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Capacity Crowd turns out for Forum



A capacity crowd turned out last Thursday to hear the Morrow County School District and the teacher's union discuss current labor problems, which have resulted in a planned strike by teachers beginning next Wednesday.

The district and teachers have been negotiating for 15 months without reaching settlement, and Thursday's town forum was used by each side to present its case to the public.

Dwayne Carroll, representing the school board, seemed to sum up the board's position, when he said voters

have spoken through repeated school levy defeats, that they don't want higher taxes.

The union, represented by four teachers, responded that there is money already in the budget to fund their requested pay increases.

The district and the teachers are unable to reach agreement mainly on wages, but other issues such as increased funding of health care insurance, continuing education requirements, travel allowance, and fair share, or the requirement that all teachers in the district pay union dues, are also at issue.

A negotiating session that lasted six hours Monday night apparently produced no results, and teachers are set to go on strike March 1 if no agreement is reached.

The district has sent out letters to parents, saying school will remain open using substitutes and teachers who do not strike.

The district also said school hours and bus schedules will remain the same in the event of a strike, and all support employees (secretaries, aides, custodians etc.) will remain on the job.

Boy Scouts celebrate 79 years of Scouting



Boy Scouts of America, sponsored in Heppner by the Elks, will celebrate the 79th birthday of scouting with a Blue and Gold banquet this week. Back row left to right: Ian Sweek,

Pat Birkby, Jared Eckman, Royal Robinson and front left to right: Jeff Waterland, Matt Berretta, Ryan Pettyjohn and Travis Winter.

Ione girl wins trip to Disneyland

Melissa Rowell, 16, Junior at Ione High School, won a trip to Disneyland for two in McDonald's "Splash for Cash" game.

While on a sports trip to Cascade Locks, they stopped in The Dalles and Melissa pulled the tag off her drink and won the trip for two. Included in the trip is two days

unlimited use of Disneyland, hotel, meals and breakfast with the Disney characters. The trip can be taken anytime through December. Melissa thinks she will go "the first or second week in April, and I haven't decided who will go with me, yet." The only thing Melissa has to pay is flight fare.

MCCAC meets at Kate's Feb. 27

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts group will meet Monday, February 27 at 1 p.m. at Kate's Pizzeria for their regular meeting. Anyone that is interested in arts or crafts is welcome to attend. This is a no-host meeting.

Shaw recipient of Soroptimist Scholarship



J.J. Shaw

Body of infant found in Heppner apartment

The body of an apparently full-term infant was found in an apartment in Heppner on Wednesday, February 15, according to a news release from the District Attorneys office. The Heppner Police department which is conducting an in-

The Soroptimist International Club of Heppner presented their annual Youth Citizenship Awards at their meeting February 9. The first place winner was JJ Shaw who received a check for \$150. His entry was sent on to compete in the district contest.

Second place winner was Barney Lindsay who received \$100. Both are seniors at Heppner High School.

Three independent judges made the selection from six entries based on answers to questions in the following categories: 1) aims and purposes; 2) student activities; 3) community and activities beyond community; and 4) citizenship responsibility.



Barney Lindsay

"Mamas, Do Let Your Babies Grow up to be Cowboys and Cowgirls," will be the theme for Heppner's Public Library Children's storytime. Kay Proctor will be storyteller this Thursday, at 10:30 a.m. Children are invited to wear western clothing.

Monday night board session yields no advancement in talks

Negotiators from the Morrow County School Board and Morrow County Education Association met for close to five hours Monday night in a mediator session called by state mediators John Vale and John Winter.

While none of the outstanding issues were resolved, the teachers union clarified their salary demands, says a news release from the school board. It goes on to say that the union is demanding a seven percent salary increase plus 2.2 percent increments at an estimated cost to the district of 9.2 percent.

With the strike by teachers to

begin March 1, the state mediators will retain control over the bargaining talks.

It is expected another mediating session will be scheduled before strike deadline. Mediators are provided by the state mediation service at no cost to either side.

"District officials are preparing for the strike by scheduling fully certified personnel to replace striking teachers," says Dwayne Carroll, board chairman. "The district recognizes that the teachers have a lawful right to strike, but our primary responsibility is to the students and education."

Bake sale proceeds to Cole family

The V.F.W. Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary are sponsoring a food sale to be held March 3 at the Post Office beginning at 9 a.m.

The proceeds for the sale will be

given to Gene and Phyllis Cole.

Mrs. Cole has been battling cancer.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the sale are asked to bring them to the Post Office by 9 a.m. on March 3.

Mustangs and Fillies playoff for District titles in Pendleton Feb. 24

The Columbia Basin conference championships and berths to the regional basketball tournament are at stake Friday night at the Pendleton Armory as both the Heppner High School girls and boys basketball teams will play for the district title.

The Fillies are scheduled to meet the Weston-McEwen girls in a 7 p.m. showdown and the Mustangs will face the Pilot Rock Rockets at 8:30 p.m. in games that will determine the CBC championship and who will advance to the first-round state playoffs in La Grande, March 3 and 4. The winners of both games will become district champions and advance as the number one team from the CBC to face the winner of the Wapiti League for the right to enter the Class A state tournament in Pendleton, March 8-11.

The Heppner girls earned the

number one spot in the regular season by earning a perfect 14-0 mark. Weston-McEwen is the number two team and lost twice to the Fillies during the season. The Tiger Scots finished the regular season with a 12-2 league mark. Weston-McEwen also lost to Pilot Rock in CBC play but the Rockets were forced to forfeit that win.

The Mustangs earned the number one position also through a forfeit. Both the Rockets and Heppner would have tied in league play with matching 11-3 records. During the season Pilot Rock and the Mustangs split league games with Heppner winning the first encounter by three points and the Rockets winning at Heppner by five points in overtime. Pilot Rock would have entered the district tournament as the number one team but were forced to forfeit one of their wins over Umatilla giv-

Weather Report

Feb. 14 - 26

	High	Low	Prec	Snow
Tues.	43	20	.0	2"
Weds.	47	31	.13	Tr.
Thurs.	44	30	.14	Tr.
Fri.	33	25	.21	1"
Sat.	42	26	.17	1 1/2"
Sun.	47	31	.05	Tr.
Mon.	52	27	.0	Tr.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Soft White		
Feb.		\$4.90
March		\$4.89/\$4.82
April		\$4.76/\$4.67
May		\$4.62/\$4.44
June		\$4.38/\$4.34
July		\$4.33/\$4.32
Aug.		\$4.31
Barley		
Feb.		\$107 T
March-Apr.		\$108 T
PIK		99%
New Crop Aug		\$105 T
Hard Red Winter		\$4.69



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