



May all mankind rejoice in the meaning and message of this happy, holy holiday, as we extend our warmest wishes to you for a season filled with love and joy.

Merry Christmas and many thanks.

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## Mike VanArsdale big contest winner



Ruth Maben of Court Street Market draws the lucky grand prize Christmas Punch ticket.

Mike VanArsdale of Heppner was the big winner in the final drawing of the Christmas Punch contest. He won \$600 in gift certificates to local businesses.

Other winners in this week's drawing are: Betty Mills (\$25 gift certificate to The Shoe Box), Mary Ella Moyer (Pettyjohns), Linda Kenny (Green Feed), Janet Greenup (Coast to Coast), Rita Bowman (Les Schwab Tires), and Linda Conklin (Central Market).

## Seventh-Day Adventists plan carolling

This Wednesday, Dec. 22, members of the Seventh-Day Adventist church will be carolling through the streets of Heppner.

The community is invited to join them. Those interested should meet at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church at 7 p.m.

## Post office to close early Dec. 24

The Heppner Post Office will close at 1:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

Postmaster Mike McGuire reminds everyone that any outgoing mail must be mailed before 1:30 p.m. on those days.

Those with concerns should contact McGuire at the post office.

## Gazette to close Dec. 24 & 31

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed Christmas eve, Friday, Dec. 24 and New Year's eve, Friday, Dec. 31. Advertising and news deadline will remain the same.

The Gazette staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## School board says yes to 7-12 combination

The Morrow County School Board Monday evening Dec. 20, approved a plan to combine Heppner grades seven through 12 at the high school building, but decided not to go ahead with a plan to open a high school in Irrigon.

District superintendent Chuck Starr recommended this option, adding that the Boardman-Irrigon advisory board unanimously voted against a proposal to build a new high school in Irrigon, while the Heppner-Lexington advisory board unanimously approved the 7-12 configuration for Heppner junior high and high school.

In the initial vote to accept Starr's recommendation, board members deadlocked, with Scott Bauska and Gary Frederickson, both Boardman, and Dwayne Carroll, Irrigon, voting for the plan, and Marcia Kemp and Bill Doherty, both Lexington, and John Rietmann, Ione, opposing the plan. Starr urged a decision, and in a second vote, Rietmann changed sides. Board member Molly Rill, Heppner, was out of town and unable to cast her vote in absentia.

The configuration of the school is tied to a bond issue which the board plans to present to the voters in the March election.

With no new junior high school proposed for Heppner, the proposed bond issue now stands at \$17,912,992 million. Bond amounts were estimated to be the same regardless of the configuration at Columbia Junior High School in Irrigon and Riverside High School in Boardman.

A proposal had been under consideration by the board in which Irrigon students in grades 7-12 would attend school at Columbia Junior High School in Irrigon and Boardman students in grades 7-12 would attend school at Riverside High School in Boardman. Now Boardman and Irrigon junior high school students will continue attending CJH and high school students will continue attending RHS. However, Boardman and Irrigon sixth grade students will move

from classrooms at A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon and Sam Boardman Elementary in Boardman to classrooms at the CJH building.

According to the proposal, Heppner Junior High School seventh and eighth graders will move to Heppner High School and fifth and sixth graders will move to new classrooms at the elementary school.

This proposal will save the district around \$2.5 million, since it will not require building a new, junior high in Heppner.

Cost estimates for each building are as follows:

A.C. Houghton Elementary \$1,593,490; \$135,000 site work and demolition; \$1,275,000 construction of new classrooms; \$80,000 remodeling of existing facilities;

\$6,000 removal of boiler room asbestos and re-insulation; \$19,000 enclosure for a freezer; \$22,500 new storage building; \$2,800 flush valves for urinals; \$15,500 trash compactor; \$7,690 baler; \$5,000 recycling bins; \$25,000 remodel/repair parking area.

Columbia Junior High \$1,778,190; \$60,000 site work and demolition; \$1,428,000 new classroom construction; \$140,000 new locker room construction; \$20,000 wheel chair lift; \$100,000 new roof; \$15,500 trash compactor; \$7,690 baler; \$5,000 recycling bins.

Heppner 7-12 \$777,890; \$35,000 chair lift; \$102,000 new computer lab; \$48,000 remodeling stage area; \$22,500 construct greenhouse; \$10,000 replace acoustical tile with carpet in gym;

\$23,500 replace ceiling tile in upstairs hall and floor tile; \$15,000 replace wainscoting in halls; \$2,000 replace glass panels; \$3,000 carpet for library and band room; \$45,000 remodel art room; \$1,000 remodel vo-ag room; \$4,000 replace controls on two CZY units; \$3,700 air lock bus entrance; \$24,000 convert to hot water heat; \$15,000 metal siding on gym; \$15,500 trash compactor; \$7,690 baler; \$5,000 recycling bins; \$21,000 site

work; \$375,000 remodel and expand gym.

