

County Court news

The Morrow County Court met at the Port of Morrow in Boardman on Sept. 26 with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 19 meeting with the Navy, Port of Morrow, City of Boardman and legislative representatives for Senators Wyden and Merkley and Rep. Walden. The court also approved the minutes for June 27 and Sept. 19. The following were reviewed and approved: Fritz final payroll, Gregory payroll, Open Class fair premiums and account payables in the net total amount of \$66,878.01. The court reviewed the cash balance activity for the week of Sept. 24 through Sept. 30. The report indicates that, at this point, the county is ahead of last year's cash balance by \$143,397.

Contracts: The court reviewed and approved the following: Amendment 2 to the Oregon Commission on Children and Families 2011-2013 County Healthy Start-Medicaid Administrative Activities IGA MOR1113-MAC with an increase in funding from the state in

the amount of \$9,607 for a total of \$65,000. The tenth amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2011-2013 Agreement #135573 with the current total award amount as amended to be \$424,552. That is a reduction of \$724 for the Oregon Mothers Care program. The court reviewed and signed the Oregon Teamster Employers Trust Subscription Agreement effective from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014.

The court conducted the following business: The court reviewed and approved a Purchasing Pre-Authorization for the Public Health Dept. in the amount of \$2,527 to purchase replacement carpet for the Boardman Public Health Office. The court approved a Purchasing Pre-Authorization for the sheriff's office for the installation of a fax line in the Irrigon Sheriff's Annex. The court reviewed and approved a Purchasing Pre-Authorization for Public Works for the lease/purchase of a D-6 Caterpillar. The annual payments will be \$42,000 per year with the first two fiscal year years plus being paid from the trade-in

value (\$94,871 of the D-8). The first lease payment will be made in the fiscal year of 2014-2015. The court also reviewed and signed the resolution for the lease agreement for the Cat.

Various correspondences and upcoming meeting notices were reviewed and discussed.

In the afternoon, the court met with representatives from the Navy, Oregon National Guard, Port of Morrow, City of Boardman and legislative representatives for Senators Wyden and Merkley and Rep. Walden. Proposed activities on the Bombing Range were discussed, along with a discussion regarding the impacts to local economic development due to increasing air restriction enforcement. There was also a discussion regarding the Public Hearing for the Environmental Assessment being done on the Bombing Range that was held later in the evening.

This information is being provided by Commissioner Leann Rea. Anyone who would like to receive County Court minutes, please contact Karen Wolff at 541-676-5620.

\$15,000 in local scholarships awarded

Growth takes many forms, and in 2012, part of the growth for Inland Development and Windwave Communications included awarding 15 high-school seniors with \$1,000 scholarships for the college of their choice. The second annual Nate Arbogast Memorial Scholarship Fund commenced with 13 recipients that year."



Justin Pranger



Natalie Rauch



Connor Pappas

Inland Development's original mission centered around providing the same high-speed fiber access to the rural communities of Eastern Oregon to ensure that our children receive the same advantages as those in Portland or Eugene.

According to general manager Pat Lauritsen, "Beginning in 2011, the board realized the opportunity to award the first scholarships that were part of

the original vision, and the Nate Arbogast Memorial Scholarship Fund commenced with 13 recipients that year."



Zech Hintz



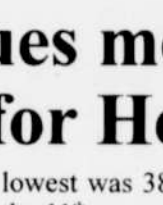
Tayllor Gould



JoAnna Patton



Shannon Metcalfe



Kaytee Burghard

Heppner scholarship recipients include Justin Pranger, Natalie Rauch, Connor Pappas, Zech Hintz and Tayllor Gould.

Ione scholarship recipients are JoAnna Patton, Shannon Metcalfe, Kaytee Burghard, Steven Holland and Adam Collin.

Boardman scholarships recipients consist of Taylor Wightman, Mayra Prado Reyes, Mykel E.

Keefer, Ky-Leigh A. Nelson and Sean Shimer.

"These 15 scholarships were awarded to students in Morrow County where Inland Development and Windwave were formed," says Lauritsen, "and we hope that with continued growth we'll award throughout the seven counties we serve in the coming years."

Nate Arbogast was the founding general manager for Inland Development, who passed in 2010 after a skiing accident. The Inland Development Board created the scholarship fund in his honor.

Inland Development Corporation, a non-profit entity, focuses on providing fiber optic broadband services to educational, health care and government organizations in the state of Oregon.



Kaytee Burghard



Steven Holland



Adam Collin

ECKMAN STARTS MED CAREER

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man, also of Heppner, in May of 2009. Jared is the son of Kenny Eckman and Judy Healy of Heppner. The couple then moved to Grand Junction, CO, where Eckman completed her residency in family practice at St. Mary's Family Medicine. She graduated from her residency in July

of this year. She and Jared moved to Baker City to be closer to family in Eastern Oregon; most of their immediate family is in Heppner, with the rest in nearby communities.

Even though Eckman's background contains plenty of work, both academic and otherwise, she says

she is excited about having her first "real" job. She also says that, although her medical career may keep her busy, she will try to make time for the things she enjoys, which include hiking, camping and backpacking, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, cooking and baking, and reading.

