WCCC to hold 2014 annual meeting

Willow Creek Country Club will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Columbia Basin building, to elect new board members and select 2014 officers.

Gary Propheter, 2013 Board President, shall review the 2013 highlights and discuss the 2014 golf season.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting, the 2013 board shall convene a regular board meeting and review the 2013 financial performance of the golf club, the 2014 budget, and make committee assignments for the coming year.

All 2013 members of WCCC are welcome to attend both meetings. Member participation and input are welcome.

Jan. 17 is deadline to vote for FSA county committee

Heppner—USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kyle Carnine reminded farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers this week that they have until this Friday, Jan. 17, to return completed ballots to FSA.

Eligible voters who have not received a ballot can obtain one from their local USDA Service Center. The last day for voters to submit completed ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers is Jan. 17. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Jan. 17.

County committee members provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA. Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity price support programs; conservation programs; incentive indemnity and disaster programs for some commodities; emergency programs and eligibility. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote.

Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate nominations during the nomination period, which ended on Aug. 1.

Each committee consists of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election each year.

More information on county committees, such as the 2013 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or at a local USDA Service Center.

SWCD, MCLG to meet

The 2014 joint SWCD and Morrow County Livestock Grower program will take place Friday, Jan. 17, at the St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall, Heppner.

The Morrow SWCD monthly meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the SWCD annual meeting at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m.

After lunch, the joint program will take place from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

The proposed agenda includes Soil Health in Morrow County, Blue-Green Algae, Wolf Update, Wildlife Habitat Program Update, Clean Water Act Update and Grazing Management.

The MCLG annual meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting will include an Oregon Cattlemen update and a presentation on beef cattle research by Dr. Tim DelCurto.

Umatilla Basin ground water committee to meet

A meeting of the Lower Umatilla Basin Ground Water Management Area Committee will take place Thursday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hermiston Ag Research Extension Center Conference Room, 2121 S. 1st Street, Hermiston.

Do you receive infusion or injection therapy on a regular basis? If you do and you would like to avoid the cost and hassles of traveling to receive this therapy, Pioneer Memorial Hospital may be able to help you.

In many cases our physicians can work with your doctor to allow you to have your medication administered here, close to home.

Local residents are currently receiving medications to treat Crohn's Disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis, some types of Anemia and other chronic conditions on an out-patient basis at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. IV antibiotic treatment for Osteomyelitis and other conditions is also available at the hospital on an out-patient basis.
We do not administer chemotherapy.

For more information, please contact Director of Nursing Molly Rhea at 541-676-9133.

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at sewer plant, and also built a stand for the station so it flows out evenly.

• The city cleaned and TV inspected a section of sewer main line on Cannon St., and also cleaned a trouble spot on Shobe St. and cleaned Union St.

Streets Dept.

• Had one snow event that took up several days of sanding, de-icing and clearing sidewalks.

• The city hung up winter/Christmas banners and Christmas wreaths.

• Put up new stop sign at Quaid and Main St.

• Put up new stop sign at Center and Gale.

• Swept the town twice this last month.

• Replaced the snow plow lights because they were broken.

Parks Dept.

• The city park restroom froze and a pipe broke. This happened because the old floor heating went out. Replacement heating has been ordered and will be put in when it arrives.

• The city crew worked on a hand rail for a section of sidewalk out at Hager Park. It is almost done.

• The city has purchased a 2005 F-350 for its fleet. Eventually it will replace the 1994 F-250 used for sanding and plowing.

• It was also reported that Michael Angell has submitted his resignation from the public works crew. The city has hired Charles Ferguson, who already has his CDL (commercial drivers license), of Lexington to replace him.

Sheriff Department Dec. Report

Traffic

There were six traffic stops, all resulting in warnings.

There was one parking complaint.

A deputy investigated a motor vehicle crash.

A driver was warned for failing to stop for school bus lights.

Code Enforcement

Six animal calls were reported. One cat was taken to Pet Rescue.

A deputy contacted a resident regarding a code issue.

Theft Complaints

Deputies responded to four alarm calls.

Deputies investigated two thefts.

A person reported a fraud.

A burglary was reported; however, nothing appeared to have been taken.

All Other

An assault was reported, which was determined to be unfounded.

Deputies investigated a report of a damaged residence.

A deputy is investigating a criminal mischief case where a tire may have been slashed.

A person reported her spouse was harassing her. Deputies responded and determined it was a verbal argument. The parties were separated for the night.

A deputy arrested an adult on outstanding warrants.

A deputy conducted a welfare check.

A deputy contacted three males. One of the males was warned for urinating in public.

A person reported a suspicious vehicle. A deputy checked the area and was unable to locate anything suspicious.

