

County Court news

The Morrow County Court met in Heppner on Aug. 1 with Judge Tallman and Commissioner Rea in attendance.

The city and citizen comment period for Heppner was opened. Sheryll Bates, Chamber Director and Morrow County Tourism member, presented an invoice for the Eastern Oregon Visitor's Association ad in the amount of \$1,500 for the promotion of Morrow County, including motorcycle and bicycle events. The court approved the request.

The court reviewed and approved the account payables in the net total amount of \$91,369.47.

Road Report: The crew has been working on the Sand Hollow Road shoulder project and is just about finished. Currently, the Road Dept. is checking on the right-of-way status for parts of Sand Hollow Road so additional work can be scheduled. The crew has started the crack seal project for the Morrow County School District. They finished the parking lots at Heppner High School and Heppner Elementary School last Thursday. The crew then moved the equipment to Boardman, where they are currently working. Morrow County Public Works Director Burke O'Brien and Morrow County School Superintendent Dirk Dirksen met with others regarding the drainage issues at the Heppner High School.

There are huge amounts of water from rain events that flow from the school down the drainage ditch along Spruce Lane. It was decided that the best solution was to place a 24-inch culvert approximately 800 feet to the bottom of the hill. The school district will provide the culvert and the county will provide all labor and installation costs. This will eliminate an ongoing maintenance issue on Spruce Lane as well as improve safety when a storm event occurs. The crew finished the repairs at the Bombing Range Road and Hwy. 207 intersection. They excavated more material and installed drain tiles before putting down the final patch and then putting down an overlay of asphalt to maintain grade. The crew is working on some drainage issues on Upper Rhea Creek as well as moving equipment back to the yard from the Bombing Range project. A crew is working on the clean-up of a slide area on Willow Creek Road. The materials from this clean-up will be used to upgrade the garbage facility at Cutsforth Park.

Treasurer Report: County Treasurer Gayle Gutierrez provided the court with a review of the pooled cash report. Gutierrez stated that the General Fund is in much better condition than it was at this time last year. However, the Road Fund is down from where it was last year and will need to be watched very closely.

Public Hearing: The court held a public hearing regarding the naming of a dedicated public road on property owned by Merlyn Robinson. The staff report was provided by Associate Planner Layne Womack. No one in attendance spoke in favor or in opposition for the road naming. The court then approved the chosen name of Horizon Lane.

Planning Report: Planning Director Carla McLane stated that a public meeting for the Boardman to Hemmingway Transmission Line (B2H) will be hosted by the Bureau of Land Management at the Port of Morrow on Tuesday, August 7, at 6 p.m. McLane also stated that she has received a notice from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the siting of the Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN) for the Carty Lateral pipeline. McLane stated that comments regarding the location of the gas line can still be made, but they need to be written to be considered. McLane reviewed the letter to the Oregon Dept. of Energy regarding the ten-year energy plan. McLane will prepare a response letter to the City of Irrigon regarding population forecasting.

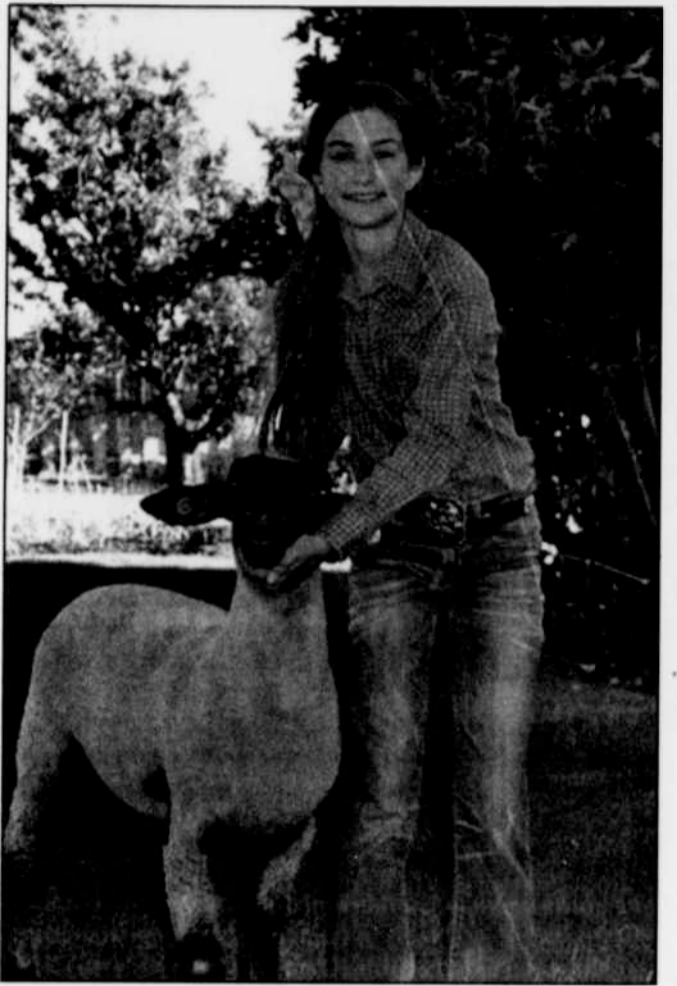
Contracts: The court reviewed and approved the following contracts: The county and Community Counseling Solutions for mental health, developmental disability, alcohol and drug abuse treatment ser-

