

Local man named to LCDC advisory committee

David Sykes of Heppner has been named to the Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) of the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC), the LCDC announced last week. The appointment was made at the commission's meeting May 23 in Salem.

The Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee was established to advise LCDC and local governments on matters pertaining to citizen involvement in land-use planning. It does not set policy nor review local land-use plans or decisions.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development administers Oregon's statewide land-

use program.

According to the CIAC web site, citizens of Oregon often ask how they can participate in the statewide land-use planning program.

The system is complex and can be cumbersome and intimidating. The purpose of the CIAC is to provide a regular forum where citizens around the state can share their experiences and find information about the LCDC.

The CIAC has eight volunteer members, one from each of Oregon's five Congressional Districts and three chosen at-large. Committee members are appointed to four-year terms, and Sykes' district covers

19 Eastern Oregon counties.



David Sykes

He is owner of both Sykes Publishing, LLC, a family business that publishes the Heppner Gazette-Times newspaper, and Sykes Real Estate with offices in Heppner and Pendleton.

In addition, Sykes is chairman of the Morrow County Planning Commission and a current board member of the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association, for which he attends regular meetings and has written articles for the association's newsletter concerning local planning from the perspective of the citizen planner.

Fireworks set to fly for Red, White and Blues

The Fourth of July is only a couple of weeks away, which means Lone's Red, White and Blues celebration is right around the corner.

This year's celebration will bring back old favorites like the Blues Cruise car show, The Red, White and Blues parade, blues bands on stage and, of course, fireworks at dusk on the Fourth. Other events will be new or will have a new twist.

The celebration will start with a bang Saturday, June 29 with the 2013 Texas Hold 'Em poker and cribbage tournament at the Lone Legion Hall. A barbecue chicken dinner with no-host bar by Route 74 will begin at 5 p.m. Game sign-ups start at 6 p.m. and play will begin at 6:30 p.m. Poker buy-in is \$40, cribbage buy-in is \$20. No late buy-ins allowed. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Paintball by Blast Zone of Hermiston will be in Lone July 3 and July 4. They will set up the course on the Stefani lot at the east end of 2nd St. Play will begin daily at 10 a.m. and will run until dark.

The Lady Cardinal basketball team will manage



People enjoy food, fun and lots of sun at the Red, White and Blues Fourth of July celebration in Lone last year.

the Dawn's Early Light 5K Walk/Run this year. There is a \$10 fee to participate; all proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. Contact Tobey Garrett at tkmgarrett@hotmail.com for more information.

Boat auctions will be held at 6:15 p.m. on the Fourth. Fishing trips to the Snake River will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the local scholarships for graduating seniors.

A craft fair at the Lone Legion Hall will offer a venue for area crafters for \$10 per table. Contact Taranna Patton at taranap@gmail.com for more information.

The City of Lone also will bring back the Ken Turner Memorial Horse-shoe Tournament, which has been missing from the event lineup the last few years.

This year's blues bands on stage will be HiFi Mojo, 3-4:15 p.m.; Billy D and the Hoodoos, 4:45-6 p.m.; Tommy Tutone, 6:30-8 p.m. and the Sonny Hess and Vicki Stevens band, 8:30-10 p.m.

Lone's Fourth of July celebration is sponsored in part by Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Look for a full schedule in a later issue of the Gazette.

Local students qualify for world's largest junior high rodeo

Kolby Currin, an eighth-grade student at Heppner Junior/Senior High School, and Jacee Currin, a sixth-grade student at Heppner Elementary School, have earned positions on the Oregon state National Junior High rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Gallup, NM, June 23-29, to compete at the ninth annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo (NJHFR).

Kolby will compete in the calf roping, chute dogging, goat tying, ribbon roping and shooting competitions. Jacee will compete in the pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping, ribbon roping and shooting competitions.

Featuring more than 1,000 contestants from 41

states, five Canadian provinces and Australia, the NJHFR is the world's largest junior high rodeo. In addition to competing for more than \$75,000 in prizes, NJHFR contestants will also be vying for more than \$100,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named the National Junior High Finals Rodeo National Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20—based on their combined times/scores in the first two rounds—to advance to Saturday evening's final round. National champions will then be determined based on their three-round combined times/scores.

Again, this year, the Saturday championship performance will be televised

nationally as a part of the CinchTown Tour telecast series on RFD-TV. Live broadcasts of each NJHFR performance will also air online at NHRATV.com. Performance times are 7 p.m. on June 23 and 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day thereafter.

Along with great rodeo competition and the chance to meet new friends from around the world, NJHFR contestants can enjoy many family-oriented activities, church services sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, and shopping at the NJHFR tradeshow, as well as visiting nearby historical attractions.

Visit NJHFR.org daily for complete results. For ticket information, call 800-590-1302.

WAGENBLAST RETIRES

-Continued from PAGE ONE of fun, says Wagenblast. She says the children were always full of surprises; she remembers one incident that took place with a kindergarten a year or so after she started in Lone.

"I heard this small voice, 'Mrs. Wagenblast, how old are you?'" she remembers. "'Pretty old,' I said. 'Well,' he answered, 'are you 118?'"

Her contribution to the school received official recognition in 2003, when she received the Grant Rigby and Crystal Apple awards. More recently, Wagenblast was honored at a school assembly, with a large bouquet of roses and booklets of advice that the children had assembled. She says the guidance the children gave her was priceless, ranging from suggestions to wear her pajamas all day and eat ice cream for breakfast to taking a trip to Hawaii or going to Hollywood to

become an actress. "Hawaii sounds good," she says, "but I don't know about Hollywood. I don't think they'd hire a 62-year-old actress."

When the students at the assembly were asked to stand if they had worked with Wagenblast, she says most of the crowd stood. It's not surprising since, during her time at the school, Wagenblast interacted with an entire generation of Lone's youth, until her life has touched nearly every student in the school through the Read Naturally program, lunch hours, various classroom assignments and an estimated 10,000 recess duties over the 18-year span.

Going into retirement, Wagenblast is anticipating spending time with a different group of children, her six grandkids, whom she looks forward to going to Spokane to visit more often.

She is also eager to have more time to do things around the house.

"I plan to be at home and do a whole lot of getting rid of stuff," she says, saying cleaning the basement is high on her list. On the lighter side, she also plans to spend time gardening and sewing.

"I love to sew little girls' dresses," she says, adding that she wants to sew for her granddaughters.

And, of course, she says she'll be around to help at the Lone school if needed.

"I'm glad I'm going to retire, not have to get up (early) every morning, but I am going to miss the kids. I have lots of funny stories, lots of hugs. I'm going to miss the staff," she says, but "I'll miss the kids the most. Kids are so much fun. Little kids have the funniest stories. They have such wild imaginations."

FSA committee nomination period now open

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced last week that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins on Monday, June 17.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a

county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others, and organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-

669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Nomination forms for the 2013 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2013. Elections will take place this fall.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues.

Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 4. The voted ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 2. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2014.



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² Up to \$50 annually per student.

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Irrigon Medical Clinic

220 North Main Street
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Monday, June 24th
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