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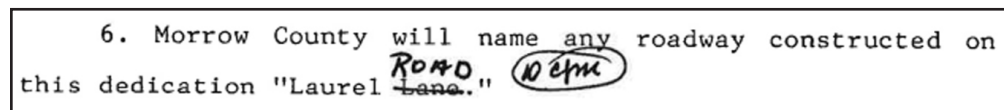
Morrow County Health District is seeking an EMT-Paramedic or Intermediate for a full-time position in Heppner. Must be currently licensed in Oregon and be able to respond within call response area. Job duties include emergency response and transport, providing assistance in the Emergency Department at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and participation in community health-related activities. Will have time on shared call schedule. Must work well with the public and possess excellent communication skills. \$22.92 – 34.19 per hour. Excellent benefit package. Pre-employment background check and drug screen required. Applications are available at www.morrow-countyhealthdistrict.org or by calling 541-676-2949. Please e-mail applications to pattia@mocohd.org or fax to 541-676-2901. EEOE.



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Laurel has an identity crisis

Laurel Lane - Laurel Road - Laurel Lane Road. Which is it?



Above: A document was produced showing Lane crossed out and replaced with Road. Right: One county road sign says Laurel Lane, another less than a mile away says Laurel Lane Rd.

By David Sykes

All Boardman resident Ed Glenn wants is the property he dedicated for a new road 36 years ago to be properly named. Glenn said he and his partner Dewey West, in 1983 dedicated some land between Wilson Road and the new Port of Morrow interchange for a new county road. It was supposed to be named Laurel Lane. He says the name at the last minute was changed by then county judge Don McElligott without Glenn's written permission, to Laurel Road, and the county has been referring to it by road since. Glenn, who lives on Laurel, says it's wrong and he wants it fixed. The road runs between Wilson Rd. and the I-84 interchange and is less than one mile long.

After what he says has been a 30-year effort to get the name changed back to Laurel Lane, Glenn last month began

a correspondence with the county. Last week he showed up with his wife Frances at the county commissioner meeting. "I am no longer in the mood to agree to the name 'Laurel Lane Road,'" Glenn told the commissioners. "Therefore, I expect Morrow County to comply to the dedication and amend any and all maps to show the name Laurel Lane." And Glenn hinted that he could legally withdraw his dedication of the property if his request is not complied with.

Glenn says the Boardman postmistress says the road he lives on, to the Post Office anyway, is Laurel Road. A sign at the Yates road end of Laurel says Lane and a sign at the other end where it intersects Wilson Rd., is apparently trying to have it both ways. He says both the City of Boardman and Morrow County say the name is Laurel Road.

"I do not expect to be compelled to exercise my right of reversion (negating the dedication of the land for the road) contained in the dedication," Glenn said. "Morrow County can accept the dedication pursuant to the conditions contained and thereby avoid the significant cost of litigation," the former attorney Glenn wrote.

Glenn did say that he "may" have made a verbal agreement with McElligott to accept the name change but he

is not sure. "Sometime later, I don't remember when, County Judge Don McElligott came to me and vaguely represented that Morrow County was required to name north-south roads 'Roads' and east-west roads 'Lanes'. Based on that representation I did verbally agree that Laurel Lane could be named 'Laurel Lane Road' although to do so would destroy the poetic ring of 'Laurel Lane'," he says. However, Glenn now says he expected to receive something in writing backing up that verbal name change agreement. But "none has ever been presented." He adds that the crossing out of the name was done by McElligott only and was not an action of the full three-member county court.

Glenn's wife Frances said she taught business at the Riverside High School for many years and knows it takes more than one person signing a contract to make it legal. "Two parties have to sign," she says concerning only an initial on the document by McElligott. "We are going to be around for only five or ten more years and after that name it whatever you want," she said.

County officials seemed to agree that the road name needs to be changed to Laurel Lane. "I'm going to enforce the deal that was made," Commissioner Jim Doherty said in siding with the name Laurel Lane. "I think the county



needs to fix it," county legal counsel Justin Nelson said in going with officially changing the name to Lane. County planner Carla McLane was at the meeting and said the change would require the same road name change procedure as any other, notify property owners along the road, holding a public hearing and then the county commission taking the legal action to change it. The commission voted unanimously to move forward with the process of making the change.

