooler; and Pastor Jonathan Enz won

the Kindle.

BEO's branches with fair booths in Harney, Grant, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties had or will have similar drawings.

Legion and Auxiliary plan barbecue

The first meeting of the new season for the American Legion and Auxiliary will be a barbecue on Friday, September 9, at the Heppner City Park beginning at 5 p.m.

Hamburgers will be provided. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to complement the picnic.

After the barbecue, the meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of

the month. All members are welcome to attend and help plan future projects for the coming year. "Hope all had a good summer," said organizer Evelyn Sweek.

Boardman hires consultant to find new police chief

The City of Boardman has retained Prothman, a consulting firm, to recruit candidates for the vacant chief of police position. Prothman, is a Seattle firm that helps local governments in the Pacific Northwest find qualified permanent and interim employees. They also offer a variety of

consulting services that include department reviews, personnel evaluations, facilitating meetings and new city start-ups.

After completing interviews with city personnel and members of the Boardman community, Prothman developed a recruitment ad for the chief of police position and has been taking applications.

They plan to close the application period on September 11 and will assist the city with the interview process expected to begin the middle of October.

The chief of police position has been vacant since March of this year with Boardman Police Department Lieutenant Loren Dieter filling in as interim chief.

LifeWay Women brings Beth Moore's simulcast message to women around the world on Sept. 10

Thousands of women will gather on Sept. 10 from the comfort of their own churches to hear Beth Moore's inspiring teachings through her "Living Proof Live Simulcast event."

A local simulcast will be held Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Heppner Christian Church on Gale St. Doors will open at 8 a.m. Free coffee and muffins will be served in the morning and lunch will also be provided free of charge.

"The event offers powerful messages that will challenge and encourage both veteran and first time participants to dig deeper into a more intimate relationship with God. Moore, whose books and studies, including 'David: Seeking A Heart Like His, Breaking Free and Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman', have been read by millions around the world, is known for her ability to apply biblical scripture to everyday life," according to a release.

"Last year, more

than 100,000 women, representing 8,400 churches, participated in the "Living Proof Live" simulcast event. This year's event provides the same inspiration, though with a new, unique message, continued the release.

Here's what some church leaders had to say last year:

"Our women were encouraged, built up, challenged and generally experienced a wonderful day in the Lord. All the comments we heard were positive and came from true sincerity and genuine appreciation of the event - commenting both on our planning of the event locally and also the Simulcast content and worship."

"This event helped to re-spark a fire in our church. Our women were starving for spiritual food and we were truly feed. God planted seeds that will see benefits for years to come. God brought a revival to us. Thank you so much for making this available."

"LifeWay Wom-

en's Events is a trusted source for biblical events and training. Each year, more than 100,000 women participate in the events held throughout the country. LifeWay Christian Resources, established in 1891 in Nashville, Tenn., is one of the world's largest providers of Christian products and services, including Bibles, church literature, books, music, audio and video recordings, church supplies, and Internet services through LifeWay.com. The company owns and operates 154 LifeWay Christian Stores across the nation, as well as two of the largest Christian conference centers in the country. The company is a nonprofit organization that reinvests income above operating expenses in mission work and other ministries around the world. For additional information, visit www.lifeway.com."

"Beth Moore is a speaker and author of best-selling books and Bible studies that are read by women of all ages, races, and

denominations," continued the release. "Moore is a woman of purpose, preparation, prayer, and passion. It's apparent in everything she does, from teaching her weekday class at Houston's First Baptist Church to speaking to the thousands of women who attend her Living Proof Live conferences each year." For more information, visit www.lifeway.com/livingproof.

"Travis Cottrell is a contemporary Christian singer, arranger, and worship leader," the release said. "He uses a blended style of worship in leading churches, student conferences, and events such as Living Proof Live with Beth Moore. Recent musical projects include Jesus Saves: Live, which recently was nominated for a Dove Award, the 3:16 Worship Musical, The Lamb Has Overcome for Living Proof Live, and the live worship project Alive Forever. He and his wife Angela, who often ministers with him, are also songwriters."

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