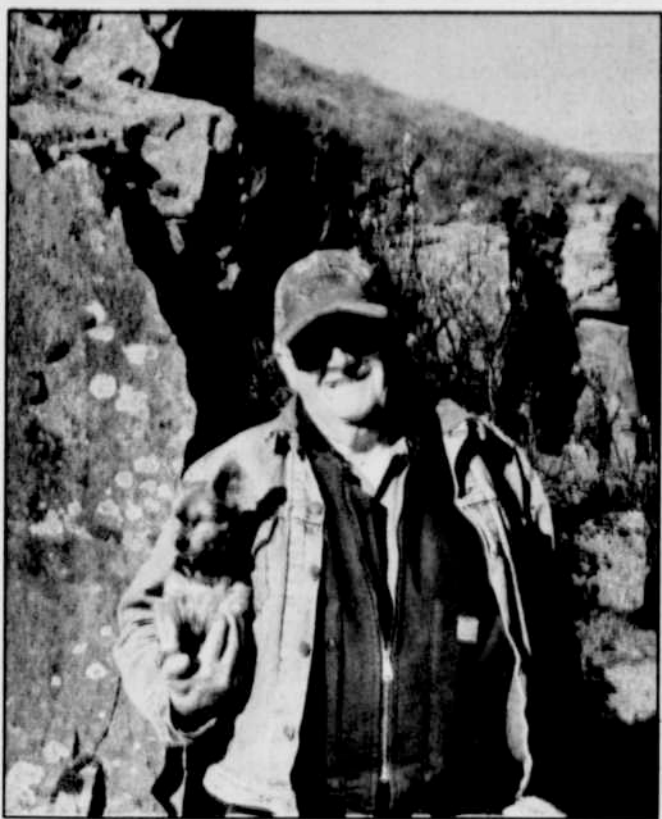


TALKING ROCKS



Frank Osmin stands near some of the blue basalt from the Osmin ranch. —Contributed photo

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which operates the Ag Museum and the Heritage Museum, will accept tax deductible donations for the plaques. Donors have the option of the name of a family, organization, or 'In honor of...' or 'In memory of...' inscribed on the plaque.

Proposed Talking Rocks and Plaques

- Jackson Morrow—by courthouse—PURCHASED
- Irish Heritage/Sheep—by Main Street shamrock—PURCHASED
- Native Americans—by Willow Creek
- Railroad—near Ag Museum near where railroad ended
- Chinese Citizens—near old washhouse
- Logging/Milling—Agriculture—by Ag Museum
- Civilian Conservation Corps—near county fairgrounds
- Ranchers/Cattlemen—near old stockyards
- Schools—Hospitals/Doctors/Medical—near current hospital
- Dam/Flooding/Soil Conservation—near Willow Creek Dam
- County Courthouse—near courthouse
- Suggestions—bring them on!

Heppner, OR 97836, Attention: Larry Mills.

For further information, contact Kay Proctor, kayproctor@gmail.com, 541-676-9827, or Kim Cutsforth through city hall, 541-676-9618 or Heppner@centurytel.net.

HEPPNER VOTES ON MARIJUANA

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facilities must be located in a commercial zone and cannot be less than 1,000 feet from a school or another facility. However, Morrow County Planner Carla McLane urged the gathered cities and counties to use the one-year time frame to come up with "creative" ways to regulate any marijuana facility that tries to locate here after the moratorium expires on May 1, 2015.

"After 2015, if you don't want medical marijuana facilities, you are going to have to become a little creative in order to disallow them," McLane said.

About 14 people attended the public hearing last week, and the consensus was in favor of the moratorium. No one spoke against it.

"I like Heppner," said Alisa Hill. "If something like this comes into our community it will change our whole atmosphere," she said. "If people want this let them go to Washington."

"I hope you kept it out," she added.

About 18 members of the four public entities attended the hearing. There was also a hearing scheduled in Boardman last week. Each community will vote on the moratorium. Heppner passed it Monday night and the Morrow County Court is scheduled to discuss the matter on April 16.