In other business the commissioners heard from county administrator Darrell Green who said he had received a bid of \$77,629 for remodeling the Bartholomew Building in Heppner. The commission voted to accept the bid from Kirby Naqelhou Construction Co. of Pendleton.

Heard from Sgt. Ivy Zimmerman Adams and Deputy Erik Patton of the Sheriff's office about a new software program to replace an old and outdated system. The new software will be used for civil law, record keeping and office manager. The old system was created in 1985 and support for the program ended 25 years ago. The program will automate several processes that are currently done by hand and is very customizable, Zimmerman Adams said. She said all the data would be backed up offsite for reinstalling in the event of a computer crash. The contract for the new system is \$41,798, plus approximately \$5,000 per year for maintenance and support, which the commission voted to approve.

Suspect arrested after pursuit

Jeffrey Alan Kelly, 41, of Irrigon, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court Secret Indictment Warrant on Sodomy II and Sex Abuse I after a pursuit through a cornfield and a hemp field on the evening of August 12.

After some strategic planning and organization Patrol Sgt. Nathan Braun attempted a traffic stop on Kelly. After failing to stop, Kelly attempted to elude, leading Sgt. Braun, Sgt. Snyder and Undersheriff Bowles on a pursuit. Sheriff Ken Matlack, Patrol Sgt. Todd Siex, Deputy Tanner Cooney, Deputy Thomas Way and Deputy Taylor Wasserman were all in the area attempting to close off escape routes.

Kelly and a passenger fled in a 2007 silver Suburban driving east on Columbia, then east on Highway 730. Kelly turned south on Division toward Depot Lane. The suspect then entered a cornfield and a hemp field and drove around some irrigation circles, eventually getting stuck in the brush. Both



Jeffrey Alan Kelly

suspects attempted to flee on foot but were taken into custody about 20 minutes after the attempted traffic stop. Passenger, Lucia Madrigal, 31, of Boardman was initially detained and later released without charges.

Jeffrey Alan Kelly was arrested on Morrow County Circuit Court Secret Indictment Warrant on Sodomy II and Sex Abuse I. He is lodged in the Umatilla County Jail with bail set at \$1,000,000. Further probable cause (PC) charges are pending. They include Felony Elude, Criminal Mischief I, Criminal Trespass II (X3), Reckless Endangering (x3) and Fail to Register as a Sex Offender.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has released the following information:

May 3 (cont.): Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that a reddish maroon Ford pickup was going 40+ mph toward Tenth St. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon, that a red Ford F-150 came down Utah going approx. 45 mph. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Hwy 74, Heppner of a vehicle fire, no visible flames. Vehicle is non-blocking and not a road hazard at this time.

-MCSO received a report at Hinton St/NW Gale St, Heppner that subject just ran RP off the road near the museum. Advised she had to go up on the curb to avoid being hit.

-MCSO received a re-

port at Heppner Shell Station on N Main St, Heppner that he backed into the fifth wheel across from the store. Advised there isn't any damage to the trailer but there is damage to his vehicle and glass in the parking lot.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that there is a car driving around playing loud music. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on SE Utah Ave, Irrigon that red Pontiac Grand Am drove down Utah and stopped in front of RP's house, put the car in neutral and revved his engine. RP feels harassed by the male subject and wants a deputy to make contact. He does not know his name but has called in several complaints about this vehicle. Unable

to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Columbia Ln, Irrigon that RP heard a little girl scream. When she looked up, she saw 4-5 dark figures running up the street toward the fish hatchery and they disappeared after Third Street, chasing a little girl who she heard scream several times. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report that Joseph William Leonard was arrested by Portland Police Department on IJC warrant. Lodged at Multnomah County Jail awaiting transport.

-MCSO received a report at Irrigon High School on SE Wyoming Ave, Irrigon that the concession stand has a light on. Unable to located anything suspicious. Did secure the bathrooms.

Blood drive scheduled

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on Thursday, Aug. 15 from noon to 5 p.m.

Donors are asked to call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org (morrow) to schedule an appointment.

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Above: Cecilia McElligott, John McElligott, Haylie Peterson, members of the Homestead 4-H Club prepare for fair. Below: Exhibitors prepare to check in their fair entries.



Morrow County Fair exhibitors get ready for the fair



James Crum with his fair entry.



Ellie Sak models the skirt she made in the 4-H Fashion Review.



Brianna Serrano models her entry in the My Favorite Outfit category. -Fair photos by Giselle Moses.

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