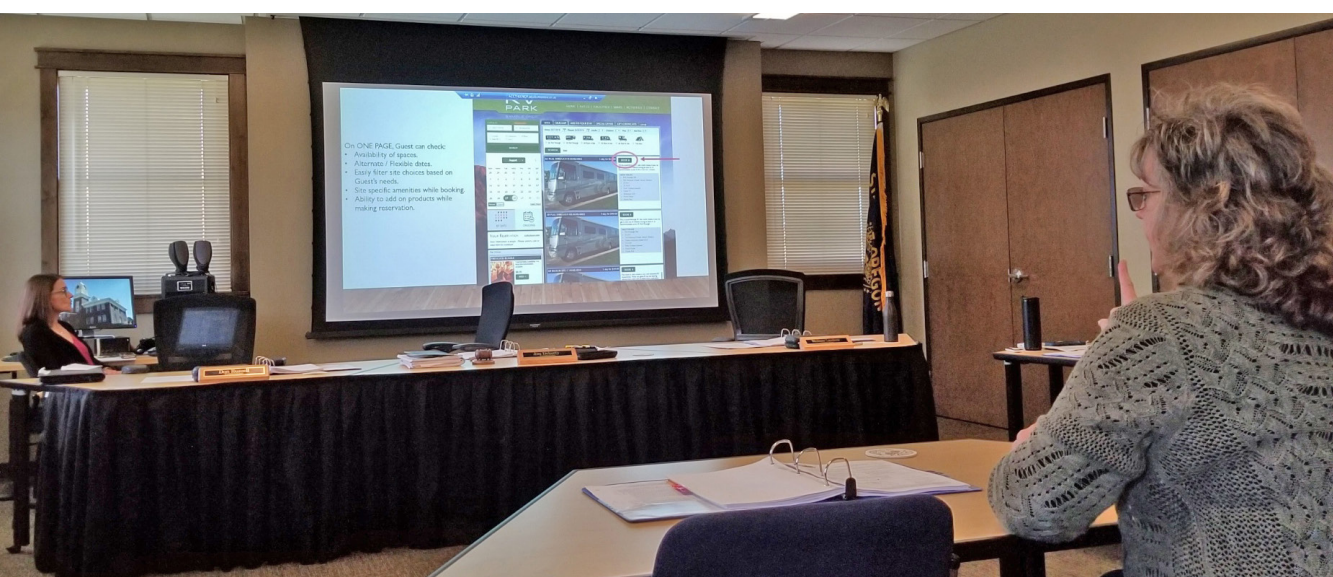


County prepares for rollout of new park reservation system

More 'user friendly' park reservation bookings



County Finance Director Kate Knop (left) and Sandi Pointer of Public Works show commissioners new look of county park online reservation system. Photos by David Sykes

By David Sykes

On January first Morrow County will unveil its new campground booking system county officials say is much needed and overdue. The new system will be much more user friendly, including smart phone usable, allowing park visitors to book their stays at any of the three Morrow County parks much easier. The new system will also cost the county less than the current more cumbersome website that has been used the past seven years.

Once the new reservation system, called Res-Nexus, is in place, a guest will be able to check the availability of spaces on any given date at any of the county's three campgrounds, look for certain amenities while booking the site, and purchase extra items "to enhance their camping experience," the county commissioners were told during a presentation at their meeting last week. Public Works official Sandi Pointer told the commissioners her department, which operates the parks, is looking forward to when the new system goes live on the first of the year. She said in addition to the easier

usage and added features, the system will also keep in touch which campers who use the county parks. An email system will be able to send out newsletters to repeat campers. The county has three parks which will use the system: Anson Wright, Off Highway Vehicle, and Cutsforth. It may also cover the campsites at the fairgrounds.

County Finance Director Kate Knop said the new system will also be cost effective, saving the county about \$2,000 per year over the current booking website. The new site will go live on January 1, 2020. The first of the year is when campers have traditionally been able to begin making reservations for the coming year. "I like it," said Commissioner Don Russell. "It's much more user friendly."

New Juvenile Director

In other business at the meeting commissioners introduced the new Juvenile Director Christy Kenny. She is replacing Tom Meyers who retired. Kenny is from Morrow County, having graduated from Heppner High School in 1999. She has worked in Umatilla County for the past 15 years as a probation

counselor. Kenny will have a staff of two on her new job and work closely with the district attorney. "I'm excited to be back here and working with everyone. I know a lot of the people and look forward to meeting many more," she told the Gazette-Times. "Welcome, we are excited to have you on board," Russell said.

In other business the commission was disappointed in the way the new Justice of The Peace will be chosen. A panel of people from outside the area picked by the governor will choose the person replacing retiring JP Anne Spicer. "I find it frustrating that a position that is elected by the people of Morrow County doesn't have the opportunity to be on the committee to make the selection (for the new JP)," Commissioner Melissa Lindsay said. "It feels like Multnomah County is going to pick our next Justice of the Peace," she pointed out.

There will be an election at a later date but the appoint-

ed person will serve until then. It was announced that there were five applicants seeking the appointment by Governor Kate Brown.



New Juvenile Director Christy Kenny

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Willow Creek Country Club Men's Play

Ten participants played in the Willow Creek Country Club Men's Play on Sept. 8. Winners of the two man best ball net were: First-Rod Wilson/Ralph Walker with a 51; Second-Dave Creswick/Steve Marlatt with 52.

In Special Events, Rod Wilson took KP.

The next men's play will be September 15. This event will be the cross-country and last event of the season. The Buck Cup will be awarded and election of a new board member for men's club.

WCCC Ladies Host Tournament

The Willow Creek Country Club Ladies board hosted the 36-hole combined Lady's Champion and Eddi Skow net play tournament on September 3 and 4.

The 2019 WCCC Lady's Champion was Nancy Propheter (overall low gross). The 2019 WCCC Lady's Senior Champion was Karen Thompson (senior low gross). The 2019 Eddie Skow Champion was Pat Dougherty (overall low net). Second place low net went to Sharon Harrison.

Other results are as follows: -Flight A Low gross

Virginia Grant; Flight B Low gross Betty Burns; Low net Karen Hague-wood; Flight C 1st low gross Shirley Martin; 2nd low gross Sue Edson; 1st low net Betty Carter; 2nd low net Jeanne Creswick; Special Play Results: Long Drives; Virginia Grant, Nancy Propheter, Pat Dougherty and Betty Carter. Nancy Propheter had 3 KPs. Karen Hague-wood and Pat Dougherty had the longest putt. Nancy Propheter had a birdie on hole #4. Judy Harris and Lorrene Montgomery were hostesses.

Free Movie Shown Friday, Sept. 13

A free movie will be shown this Friday, September 13, at the All Saints Parish in Heppner beginning at 7 pm. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

This month's film, rated PG, features the story of

a grown man who re-encounters a furry childhood friend and rediscovers the joy of life. Everyone is welcome.

More information is available by calling the Hopeful Saints Ministry office at 541-676-9970.

Cemetery Maintenance Meeting Set

The Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 18. The regular meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Agenda items include minutes of previous meeting, financial report and cemetery operations. The meeting will

be held at the Ag Service Building conference room at 430 W Linden Way. Meetings of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District are open to the public according to ORS 192.640(1). For information, contact Janet Greenup at 541-561-6768.



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