

County Court news

The Morrow County Court met on July 18 in Boardman with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The city and citizen comment period was opened, with no one in attendance. The court reviewed and approved the account payables in the net total amount of \$306,817.34.

Emergency Management Report: Steve Myren, Emergency Management Director and Undersheriff, provided the court with a copy of the Morrow County Emergency Operations Plan for review and approval sometime in August. Myren then updated the court on the recent confiscation of horses from the Boardman area.

Road Report: Cutsforth Park: The National Guard has finished forming and pouring the sidewalks for handicap access to loop trail around the park; they also assisted Doyle Electric with the laying of conduit and pulling wires to the newest campsites, as well as helping Lexington Pump (Sam Bellamy) lay new water lines to all of the campsites. In conjunction with the City of Heppner, an appreciation barbecue lunch was held at Hager Park to thank the National Guard for all of their hard work at both Cutsforth and Hager Parks. **Intersection Projects:** All five intersection projects and an approach off of Upper Rhea Creek road to the new Spring Hollow Bridge have been paved. About a week later, the crew returned and added gravel to the shoulders at all five intersection projects to match the new pavement height. When the paint arrives, the crew will do the paint striping and add turn arrows where needed. **Meadowbrook Road:** Due to deterioration, it is currently being returned to gravel. **OHV Park:** The crew paved

some handicap parking areas for the two new restroom facilities, the Landing and safety building, which finished the restroom grant project. **Transfer Station:** It was discovered Sat., July 14, that the South County Transfer Station had been broken into. Since there is no cash ever left on site, the only loss was damage to the door. **Misc. Projects:** The crew paved some bad spots at the Heppner High School parking lot. When materials arrive, the crew will do some crack sealing in several of the school's parking lots; after recent thunder storms, the crew has fixed washouts on Baker and Immigrant Lanes and Halvorsen Road. The crew has been working on rural addressing signs around the county; they have also cleared brush and downed trees from the Herron Creek and Ditch Creek diversion ditches; patched potholes on Bombing Range, Poleline, Paul Smith, Peters, Division and a few on Rhea Creek Road. The crew prepped 0.9 miles of Homestead Lane in front of the new dairy site for dust abatement to be applied. Dairy owner Pete Meenderinch paid for the material and all lay-down costs; also prepped 0.2 miles of Blackhorse Canyon Road in front of Colin Anderson's house for dust abatement application. Again, materials and lay-down costs were recovered from the landowner; the crew is currently hauling two inch rock from the

Hardman stockpile to Willow Street in Hardman. Have a dump truck, grader and roller working on this project. The OYCC youth have been doing a great job at the Public Works Office. They will soon be going to the OHV Park, where they will apply stain to some of the buildings. **Hail Damage:** Several vehicles at the Public Works shop experienced broken windows and dents from the hail storm that hit the Lexington area July 17.

Juvenile Department Quarterly Update: Tom Meier, Director, provided the court with his fourth quarter update for his department. The report shows that the number of referrals (116) was lower than for the previous year (123). The referrals break down as follows: murder, 1; felony, 7 (5 in the fourth quarter); misdemeanor, 45; violation, 32; dependency status, 11; and other, 20.

The court conducted the following business: Named Kevin Gilbertson for a four-year term to the North Morrow Vector Control District board. Approved a Public Hearing Order for the Heppner Rural Fire District to annex the Blake Ranch and surrounding area into the Heppner Rural Fire District. Date and time for the hearing is August 22 at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Courthouse.

Reviewed and discussed correspondence and upcoming meeting notices.

Class of '62 plans reunion

Heppner High School class of 1962 will hold a class reunion July 27-29. Activities will include a social gathering Friday, July 27, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds pavilion. Friends wishing to visit with classmates are invited to join the group. Call Diane at 406-544-5344 with questions.

UAV, not UFO

Travelers along Morrow County's Bombing Range Road recently may have spotted a piece of advanced technology in the air. No need to worry, though; the craft wasn't a UFO. Rather, it was a UAV, or unmanned aerial vehicle, belonging to the military.

Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman and his father, Keith Tallman, recently got to see the piece of advanced military technology up close and personal during a training mission on Bombing Range Road.

"They told us they would invite us out someday," said Terry Tallman. "That was 'someday.'"

The event was a training exercise for the Oregon National Guard 241st Military Intelligence Company. The company was conducting practice flights with the Shadow, a UAV currently in use in Afghanistan. While the UAV itself is far beyond the testing stages, military personnel must have 30 hours of flight practice every year in order to qualify to operate the Shadow.

Tallman said the UAV is equipped with both infrared and video cameras. The infrared camera can detect a temperature differential of .025 degrees centigrade, while Tallman said the picture quality on the video camera was "...as good as



Above (L-R): Judge Terry Tallman, his father, Keith Tallman, and National Guard technicians from Milton-Freewater and Pendleton, members of the Oregon National Guard 241st Military Intelligence Company. The guardsmen invited the Tallmans to watch a 241st training exercise with the UAV "Shadow" on Bombing Range recently. Below: The unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) Shadow on the Bombing Range in Morrow County. -Contributed photos



any HD TV."