A deputy is investigating a damaged screen.

A person reported her alarm was sounding. A deputy checked the residence and determined it to be unfounded.

A person reported his wife may be in Heppner and she may be suicidal. A deputy determined the female was not in Heppner.

MCSO received a report of a female screaming at a residence. The female was arrested on a probation violation.

Fire Chief Rusty Estes also gave a report for the year 2013 which included: 25 motor vehicle accidents, 25 instances of securing the helicopter landing zone, 14 wildland fires, one flu fire, 11 responses to structure fires, 14 ambulance calls, four false alarms, two haystack fires, one explosion, four mutual aide assists to Ione, three to Gilliam County, one each to Boardman, Umatilla and Lexington. There were a total of 116 page outs for emergency responders in 2013.

The following committee members and positions for 2014 were also announced:

Planning Commission

Dave Fowler, John Anderson, Nancy Gochnauer, Jeff Bailey, Vi Wilgers, Don Stroeber, Patti Allstott

Budget Committee

Al Scott, Gail Gutierrez, Steve Rhea, Tawny Miles, Tom Wolff, Jackie Allstott, Ralph Walker

Beautification Committee

Joe Perry (Mayor), Kay Proctor, Les Paustian, Vi Wilgers, Joanne Burleson, Merle Cowett

Fire Dept. Advisory Committee

Mike Jones, Dean Robinson, Jay Keithley, Steve Rhea, Hal Bergstrom, Corey Sweeney

Saint Patrick's Celebration

Sheryll Bates, Joann Burleson

Christmas Parade of Lights Chairperson: Sheryll Bates

Police Commission

John Bowles (Council), Les Paustian, Merle Cowett

Utilities Commission

Dale Bates (Council), Tom Wolff, Randy Sample

Personnel Committee

(Mayor) Joe Perry, (Council) Ronald Matthews, (Council) John Bowles, Keith Lewis

Municipal Judge

Ann Spicer

Council Commission Appointments

Police Commissioner: John Bowles

Fire Department Commissioner: Corey Sweeney

Beautification/Parks and Lands Commissioner: Jo Anne Burleson

Utility Commissioner: Dale Bates

Personnel Commissioner: John Bowles

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Costello, from RHS head secretary position to accept promotion; employment/promotions/transfers-Chad Schultz, increase hours from 75 percent to full time ACH assistant custodian, Michelle Osborne from IJSH assistant cook to head cook, Billie Barker, from IES special education assistant to WRE special ed assistant, replacing Pat Klaviter, Stacy Oglevee, from RHS special ed assistant to IES special ed assistant, replacing Billie Barker, Dennis Force, ACH assistant custodian, replacing Steve Brown, Becky Davis, IES special ed assistant, Nicole Pearson, IES ed assistant, Cheryl Costello, from RHS head secretary to executive secretary to assistant to board and superintendent and assistant human resources director; extra duty contracts-Jared Purcell RHS assistant girls' basketball coach, Phil Joyce, IJH assistant boys' basketball coach.

-approved rescinded, new or revised policies on staff development, instructional goals, animals in school facilities, public records, drug and alcohol testing-transportation personal.

-accepted $2,500 in unanticipated revenue from Chris Rauch, who donated to the Boardman high school. Rauch donated $1,400 to the Riverside High School boys' basketball program and $1,100 to the Riverside High School's academic programs.

-heard the following announcements: end of semester-January 15; Martin Luther King Day holiday-January 20; next board meeting, Irrigon Elementary School-February 10, 7 p.m.

Violin, piano recital planned for Fossil

The Wheeler County Cultural Coalition is sponsoring a free performance of classical music for violin and piano on Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Fossil.

Performers are Lisa Robertson of Fossil and Pendleton, violin, and Dr. James Cook of Boise, piano. The program includes pieces by Brahms, Debussy, and Chopin.

Lisa Robertson was a member of European professional chamber ensembles and orchestras for nearly 15 years.

She is now employed by the Oregon East Symphony in their Playing For Keeps program, where she teaches violin in private lessons and classes to students from ages 5-18.

Dr. James Cook is a native of the northwestern United States. He has degrees from the Juilliard School and the University of Southern California in piano performance. Cook has performed throughout the world.

Bagpipes, haggis part of Condon's toast to local heritage

Condon, OR will celebrate the poetry of Scotland's Robert Burns and local Scottish heritage on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the 17th annual Robert Burns Supper in Condon. The event will take place at the Condon Elks Lodge on Condon's historic Main Street, beginning at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Times-Journal in Condon, 541-384-2421, and at the door. Tickets are $17 per person, or $30 for a couple for all day and evening events.