Umatilla County wheat producers plan fall event

The Umatilla County Wheat Growers will host their annual fall workshop and dinner on Thursday, Oct. 11, at Wildhorse Resort in Pendleton, OR. The event will begin with a growers workshop at 5 p.m. County President Tanner Hawkins announced the featured topic will be 2012 farm truck registrations and exemptions for farm vehicles, presented by a representative of Oregon Department of Transportation. Jason Middleton, PGG grain broker, will also provide a marketing update and forecast. Wheat industry updates will be provided by Oregon Wheat CEO Blake Rowe. The workshop will be followed by dinner, with entertainment provided by country musician Cale

Moon. Attendees are asked to RSVP by Monday, Oct.

8, to the OWGL office at 541-276-7330 or via email to mblagg@owgl.org.

2012 Morrow County Fair 4-H Results

A large group of talented 4-H members participated in the 2012 Morrow County Fair. A continuation of results, in alphabetical order, is as follows. (*Editor's note: Due to space constraints, this is a continuation of list begun in previous editions of the Gazette; the remaining results will be published in future editions.*)

Gibbs, Macy: Market Lamb, Blue; Individual Demonstration, Int, Red; Lamb Fitting Contest, NS; Intermediate Judging, Blue; Sheep Herdsmanship, Blue;

Sheep Showmanship, Int, Blue/Reserve.

Gilman, Kayla: Market Hog, Blue; Intermediate Judging, Blue; Swine Herdsmanship, Blue; Swine Showmanship, Int, Blue.

Gorham, Riley: Market Lamb, Blue; Junior Sheep Showmanship, Blue; Market Lamb, Blue/Reserve; Sheep Herdsmanship, Blue; Junior Judging, Blue.

Gould, Tayllor: Swine Showmanship, Sr, Blue; Swine Herdsmanship, Blue; Market Hog, Blue; Senior Judging, Blue.

Gould, Timmy: Poultry Breeds, Young Male, APA Standard, Blue; Poultry Breeds, Cockerel, Cross-bred Lrg Fowl, Blue; Market Hog, Blue; Poultry Breeds, Cockerel, APA Standard Bred, Blue; Intermediate Judging, Blue; Poultry Breeds, Pullet, Non APA Standard, Red; Swine Herdsmanship, Blue; Poultry Showmanship Int, Blue/Champion; Poultry Breeds, Cockerel, Non APA Standard, Red; Swine Showmanship, Int, Blue.

Gould, Tom: Swine
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NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton OR, temperatures in Heppner averaged warmer than normal during the month of September.

The average temperature was 64.4 degrees, which was 2.8 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 80.1 degrees, which was 3.5 degrees above normal. The highest was 93 degrees on the 20th. Low temperatures averaged 48.6 degrees, which was 2.0 degrees above normal. The

lowest was 38 degrees, on the 11th.

On two days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.00 inches during September, which was 0.56 inches below normal.

Precipitation this year has reached 11.37 inches, which is 1.43 inches above normal. Since October, the water-year precipitation in Heppner has been 13.17 inches, which is 0.83 inches below normal.

The outlook for October from NOAA's Climate

Prediction Center calls for above normal temperatures and near- to below-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner fall from 71 degrees at the start of October to 58 degrees at the end of October. Normal lows fall from 42 degrees to 35 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.14 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

EQIP sign-ups due Nov. 2

Program works to improve game populations

Mule deer numbers have been declining across the state for the past several years, and habitat degradation has been named a significant factor contributing to this decrease. Wildlife enthusiasts, including hunters, and managers have a difficult time maintaining healthy wildlife populations.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has recently implemented a Mule Deer Initiative focusing on management units in Oregon, including the Heppner Unit. The ODFW, NRCS and partners will work to improve rangeland health in the foothills/winter range and aspen areas for wildlife and livestock in response to the declining populations of mule deer and upland game bird populations within the Heppner

Game Unit.

Farmers and ranchers with property located in the Heppner Game Unit can apply for financial and technical assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to work on livestock and wildlife habitat improvements.

Conservation priorities in the Heppner Game Unit include practices that address aspen regeneration and protection, rangeland health, such as grazing management, stock wa-

ter developments, cross fencing, herbaceous weed control of annual grasses and broadleaves, rangeland seeding, and wildlife habitat improvements.

Interested parties need to apply for funding by November 2, 2012. Stop by the Heppner USDA-NRCS service center located at 430 Linden Way or call 541-676-502.

For more information about EQIP, visit the Oregon NRCS web site at: <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Irrigon chamber plans open mic

An open mic session for candidates is planned at the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Oct. 10 at noon in the senior center, corner of Opal Place and Columbia in Irrigon. The session is to provide politicians running for office five minutes each to express their views prior to the November election.

Lunch is \$6. Please register with Vickie Volk prior to the event at 541-561-8137.

**Medicare Part D
Open Enrollment is
October 15th - December 7th**

**Morrow County Health District
will conduct free Medicare Part D
Workshops from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
at the following locations:**

- Oct. 18th - Hospital, Heppner
- Oct. 23rd - Ione Market
- Oct. 25th - Hospital, Heppner
- Oct. 30th - Hospital, Heppner
- Nov. 1st - Hospital, Heppner
- Nov. 6th - Ione Market
- Nov. 8th - Hospital, Heppner

Additional dates will be announced soon.

**Please call 541-676-9133 or
1-800-737-4113 to make an appointment.**



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HEALTH DISTRICT**
Excellence in Healthcare

You are invited
by the children of Lyle & Virginia Peck
to join us in the celebration of our parents
60th wedding anniversary.
Saturday October 27 from 2-5
Heppner Elks Lodge, Heppner, OR
No gifts please

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County
COMMISSIONER