

## CITY COUNCIL RAISES SEWER RATES

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of the bubble bump-outs in Heppner by cleaning them up and getting the trash out of the rocks. He praised the students for their help and hard work.

Doherty reported that the fairgrounds were getting ready to replace their water system at the grounds, and the city had put in a new two-inch water meter in preparation. He also reported that it was going to take a couple of months to get the city street sweeper overhauled, and that the city had received its new lawn mower and it was working well.

Doherty also reported that a company was coming soon to clean the city water reservoirs. He said they actually get into the tanks and use vacuum devices to clean them out. There would not be a decrease in water quality during the work, he told the council.

In other announcements, Cutsforth said she had attended a pre-construction meeting for the Sperry Street project and that the job will be awarded to the lowest bidder on

August 15 with completion date no later than October 15, 2014. The Sperry St. bridge has been closed and the street rerouted. The State of Oregon is handling the project.

On the street and sidewalk project on Water Street, Cutsforth said the stringers have been installed and that the crew has started on the stair treads and ramp decking. She said hand rails on the stairs going up the steep part of Water Street will be placed last.

On Lover's Lane Bridge, she said it has been placed and the concrete was to be poured that week. They will be adding lights to either end of the bridge later.

### Police Report for May

**Traffic-**  
There were 11 traffic stops, with one citation. There was one motor vehicle crash reported.

A person reported children riding bicycles without helmets. A deputy made contact with the juveniles and gave them helmets.

There were three reports of people driving

without driving privileges.

**Code Enforcement-**  
Twenty animal calls were reported, resulting in three citations. One dog was taken to Pet Rescue.

Deputies worked on six locations regarding code enforcement issues.

**Theft Complaints-**  
MCSO is investigating a theft from a vehicle.

A gas drive-off was reported. The fuel was later paid for. There were three burglary reports.

**All Other-**  
Two welfare checks were completed.

Three suspicious person calls were received.

MCSO received a complaint of juveniles walking up the spillway. A deputy contacted the juveniles and their guardian.

An intoxicated person was reported to be causing problems at a business. A deputy responded and resolved the conflict.

A deputy investigated a juvenile being harassed online. The situation was being handled through the school.

MCSO investigated an assault.

MCSO received a report of a residence had been egged. The victim later reported the juvenile suspects were cleaning up the mess and no further law enforcement contact was needed.

A person called MCSO and reported a person was trespassing, burning debris on his property. The other person advised MCSO he was burning on the property next to the caller's and the fire got away from him.

MCSO received a call regarding a civil issue with rent payment.

MCSO is investigating possible child abuse.

A deputy investigated a possible restraining order violation. The deputy determined it to be a civil issue.

A person requested contact on how to evict a person from a residence. A deputy made contact with the caller.

MCSO received information about a disoriented elderly person who was at a business. A deputy made contact and made sure the person made it home safe.

A person reported a possible burglary in progress at a residence. The caller reported his adult daughter called him and said another person was inside the residence with a firearm. Deputies responded to the scene and it was determined to be unfounded.

MCSO responded to an unfounded alarm call.

## Local kids 'dig' reading program



The Heppner branch of the Oregon Trail Library District saw a good turnout for the opening day of its Summer Reading program, "Dig into Reading." Children listened as a librarian read rock-themed books and then made pet rocks as a craft project (pictured). Summer reading sessions will take place every Friday at 10:30 a.m. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

## 'Ranching for Profit' workshop planned

Early registration due by June 21

Boardman, OR— Ranchers will find ways to increase the profitability and the health and productivity of their ranches at a Ranching for Profit workshop 9:30-4:30 Thursday, June 27, in Boardman. Dave Pratt of Ranch Management Consultants, Inc. will conduct the workshop.

The morning session will focus on ranch profitability. Pratt will discuss why working "in" your businesses won't improve profit unless you work "on" your businesses first.

He will explain the three "secrets" for increasing profit and offer profitability benchmarks you can use to identify "deadwood" and pinpoint "profit drivers" for your ranch.

The afternoon session will focus on grazing methods that increase pasture

health and productivity while lowering costs.

According to Pratt, input costs have increased five times faster than cattle prices. Land values have risen even faster.

Pratt says, "A ranch using practices that were profitable in the 70s and 80s loses money in today's environment."

"Many farms and ranches are structured to fail and survive only through internal subsidies like inherited wealth, appreciating land values and off-farm income," he adds.