To further complicate matters there are at least four measures on the ballot in November seeking complete legalization of marijuana in Oregon, and marijuana possession and use is still against federal law. However, the attorney general has indicated federal government will not enforce these laws and will leave it up to the states.

The Association of Oregon Counties also has come up with the top 10 things it found wrong with the new Oregon Medical Marijuana Dispensary law.

1. Only four employees to run the whole program.

Colorado struggled to run a similar program with over two dozen employees.

The Governor has called for "extraordinarily vigorous...enforcement of the rules." With only four employees, there will be virtually no enforcement of the rules.

2. Dispensers are unlicensed and unregulated.

Unlike others who lawfully dispense drugs and alcohol in our community, such as pharmacists and alcohol servers, those who will dispense marijuana in dispensaries are unlicensed and unregulated.

3. Testing facilities are unlicensed and unregulated.

4. Manufacturers are unlicensed and unregulated.

5. Product types are unregulated. (e.g., BHO, RSO, hashish, etc)

6. Packaging and marketing are unregulated. (e.g., gummi bears, candy bars, etc)

7. Labeling is largely unregulated.



Photo examples of THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) infused products attractive to youth, such as the above pop-like beverages, were passed out at a medical marijuana hearing in Heppner last week. —Contributed photo

8. Zoning issues are convoluted.

9. Local control issues will be litigated.

10. The Indoor Clean Air Act doesn't apply. Smoking on premises by employees will be allowed.

The Heppner City Council Monday voted unanimously in favor of the moratorium. In other action at the meeting, the council heard that Bob Kilkenny, who lives on Hager St. in Heppner, has volunteered to pay for a new 30X40 concrete basketball court to be constructed at Hager Park. Shorter baskets for smaller children will be installed on the court. The council voted to work with Kilkenny on building the new facility.

The council heard from Morrow County Health District Administrator/CEO Dan Grigg, who explained the upcoming levy vote.

"We are very fortunate to have the quality facilities we have here," Grigg told the council. He also pointed out that the levy is a continuation of a previous one and will not result in any higher taxing. Grigg also passed out a brochure that had details about the upcoming levy.

The council heard a report from City Manager Kim Cutsforth, who said that in March the city prepared for the annual Saint Patrick's Day Celebration.

"It was a very successful weekend," she said.

Cutsforth also attended a county and city Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting (NHMP: formerly known as PDMP) and has been working on the finalized plan for the city.

She has been meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers, NCRS, Oregon Water Resources (OWR), DEQ and the recently-formed Local Irrigator's District to discuss the impact of the irrigation district's point of diversion change on the City's outflow permit.

Cutsforth said she submitted a grant proposal to the Wildhorse Foundation for funding for a proposed new basketball court. She said the grants are awarded in July.

It was reported that Dice Construction began leveling the soccer field at Hager Park. The topsoil will be screened for rocks and then the city crew can begin installing irrigation and seeding.

She had been meeting with Ferguson Engineering to begin finding solutions to the punch list on the

Slopes and Drainage project on Water St. The city would like to close this project, but there are a few repairs required prior to closing, which includes fixing the sidewalk at Carolyn McDaniel's house.

Cutsforth said she was working with ODOT, the Corp, ODFW and OWR to coordinate the bridge removal on the Sperry Street Project. Dice Construction would like to have this project completed by the end of May, she said.

The council also heard the police report for March:

Traffic- There were 12 traffic stops, resulting in one citation. There were three driving complaints.

A deputy investigated a motor vehicle crash.

MCSO received three parking complaints.

Code Enforcement- Thirteen animal calls were reported. One citation was issued. Deputies worked on six city code violations.

A deputy responded to a complaint of loud music coming from a vehicle. The deputy contacted the driver and warned the driver.

Theft Complaints- A person reported theft of a trash can.

MCSO investigated a burglary of a residence.

All Other- One adult was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant.

A person reported a suspicious vehicle and people. A deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.

A resident reported a person from the U.S. Census Bureau came to their residence and they thought it was suspicious. A deputy determined everything to be legitimate.

A deputy received a report of unknown people at a residence. The deputy determined everything was fine and that it was a civil issue over the residence.

