

CITY COUNCIL

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Following last month's council meeting, where a citizen came and said he confronted an archery hunter about using the free water, and asking him if it was fair, the city installed the meter and also put out a donation box at the water fill-up site. It was reported Monday night that about \$50 in donations had been taken in from hunters at the donation box. It was also pointed out that the donation box is well secured and the money is picked up daily.

In other hunter discussions, the council talked about possibly emptying the hunter garbage dumpster on a more regular basis. A dumpster placed at Heppner City Park provides a place for hunters to dump trash on their way out of town. The dumpster has been overflowing and the council discussed more frequent emptying, or placing a second dumpster in the area.

The council also learned that some individuals are taking trash out of the dumpster, spreading it around, and going through the garbage apparently to collect cans to turn in for deposits, thus leaving a mess in the area.

In other business, the council heard a report on the Walla Walla-based advertising agency AMI, which the city, in conjunction with Irrigation and Boardman, had earlier hired to do a \$15,000 advertising campaign for the county. Heppner City Manager Kim Cutsforth said a special meeting had been held to discuss AMI (formerly Artix Media) and its advertising program, and she has now set a time limit to meet with owner Jeff Wright to discuss the ad campaign.

Cutsforth said the city wants to talk about their account. The cities have only paid for one half the price of a web site AMI produced. The site cost \$3,000, and the three cities have only paid \$500 each.

"I suggest we benchmark our next payment as a payment for the website design and show it paid in full," Cutsforth said in her report to the council. "This will make us the legal owners of this site." She also suggested that the city be made administrators of the site and insist on proof that the city owns the domain name before any additional payment are rendered. Later in the meeting, city attorney Philip Spicerkuhn said he had spent some legal time on AMI.

"AMI has not been paying their bill regarding their web site," he told the

council.

In other action, the council voted because of Veterans Day to hold their November monthly meeting a week later, on Monday, Nov. 19, beginning at 7 p.m.

The council heard from Cutsforth on the Port of Morrow project funding.

"We met with Ferguson (Engineering)—the current budget will most likely allow us to complete the following projects: Quaid St. drainage and infrastructure upgrades including sidewalks from Main St. to the grade school, sidewalk and road improvement from Court St. down Hager St. along the new park, sidewalk and footbridge improvement from Main St. by the library to the grade school to include an 'amphitheater,' Center St. improvements from Gale to Main, Gale St. improvements and sidewalk ADA compliance. We expect these projects to be ready to bid January 2013," Cutsforth told the council.

Cutsforth also said the new "Lover's Lane" bridge behind the bowling alley across the creek to Court Street is also scheduled to be completed.

Cutsforth also gave an update on the city's efforts to change its effluent discharge from Willow Creek to irrigated land around Heppner. She said a meeting between the city, Anderson Perry Engineering and local landowners who irrigate, to discuss the possibility of the city tying into the land owners' irrigation project with city waste water showed that the costs "could be prohibitive."

She added that the city has also approached the Port of Morrow about using port property for storage ponds, thus bypassing Willow Creek and avoiding a costly upgrade to the sewer plant aimed at reducing ammonia levels in the city's treated effluent that presently gets dumped into the creek. Anderson Perry earlier estimated it may cost the city more than \$600,000 to upgrade the sewer plant and comply with new Department of Environmental Quality regulations regarding ammonia discharge. Cutsforth said that discussions to move to a new discharge method are "ongoing."

In other action, the council issued a permit to Richard Paris of 315 Water St. to keep a goat on his property. Paris evidently asked if it was okay with neighbors, who said it was.

The council received the following sheriff's report:

Sheriff's Report for September

Traffic

There were 13 traffic stops, resulting in one citation.

A non-injury crash was reported in a business parking lot.

There were five driving complaints.

Code Enforcement

Eleven animal calls were reported, resulting in three cats being transported to Pet Rescue.

A person reported a vehicle parked on Main Street for three consecutive days. The owner was contacted and removed the vehicle.

Two noise complaints were reported.

A resident was contacted about weeds growing.

A person was issued a 272 form for an abandoned vehicle.

A person reported an abandoned vehicle on a public street. The vehicle was tagged by MCSO for removal.

Theft Complaints

Theft of money was reported from the high school locker room.

A person reported kids may be stealing tires. A deputy checked the area and was unable to locate anyone.

MCSO received a report of a gas drive off.

A person reported a theft of a miniature refrigerator.

All Other-

A deputy investigated a violation of a restraining order.

A person reported a threatening note was left on their vehicle.

There were two reports of suspicious vehicles. A deputy located one of them, whose owner was sleeping in the vehicle. A deputy was unable to locate the other vehicle.

MCSO received a report of a missing adult, who

was later located.

A juvenile was issued a citation for MIP-Tobacco, and another juvenile was issued a citation for MIP-Alcohol.

MCSO deputies responded to a domestic disturbance. The involved people were separated.

There were two verbal disputes reported.

