

Morrow County Court holds August 24 meeting

The following is provided by Morrow County Commissioner Leann Rea. The Morrow County Court met on August 24 in Boardman with Judge Terry Tallman and Commissioners Ken Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes of August 10 and 17. The court also reviewed and approved the account payables in the net amount of \$116,972.05.

Public Hearing: Amend Comprehensive Plan to include a locally significant aggregate site: Morrow County Planning Director Carla McLane presented the staff report for the addition of a locally significant aggregate site located on the Rich Ruhl property approximately seven miles south of Lone off Rhea Creek and Brenner Canyon Roads. There was no one in attendance that testified for the hearing. After reviewing the information the court approved the amendment to the comprehensive plan and requested staff to prepare an adoption ordinance for signatures at a future meeting.

Public Hearing: Remand from Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) re: the Invenergy Wind Noise Complaint: County Counsel Ryan Swinburnson provided the court with background information regarding the remand from LUBA. Swinburnson stated that since the hearing regarding the noise complaint had been closed in January and the court's responsibility was to an-

swer the items remanded back to the court from LUBA, the court was under no obligation to accept any additional testimony from any of the parties in attendance. The court then decided to not take any additional testimony and only address the items remanded by LUBA. After lengthy discussions and points of clarification the court determined the following:

-That the county would use the measurement of ambient (background noise) plus 10 dBA (a sound measurement) as an acceptable noise level "actual standard" for the operation of the facility.

-At times the noise at some of the residences exceeded the "assumed standard" of 26 dBA ambient plus 10 dBA based on evidence in the record.

-When using the "actual standard" the noise levels were not significant enough to warrant the cancellation of the conditional use permit (CUP) or any further action by the county.

-Because of budget shortfalls, the State of Oregon de-funded the DEQ noise enforcement regulation in the 1990s. The county decided that since the state was not providing any enforcement due to budgetary shortfalls, the county would take the same position and would provide no enforcement.

Contracts: The court reviewed and approved the following: a contract between the Morrow County Commission

on Children and Families (CCF) and North Morrow Community Foundation Performing Arts Workshop Medley in the amount of \$1,000; a contract between CCF and Domestic Violence Services in the amount of \$4,612; an interdepartmental agreement (IA) between CCF and the Morrow County Public Health Department Healthy Start Program in the amount of \$9,156; an IA between CCF and the Morrow County Juvenile Department Client Specific Program in the amount of \$2,000; an IA between CCF and the Morrow County Juvenile Department Court Appointed Special Advocate Program in the amount of \$14,549; and an IA between CCF and the Morrow County Juvenile Department Youth Investment Program in the amount of \$12,500.00. The term of all contracts and IAs is from Sept. 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

The court conducted the following business: The court reviewed and signed a grant agreement with Wildhorse Foundation for a \$4,400 grant to be used for the Morrow Co. Backpack Program conducted through the Morrow County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Reviewed misc. 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.

Ione plays loses first pre-season game vs. Liberty Christian

Ione High School played its first pre-season game under the direction of new head coach, Stan Weiper, on Friday night, Sept. 2, at Hanford High School in Richland, WA, against Liberty Christian School.

"It was a rough first game against a team that was 9-0 last year and has many good players. They had a good quarterback that was tough to cover, and a good running back that played well defensively, too," commented coach Weiper.

"As the team adjusts to a new coach there were a few missed cues and some misfires," Coach Weiper said. "Our goal was to play evenly with Liberty Christian in the second half and we did just that. I am looking forward to another tough game this week at Joseph, also a good team. We plan to improve during our pre-season. We've only had a few practices together and several of our players were unable to attend all the practices, due to working a longer than normal wheat harvest.



#1 Senior Omar Juarez carrying in the 1st TD of the season

Those players should get some playing time this week. I have high hopes to be competitive in our league."

Ione led the first quarter 8 to 6, with a touchdown by Omar Juarez. Liberty Christian got ahead of Ione during the second quarter with 32 points to Ione's 8. Both teams were scoreless during the third quarter and got only one touchdown in the fourth.

The final score was Ione, 22, and Liberty Christian, 46.

Individual statistics: Rushing: Micah Stillman 17-110; Evan Rietmann 11-74; August Peterson 3-17; and Zac Orem 9-45, TD.

Passing: Zac Orem 3-15-1, 53 yards, 2 TD.

Receiving: Evan Rietmann 1-24, TD; Omar Juarez 1-15, TD; Micah Stillman 1-14.

Let's Take Brain Injuries Out of Play



Editor's note: the following article was submitted by The Morrow County Health District.

The harm caused by concussions is coming under greater scrutiny in recent years. A concussion is diagnosed if an injury causes a temporary change in brain function, which can range from confusion to loss of consciousness after an injury.

These days, concussions are receiving more attention because of the complications they can cause. They are no longer considered to be benign injuries that are a rite of passage in high school sports. They are especially common in football and hockey, where the head is often used as a weapon or a target.