Heppner Elementary \$2,481,340; \$90,000 site work; \$637,500 construct new art and music rooms and cafeteria; \$714,000 construct six rooms (computer room, classrooms, staff room); \$900,000 construct new gym; \$1,650 replace urinal flush valves; \$25,000 new boiler (primary building); \$15,000 removal of boiler room asbestos and re-insulation; \$15,500 trash compactor; \$7,690 baler; \$5,000 recycling bins; \$50,000 air conditioning (primary); \$20,000 carpeting (primary).

Ione Elementary School \$225,350; \$100,000 barrier free elevator; \$1,350 flush valves; \$19,000 main floor air conditioning; \$10,000 electrical update; \$20,000 carpeting; \$50,000 renovate basement; \$25,000 repair walks and concrete areas.

Ione High School \$400,640; \$12,000 install distance learning equipment; \$3,500 replace ceiling tile; \$8,500 install lockers; \$10,000 gym acoustical treatment; \$20,000 exterior painting (both buildings); \$44,000 reroof gym and locker area; \$1,100 flush valves for urinals; \$44,000 separate boiler for pool and locker room; \$26,000 asbestos removal and re-insulation; \$15,500 trash compactor; \$7,690 baler; \$5,000 recycling bins.

Riverside High School \$4,954,690; \$150,000 site work and demolition; \$1,390,000 new classroom construction; \$1,275,000 new gymnasium and wrestling area; \$315,000 new corridor and lobby; \$400,000 new lockers and weight room; \$760,000 new auditorium and platform; \$110,000 new restrooms; \$448,000 remodeling of existing facilities; \$19,000 enclose freezer; \$17,500 asbestos removal and re-insulation; \$23,000 water tower for chillers; \$10,000 mineral cap on roof; \$7,000 intercom system; \$15,500 trash compactor; \$7,690 baler; \$5,000 recycling bins.

Sam Boardman Elementary \$1,329,690; \$30,000 site work and demolition; \$740,000 new classroom construction; \$40,000 remodel existing facilities; \$9,000 replace soffits; \$16,000 fence playground; \$36,000 repair gym floor; \$408,000 add four more rooms; \$22,500 expand storage; \$15,500 trash compactor; \$7,690 baler; \$5,000 recycling bins.

District Office \$61,500; \$8,500 replace floor tile; \$30,000 chair lift to first floor; \$18,000 roof gym (storage area); \$5,000 recycling bins.

District wide \$1,080,000; \$1,000,000 wiring and equipment for technology communication; \$80,000 copy machine updates.

Other expenses \$3,230,212; \$1,468,278 contingency plus 10 percent; \$1,468,278 architectural engineering design, fees, etc., plus 10 percent; \$293,656 cost of bond issuance plus two percent.

Starr said previously that a plan to cut six full time teaching positions at Heppner Junior High and High School will proceed whether the bond issue is approved by voters or not. North end schools facing an increase in students will lose one teacher.

## Infant death attributed to unknown causes

An autopsy has been completed on a 22 month old Irrigon girl, according to Morrow County Undersheriff Verlin Denton.

According to Denton, doctors attribute the death to unknown natural causes. Other, more extensive tests are pending, but doc-

tors do not expect to find anything, said Denton.

The baby had been discovered not breathing at her home around 11 p.m. on Dec. 19 and was pronounced dead at Good Shepherd Community Hospital at Hermiston.

## Cutsforths win bank logo contest

Terrie and Toni Cutsforth, a mother and daughter team of Heppner, have won the Bank of Eastern Oregon logo contest and the \$500 prize, announced bank president George Koffler.

"The bank very much appreciates the time and effort each

entrant took in designing and drawing the logo entries," Koffler said, adding that the Cutsforths' logo was selected from amongst almost 100 entries. The logo is to be publicly displayed after the first of the year.

## Sally Maddern wins \$100 beef

Sally Maddern, Heppner, was the winner of \$100 worth of meat from Court Street Market, raffled off by the Pioneer Memorial

Nursing Home Auxiliary. PMNH resident Don Bellenbrock drew the winning ticket.

## Madras couple to operate Heppner Bowl



L-R: Randy Samples, Victor and Jane Yahr, Sonia and Doug Smith

Jane and Victor Yahr, formerly of Madras, are the new operators of Heppner Bowl. The Yahrs' son, Randy Samples, will also be involved in the business, running the junior leagues.

The bowling alley is now open for business and the cafe will open as soon as possible say the Yahrs.

The Yahrs are no strangers to the bowling business. Victor was

elected president of the Jefferson County Bowling Association four years ago and Jane was the secretary for league mixers at Madras. Victor ran a bowling center in Oakridge and Jane operated a cafe in Madras in the '70's. Victor has two grown children and Jane has four, including Larry Samples of Boardman.