A resident called advised she heard noises. A deputy checked the area. The deputy was unable to locate anything suspicious.

Deputies handled five found property calls.

A deputy investigated a report of child neglect.

A deputy relayed an emergency message to a resident.

A deputy investigated a report of sexual harassment.

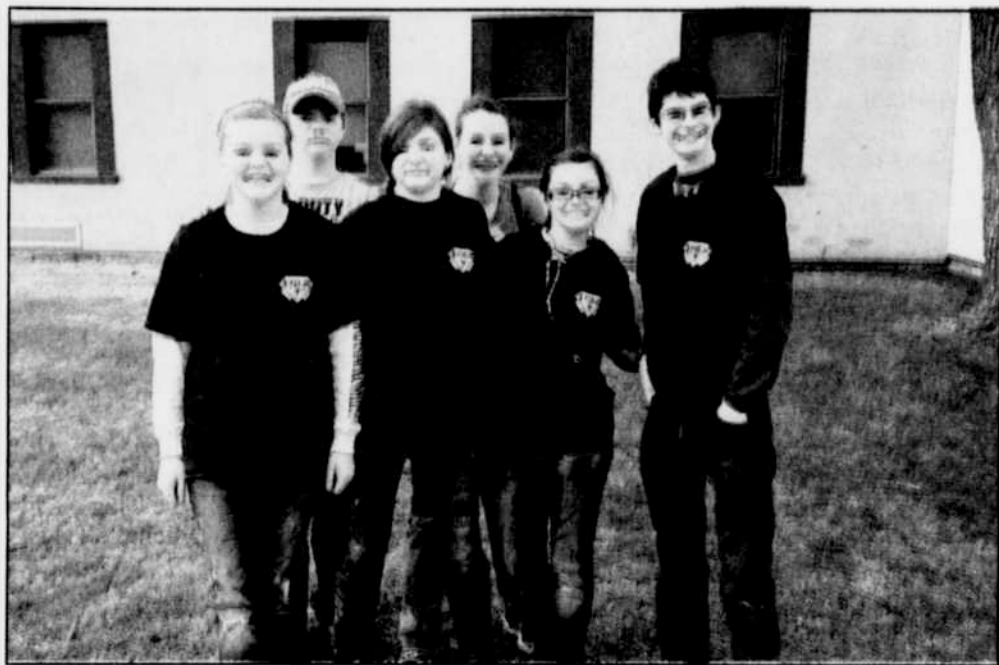
MCSO deputies assisted with a funeral escort.

Deputies investigated five dispute calls.

Three people contacted a deputy regarding a civil issue surround a rental house. Deputies responded to three false alarm calls. Deputies assisted with events during St. Patrick's celebration.

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5:00

County youth attend 4-H leadership retreat



Morrow County EOLR participants (L-R) Morgan Orem, Ethan Akers, Malysa Smith, Lexi Bray, Emily Taylor and Kane Sweeney. —Contributed photo

The weekend of March 7-9, a group of six teens from Morrow County made the trip to John Day for the 2014 Eastern Oregon Leadership Retreat (EOLR), "Leading the World for 30 Years!"

The group made a few pit stops on the trip to John Day, beginning at the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, followed by a tour of Malheur Lumber Company and the Malheur National Forest's helibase

and rappeler station.

During this weekend retreat, youth participated in various leadership classes taught by their peers on the Governing Board (teams compiled of two teens from each hosting county), took part in community service projects around the local area, listened to guest speakers, went to a dance and game night, and also went bowling or watched a movie in the historic Grantville Theater

in Canyon City.

It was "a jam-packed weekend full of learning, growing and plenty of laughs."

For questions and more information about the local 4-H program, please contact their office at 541-676-9642, follow them on Facebook under "Morrow County 4-H Oregon," stop by their office or check out their website at www.extension.oregonstate.edu/morrow.

Crawfords celebrate anniversary, birthday

Delmer and Francine Crawford invite family and friends to celebrate their

65th wedding anniversary and Delmer's 90th birthday

1-5 p.m. at the Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main Street, Hermiston.



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