

# BOMBING RANGE

-Continued from PAGE ONE meeting and said the Navy has made progress in past several years with partnering with the local agencies, but said on issues like reimbursement, they don't seem to move on the issue. Capt. Moore said they would look into it and give assistance in filling out the required FEMA paper work for reimbursement.

Former County Judge Terry Tallman said Bombing Range Road needs to be protected since it is a major arterial linking north and

south county. He also said the Nature Conservancy is "pretty closed mouthed" about their property and cooperation on fire control.

"They have a hard time even letting us set foot on their property," Tallman said. "They should be doing what the Navy is doing but they are not interested in spending any dollars out there," he added.

Tallman said the Nature Conservancy, which has a large tract of land right next to the Bombing Range, is difficult to deal with and

even sees fires as a natural part of the environment. "If their 22,000 acres get started they don't care if it burns. They feel fire is natural and should not necessarily be stopped. Most people for Nature Conservancy live in Lake Oswego, and are hard to deal with," Tallman said, from his experiences as county judge.

In another Bombing Range issue, Moore said there is going to be a new hangar and runway built for the training of a new piece of drone equipment called the Shadow. He said there would be updates of \$13.8 million to the range to also accommodate heavy weapons firing. "There is no place a soldier can live fire a .50 caliber machine gun anywhere in Oregon," he pointed out. The Bombing Range does have a machine gun range.

In other business at their meeting the commissioners discussed hiring a project manager for the much-discussed facility expansion and upgrade at the north end of the county. The commissioners have been discussing for the past six months what to do about outdated and inadequate facilities, mainly in Irrigon.

One option put forward has been to purchase a former Blue Mountain Community College building in Boardman and move many of the county facilities now located in Irrigon there. Irrigon citizens have attended several commission meetings, speaking against this move. They would like to see new buildings constructed in Irrigon, and the services left there.

The commissioners have said they want to get a better feel on the costs of the two options before they make any decisions; however, commission chair Melissa Lindsay said first the commission needs a clear idea, and agreement on what they want done. "I am not sure our vision is clear," she said, pointing out they will not at this point be able to tell a project manager what they want.

Commissioner Doherty said a manger was needed. "We need to bring a project manager on board then start pulling our vision together. We need to give the project manager our vision."

Lindsay said she felt the commission had not yet "gotten there."

County administrator Jerry Sorte attempted to summarize what the project manager's job would be, saying they need someone to identify the quality of the current structures and the amount of space now available, and then develop options and talk to the commission about those options. From there the next move would be to find out what the community and the commission supports. Lindsay said she agrees the need for more office space is there, she just was not sure what it is they were asking the project manager to do. Commissioner Don Russel said the project person should come up with two to six options and the value of each one, then take a tour of the county and see what the people support.

Citizen Sue Oliver asked the commissioners if these options were going to be available for the public to comment on. She also asked if the decision on where to locate county facilities is going to be based on just dollars, or there would be a "philosophical" consideration. "Should you maintain a presence in all the county communities?" she asked. "You as a commission have not said a presence in each community is important. If it is all about dollars, then all of it goes to Boardman," she added.

Sorte urged the commission to bring on a project manager. "If we are going to move forward then we need someone to handle this process. We don't have staff to handle a project of this size. We need resources to move through this process," he told the commission.

County Planner Carla McLane agreed. "We as staff are busy. We are all busy." McLane also felt there should be public input as the process moves forward. "We need someone to identify our needs and then generate options and take them to the public," McLane said.

Russell said he wanted people to have accurate information on what the county was going to do. "So far it has been emotional and based on a lot of false information," he said.

After discussion the commission voted unanimously to hire a project manager.

# Grieb selected for basketball all-star series



Mustang Logan Grieb was selected to play in the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association All Star Basketball Series this month. -Contributed photo

Heppner Mustang basketball player Logan Grieb has been selected to play in the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association All Star Basketball Series.

The games will be held on June 16 at Northwest Christian University in Eugene and on June 17 at Wilsonville High School.

The series showcases top players from around the state in the 2A/3A/4A divisions of the Oregon Schools Activities Association. Teams are divided up by regions from around the state and then each team plays

two of the other regional teams. Logan will be playing on the east team, which will also feature players from La Grande, Estacada, Gladstone, Burns, Imbler and Weston-McEwen high schools.

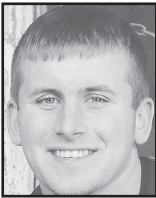
Logan finished his senior season by averaging 17 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals per game.

He was named the Player of the Year in the Columbia Basin Conference and was selected to the OSAA 2A Boys Basketball All State second team.

# Grieb, Murray named to Shrine team



Kevin Murray



Logan Grieb

Heppner High School Athletic Director Greg Grant

and the Oregon Shriners have announced that Mustang athletes Kevin Murray and alternate Logan Grieb have been selected to participate in the 2017 East West Shrine All-Star Football Game. The 65th annual event will take place Saturday, Aug. 5, in Baker City, OR.

## The View from the Green

# Over the Tee Cup

It was a sunny and warm spring day for the 21 women who teed off at the Willow Creek Country Club ladies play day Tuesday, May 27. Nancy Propheter took low gross of the field, while Betty Burns took low net and Kris Lindner had least putts.

For Flight A, Virginia Grant had low gross, Pat Edmundson low net, Eva Kilkenny least putts, and Nancy Propheter the long drive and KP.

For Flight B, Corol Mitchell had low gross, Judy Harris low net, Shirley

Martin least putts, Sarah Rucker the long drive and Karen Haguewood KP.

For Flight C, Bev Steagall had low gross, Nancy Arnson low net, Kathy Martin least putts and Lorene Montgomery the long drive.

In addition, Virginia Grant had a birdie on #8, Betty Burns a birdie on #4 and Karen Haguewood a birdie on #3.

In upcoming events, the annual Jo Pettyjohn tournament is planned for June 9-11 at WCCC.

# WCCC holds family golf event

Willow Creek Country Club held its Memorial Day family golf and barbecue event on Monday, May 29. The golfers participated in an evening of golf and were thankful for the light breeze that made the 90-plus temperature bearable.

The scramble teams of Gary and Nancy Propheter and John Edmundson and Nicole Propheter tied for first place.

The next WCCC special activity will be a two-person fun night on Friday, June 16, at 6 p.m. The committee members are Tony and Tiffany Clement and Sharon Harrison. The theme for the evening is "Partners in Crime!" Light snacks will be served.

This activity night is for high school graduates and older. Singles are welcome.

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# SWCD, weed board to meet

The Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, June 6, at noon. Agenda items include the weed supervisor report of activities and board discussion, SWCD financial review, staff reports, partner reports and 2017-18 Annual Work Plan review.

Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public. For more information, contact Janet Greenup at 541-676-5452 ext. 109.

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# READER BOARD



Celebrating the installation of the new Heppner schools reader board are (L-R) 2016-17 ASB officers Kolby Currin, Jacob Lindsay, Sophie Grant, Taylor Hamby and Kevin Murray with CBEC General Manager Thomas Wolff. -Contributed photo

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County School District, the schools now have the ability to keep the community informed of activities by posting current school events on the reader board.

Helping make the sign a reality were CBEC Manager Thomas Wolff and the

board of directors: John Qualls, Gerry Arnson, Roy Carlson, Deacon Heide- man, Lori Anderson, Gary Wilde and Daniel Lindsay.

The schools say they will use the reader board to alert the community of academic and athletic activities, as well as announce school closures or delays.

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