The most common concern is the damage that is done to the brain by repeated concussions. Even a single concussion is harmful, but when there are multiple concussions, the damage can increase exponentially.

Doctors do not have a good way to measure the harm done by a single concussion or from subsequent concussions, nor do they have a good way to predict who will

have the problems. Some studies show that genetics may play a role. In one study, carriers of a certain gene were found to have the most damage from concussions.

More studies need to be done to determine who is the most susceptible to the harm from concussions and who, if anyone, is spared from the complications.

Concussions are most common in contact sports such as football. Statistics show that 10-20% of high school football players have a concussion during the season, making it a very important problem. Many athletes have more than one per season. Unfortunately, no one knows how many concussions is too many, so safe standards cannot be determined yet.

The most severe complication of concussions is called the second concussion syndrome. This is when there are two or more concussions in a short period of time, such as one month or so. With the second concussion, the person has a severe neurological collapse.

The athlete can have what appears to be a minor head injury and continues to play, and suddenly, he drops to the ground

with a sudden and fatal swelling of the brain or brain stem. The swelling occurs so quickly that the athlete develops unequal pupils and similar serious findings within minutes.

These neurological emergencies are very difficult to treat. They are nearly always fatal. The only cure is prevention.

This means that an athlete must abstain from sports and activities where he may have further head injuries for at least one month, the commonly recognized period of high risk.

Many doctors believe that three or four lifetime concussions should be a maximum number before an athlete is disqualified from high risk sports. This is especially true if each concussion becomes increasingly severe or if it takes less and less trauma to cause a concussion.

Having a headache is a sensitive marker that can indicate swelling in the brain. If a headache is present after a concussion or head injury, the athlete should not go back into a game or resume the sport until cleared by his doctor.

Since it is common for an athlete to minimize the symptoms in order to play, evaluation by a qualified person on the sideline is important in recording the severity of symptoms at the time of injury and determining when it is safe to return to sports.

Over the Tee Cup

Results for the August 30 play day at the Willow Creek Country Club are as follows:

Low gross of the field-Pat Edmondson-40.

Low net of the field-Darcee Mitchell-20.

Least putts of the field-Corol Mitchell-13.

Low gross-Virginia Grant, Pat Dougherty, Luvilla Sonstegard.

Low net-Eva Kilkenny, Ann Elgin.

Least putts-Loa Heideman, Lorrene Montgomery.

Long drive-Corol Mitchell, Ann Elgin.
K.P.- Ann Elgin.

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OPEN HOUSE
90th Birthday Celebration for
Barbara Struthers
2-4 pm - September 11, 2011
In the dining room at the
St. Pat's Senior Center.
NO GIFTS PLEASE

County road #697 the Road Canyon Rd. the area from Upper Rhea Creek Rd. intersection to 1 mile North of the Matteson Butte schoolhouse. This portion of Road Canyon road had a closure extended to August 31, 2011. This portion of road is now OPEN to motorists and is passable and some construction will be taking place. Morrow County Road dept. would like to remind all motorists that maintenance practices include construction of new roadway and lying of culvert. Morrow County's goal is to provide a safe roadway. However, it is always up to the motorist to drive according to conditions. Please use extreme caution and common sense. Questions or concerns may be addressed 541-989-9500.

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365 W. Hwy 74, P.O. Box 428, Lexington, OR 97309
541-989-9500

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North and South Transfer stations.
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57185 Hwy 74, Lexington, OR
Every Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Senior Center Menu

The menus for the Senior Mealsites for September are:

Wednesday, Sept. 7: Sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, Chinese veggies, fruit juice, egg rolls and fortune cookies.

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Build your own baked potato with chili, cheese, sour cream, bacon bits, sauteed onions, broccoli, green salad, spiced pears, rolls and brownies.

Wednesday, Sept. 21: Beef Stroganoff, green beans, fruit cocktail, hot rolls and strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday, Sept. 28: Pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, applesauce, hot rolls and lemon bars.

Milk is served at each meal. A suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menus are subject to change.

The mealsite calendar is as follows: September 7-St. Patrick's Parish; September 14-United Methodist Church; September 21-Church of the Nazarene and the Seventh-day Adventist Church; September 28-Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal.

Deadline for all news and advertising-Monday at 5:00

Enjoy dinner at The Office Pub & Grill in downtown Ione.

Always the freshest ingredients
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Heppner High School plans open house

Heppner High School will be holding an open house on Tuesday, September 13, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Parents are invited to meet teachers, tour the facility, and enjoy refreshments.

Students may also pick up their 2010/11 HHS yearbooks in Mr. Rosenbalm's room during this time.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:

August 25: Matthew Reed Short, 25, Pendleton, and Amanda Rachel Kennedy, 21, Pendleton.

September 2: Brandon Robert Wedding, 26, Heppner, and Anna Marie Conklin, 23, Heppner.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)