In contrast, Pratt claims that many Ranching for Profit alumni earn a healthy profit.

Pratt says he doesn't have a one-size-fits-all recipe for success, but can offer insights and practical tools developed and

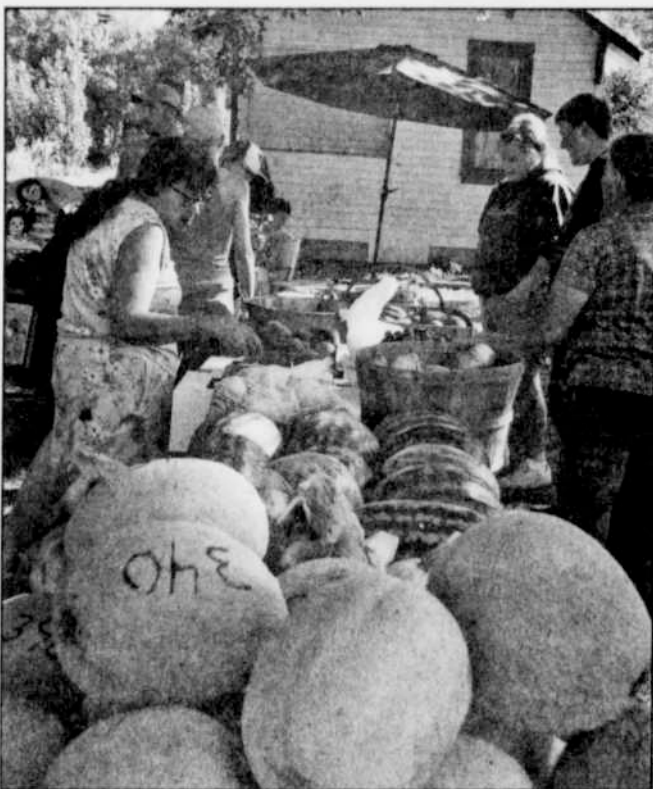
refined by the experiences of thousands of profitable Ranching for Profit alumni from all over the world.

The workshop will be at the Port of Morrow conference center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. Advance registration is \$25 and includes lunch. Registration after June 21 or at the door is \$30.

RSVP to 541-676-5021 x110 or john.fast@or.usda.gov, or register with Janet Greenup at the Soil and Water Conservation District office in Heppner. Registration forms are also available at www.morrowswcd.org.

The event is sponsored by Natural Resources Conservation Service, Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District, Morrow County Livestock Growers and OSU Extension.

## Farmer's market begins June 21



Above: Shoppers browse through the produce selection brought by the Days of Pilot Rock during last year's farmer's market. This year's Willow Creek Farmer's Market will start this Friday, June 21. Farmer's market hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heppner City Park. The market will run into October.

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)

## Good news for Northwest wheat growers from APHIS

Northwest wheat leadership is gratified by the announcement from the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) that the finding of biotech wheat in an Oregon field is an isolated occurrence.

Blake Rowe, CEO of the Oregon Wheat Industry, said the USDA's report supports the industry's judgment that this would turn out to be an isolated event.

"To have this finding issued by USDA is reassuring. This is good information for our markets as we move forward."

Glen Squires, CEO of the Washington Grain Commission, said he understands APHIS is conducting a thorough review and hopes this announcement takes the investigation one

step closer to its conclusion.

"This is evidence that the system works," he said.

Blaine Jacobson, administrator of the Idaho Wheat Commission, is hopeful this gives confidence to our key customers,

including Japan and Korea, that they can continue to rely on wheat from the Northwest for their finest wheat based products.

"We appreciate the professionalism and thoroughness with which APHIS has conducted this investigation," he said.

## Justice Court Report

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

-Charlene Hoobler, 32, of Lexington failed to appear and was found guilty of no ops and failure to carry proof of insurance.

She was fined \$520 for current citations and \$433 on past citations.

-Brandi Larae Heide-man, 31, of Heppner pled not guilty to telephone harassment.

She was found guilty and fined \$454.

## Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:

**June 12:** -Jacob Michael Calvert, 26, of Heppner and Gaylynn Lobato, 28, of Heppner.

-Joshua Paul Winters, 28, of Lexington and Haley May Kostuba, 27, of Lexington.

**June 13:** -Ever De J Orellana Peraza, 32, of Boardman and Yuliana Lara Madrigal, 21, of Boardman.



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Family references available upon request.

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