A house window was shot with a BB gun.

MCSO responded to two alarm calls.

A deputy responded to a fight. It was determined one person was confronting a theft suspect. No crime was committed.

Morrow County youth celebrate National 4-H Week



The 2011 recipient of the All Around 4-H Showman Award, Garrett Gibbs (R), presents the trophy in honor of Becky Smith to the 2012 recipient Kolby Currin (L). Members were required to show one each of sheep, beef, swine, horse and goat. Kolby is a member of the Oregon Trail 4-H Livestock Club and is a fourth-year 4-H member. -Contributed photo

October 7-13 is National 4-H Week, and Morrow County is celebrating the 4-H youth who have made an impact on the community and are stepping up to the challenges of a complex and changing world. Listed below are the activities and events where local 4-H youth connect with communities across the county:

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Morrow County 4-H Ambassadors spoke in local elementary schools to fourth- through sixth-grade students about the benefits and potential in the 4-H program, as well as teaching students how to join and enroll. On Thursday, Oct. 11, the South Morrow Rocketry 4-H Club will be hosting a rocket launch on the Heppner football field from 2-3 p.m.; Heppner Elementary students will be in attendance and the public is invited to attend. 4-H club members will be giving presentations to their clubs, schools and other organizations this week to help spread the word about the program, and some are even making posters to celebrate.

Chamber lunch meeting hosts candidates' forum

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will host a candidates' forum during this week's chamber lunch meeting on Thursday, Oct. 11. Lunch, which costs \$9 and will be catered by Howe's About Pizza, will be served starting at 11:45 a.m. to accommodate a full candidates' forum.

The lunch meeting will be held in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room, located on the corner of Main and Willow Streets in Heppner. Bill Kuhn of Kuhn Law Offices will be the moderator; the following candidates will be present:

For Morrow County Commissioner: Leann Rea and Cody High.

For Umatilla/Morrow County Circuit Court Judge: Lynn Hampton and Jon Lieuallen.

For Oregon State Senate District #29: Bill Hansell and Antone Minthorn.

The public is welcome to attend, but will need to RSVP if planning to purchase lunch. All chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than noon the Wednesday before.



The family of Janice Healy Davis presented Natalie Rauch (L) with the "Hard Worker Award" at the 2012 Morrow County Fair. In Janice's memory, her family gave the award to an outstanding 4-H member who exemplified Janice's determination and gracious manner while competing at the Morrow County Fair. "Natalie was chosen for the award because of the dedication and joy she took in her 4-H beef project. She worked hard and did it with a smile on her face. Her work ethic will get her far in the future!" said a representative for the award. Pictured with Natalie is Janice's mother, Kathryn "Kit" Healy Thorne. -Contributed photo

contribute to their communities than youth not participating in 4-H. Notably, the Tufts research discovered that the structured learning, encouragement and adult mentoring that 4-Hers receive play a vital role in helping them actively contribute to their communities. In Morrow County, more than 250 4-H members and 50 volunteers are involved in 4-H.

"4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking

through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live," said a local 4-H agent.

Learn more at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow/>, "like" the program on Facebook under "Morrow County 4-H Oregon" or contact Ashley Jones, Morrow County 4-H Agent, at Oregon State University Extension Service, Morrow County office at 541-676-9642 or ashley.jones@oregonstate.edu.

Judge candidates attend town hall

Umatilla/Morrow District Circuit Court Judge candidates Lynn Hampton and Jon Lieuallen were both in attendance at a town hall meeting in Heppner Sept. 30.

Hampton is the incumbent, and she told the crowd of about 40 that she believes in judicial restraint and believes voters fear activist judges who do not want to follow the constitution.

"I am not an activist judge," she assured the group.

Hampton is the current Circuit Court District Judge and her background is Deputy District Attorney of Umatilla County from 1984-1991, attorney in private practice from 1991 to 1997 and prosecutor on the Umatilla Indian Reserva-

tion for 1997 to 2006.

Also in attendance was her opponent Jon Lieuallen, who said he believes in fairness and giving back to his community.

His background includes a partner in the law firm of Monahan, Grove and Tucker in Milton-Freewater since 2007; Milton-Freewater Municipal court pro-tem Judge 2007-present; associate attorney, Monahan, Grove, and Tucker

2004-2007; Attorney Intermountain Public Defender, Inc., 2002-2004; and Deputy District Attorney, Crook County, Prineville, 2000-2002.

"I plan to make efficient use of the courts and jury's time," if elected, he said.



Lynn Hampton, Judge



Jon Lieuallen, Judge candidate

FLU SHOTS

Thursday October 11, 2012 at Heppner City Hall 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Monday October 15th 2012 at Morrow County Health Department in Boardman 9:00 to 12:30 and 1:00 to 7:00

Everyone can get their flu shots, Tdap and pneumonia shots. If they don't have insurance we have free flu shots and free Tdap (whooping cough protection).

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