The guardsmen told Tallman that the Bombing Range is the only restricted airspace in Oregon where the craft can fly. He also said they told him the UAV could be used for civilian

rescue operations, such as when someone is lost in the mountains, but he added that cutting through the red tape involved would make it impractical when time was of the essence.

MCHD TAX STATUS

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413 patient visits, with 33 new patients, 25 seen by a nurse and six no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 159 patient visits with 20 new patients, 37 seen by a nurse and eight no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 23 total page outs with 15 transports for \$23,315 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 27 page-outs with 12 transports for \$15,423

in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 23 page-outs with 14 transports for \$15,700 in revenue; there were two flights; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had three admissions, three swing bed admissions, eight admitted for observation, 428 total outpatients with 66 emergency room encounters, 1,487 lab tests, 84 x-ray procedures, 14 CT scans, 22 EKG tests, three colonoscopy pro-

cedures, three endoscopy procedures, 15 respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 90 patient visits; Hospice had one admission; pharmacy had 1,339 drug doses for \$76,286 in drug revenue.

-received a preliminary financial report, as a complete report was not yet available because of the early board meeting date.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court Report.

-Colette Lynn Cason, 18, of Ione was found guilty of Minor in Possession of Alcohol while operating a vehicle. Her license was suspended for six months and she was fined \$435.

Sheriff's Report

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

April 21: -MCSO issued Dennis Richard Duncan, 65, a citation for Violating the Basic Rule 75/55.

-A business in Heppner reported to MCSO that they were paid with a fake \$20 bill. Male, unknown name, left northbound on Hwy. 207.

-MCSO issued a citation to a male subject for driving while suspended violation and failure to stop at a stop sign.

April 22: -MCSO issued a citation to Elton Arthur Long, 42, for failure to register vehicle, driving uninsured, illegal display of registration plate and warning for lane travel.

-Feliciano Bautista Romero, 49, was cited by MCSO for violating the basic rule 76/55 and no operator's license.

-Umatilla PD advised MCSO that they arrested Douglas C. Robertson, 41, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for failure to appear on a charge of failure to appear.

April 25: -A woman in Irrigon called MCSO and reported that two boneless pork chops had been thrown inside her fence line. Neighbor advised he found two boneless chicken breasts last week. Caller is concerned that someone might be trying to poison the dogs in the area.

-Francisco Dominique Jauregui, 18, was arrested by Morrow County Community Correction for a probation violation and lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a request from a man who

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Open Houses

In August the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and Idaho Power will host open houses in communities along the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) transmission line route.

Please stop by anytime between 6 and 8 pm for updates on:

- Alternatives to be considered in the draft environmental impact statement
- Next steps for the federal and state review processes
- Upcoming events in 2013 and future public comment opportunities

Monday, August 6	Pilot Rock, OR	Pilot Rock Community Center 285 Northwest Cedar Place
Tuesday, August 7	Boardman, OR	Port of Morrow Riverfront Center 2 Marine Drive
Monday, August 13	La Grande, OR	Blue Mountain Conference Center 404 12th Street
Tuesday, August 14	Baker City, OR	Best Western Sunridge Inn & Conference Center, 1 Sunridge Lane
Wednesday, August 15	Marsing, ID	American Legion Conference Center 126 2nd Avenue W
Thursday, August 16	Ontario, OR	Four Rivers Cultural Center 676 Southwest 5th Avenue

Project Background

The B2H Project is a proposal by Idaho Power Company to build, operate and maintain a new single-circuit, 500 kilovolt power line between Boardman, Oregon and Melba, Idaho. The proposed route is approximately 300 miles long and will relieve pressure on the existing transmission system, improve electrical reliability and provide additional energy capacity to meet demand.

Questions?

Bureau of Land Management: Holly Orr, 541-573-4501
Oregon Department of Energy: Sue Oliver, 541-567-3840, Ext. 225
Idaho Power Company: Todd Adams, 877-339-0209

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Mark Your Calendar!
16th ANNUAL BEER & WINE TASTING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH
6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

MORROW COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

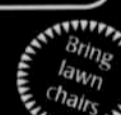
JOIN US AT OUR FUN OSU TAILGATE THEME EVENT!
BEAVER FANS WEAR ORANGE!



6:00-6:30 JOE LINDSAY

6:30-8:30 TILLER'S FOLLY

8:30-10:00 JAMIE NASARIO & LUKE BASILE



Dinner presented by BBQ Out of the Blues Catering
Adults- \$12 Kids 12 and under \$6
BBQ Chicken Skewers
Dinner complete with huckleberry dessert!

DRINK SPECIALS

KAHLUA ALMOND MOCHA \$3.25
MAUI COOLER \$3.00

4-H ANIMAL SELLERS...

Remember to thank your buyers!
FAIRGOERS-Anything you may need we will try to accommodate

Wedding Tables

Amy Lewis & Aaron Haak

Wedding: August 25, 2012

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