vices for Morrow County citizens through June 30, 2013. Grant agreement #1611 for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Volunteer Program for an amount not-to-exceed \$12,394 through June 30, 2013. This grant funds court-appointed advocacy to abused and neglected children to insure a safe, permanent, nurturing home for every child it serves. Fair Exhibit Space Contracts for: Tina Thompson, Morrow County Health Dept., Community Bank, Morrow County Public Works, Hope Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal Churches Shared Ministry, Waterfall of Stitches, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Port of Morrow and Cindi Doherty. The court also approved Personal and Professional Services Agreement with Karen Zacharias to judge Open Class Arts and Crafts and Curtis Harper to judge 4-H Herdsmanship. The court approved a concession agreement with Murray Drugs, Inc.

Various correspondences and upcoming meeting notices were reviewed and discussed. The Ford Leadership Team invited the court to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new covered picnic shelter at the Fairground on August 17 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Girl and her lamb fight for a cure



Jaiden Mahoney with one of her 4-H market lambs. The 11-year-old will donate her second market lamb to be auctioned for Relay for Life during the 4-H livestock auction. -Contributed photo

One local girl will be doing her part during this year's fair to strike a blow against cancer.

Jaiden Mahoney, 11, will be donating one of her 4-H lambs during the 4-H livestock sale Saturday afternoon, August 18.

Money from the sale of the lamb will go to Relay for Life, part of the American Cancer Society. It's an organization familiar to many, especially after the recent Relay for Life event held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. It's also dear to the hearts of many cancer patients and survivors, since the American Cancer Society helps pay for travel expenses during treatment, and education and support for patients and families. It also contributes to research into cures for all forms of cancer.

Jaiden, the daughter of Mike and Nicole Mahoney of Clark's Canyon, has a personal reason for donating her lamb to this cause.

"I had just gotten my 4-H lambs this year when

my grandma got diagnosed with cancer," says Jaiden, who will enter the sixth grade at Heppner Elementary School this year. "We just had a Relay for Life in Heppner, and I would like to help people that have all kinds of cancer and help with their expenses during treatments."

Aside from donating her lamb to Relay for Life, Jaiden is also collecting donations for the cause. Donations can be made prior to or during fair; all donations and proceeds will be taken to the Relay for Life account at the Bank of Eastern Oregon after the fair. The Bank of EO plans to send donations to Relay for Life at the end of the month.

Contact Jaiden at 541-561-4464 to make a donation. For those interested in bidding on the lamb, the 4-H livestock auction begins at 2 p.m. on August 18 in the Wilkinson Arena at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Free Sports physicals offered

The Morrow County Health District will be sponsoring free sports physicals for all Morrow County students at Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner in August.

Boys are scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; girls will be seen on Tuesday, August 14, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. If a student is unable to come on the day

designated, they can be seen on the other sport physical day. No appointment is needed.

Parents are reminded that they must complete a questionnaire and sign the examination form before the physical can be performed. Exam forms are available at the clinics. There will be a \$30 charge for sports exams scheduled outside of the free dates.

HES to hold student registration

Heppner Elementary School new and returning student registration will be held on Tuesday, August 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Returning students can pay their \$10 student body fee and lunch fee at this time. New students will register, pay fees and receive a tour of the school.

For more information, contact Mrs. Sweeney at 541-676-9128.

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)

Carlson to perform at Music in the Parks

Frank Carlson will perform at the next Music in the Parks at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13, at Boardman Marina Park.

After a busy day plotting pole lines at Oregon Trail Electric Consumers Cooperative (OTECC), Frank Carlson shuts down his computer and picks up his guitar. The mild-mannered engineering aide by day sings his heart out at night. Frank sings at clubs and events throughout Eastern



Frank Carlson

Oregon. He grew up listening to favorites like Bing Crosby. His first a cappella song was "White Christmas."

"Then the Beatles came along and I just had to play the guitar," says Frank.

He started performing in public when he was 19 and now sings everything from songs by ZZ Top to country to golden oldies, depending on the audience.

ODFW recreation report

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has issued the following recreation report covering Morrow County:

Open Fields in the Columbia Plateau will start taking reservations for the Dutch Flat Ranch Access Area on Aug. 1 for the upcoming hunting seasons. The access area rules are the same as last season with four groups per day allowed on the property. Call the Open Fields coordinator at

541-224-3182 for access.

Cougar hunting is open. Cougar are well distributed in our forested areas. Call with distress calls or cougar vocalizations can be effective when you do not have a cougar kill to work.

Coyote hunting: By all indications the coyote population is healthy with good numbers of coyotes available for those who wish to pursue them. Watch wind direction to help prevent giving away your location. Calling with game distress calls can be successful.

Farmer's market to go to fair

Having the farmer's market at the fair was such a hit last year that they've decided to do it again.

The Willow Creek Farmer's Market will be at the fair on Friday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market vendors will have fresh fruits and vegetables, crafts and homemade goodies available.

"This is the perfect opportunity to come enjoy the fair and pick up some homemade goods," says one market participant.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick's Catholic Church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include salmon burgers, macaroni salad, coleslaw, pickles and peachy bread pudding. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.



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