

Site Council discusses 4 day week

"Partners in Education" exchange day at Heppner High School, and a four day student week next year were some of the major topics discussed at the HHS 21st Century Schools Site Council meeting April 20.

The site council, in an effort to educate the parents and community on the upcoming changes in Oregon education and offer an opportunity for parents and community to observe the educational process, is having a "Partners in Education" exchange day Wed., May 18.

The day will be a chance for parents and community members to return for a day of high school. Students will not be required to attend that day if their parent is in attendance in their place. It is hoped that area seniors or other available community members

may also get involved as surrogate parents.

At the end of the school day, everyone will meet for a briefing on the changes in Oregon education brought about by Oregon House Bill 3565, the 21st Century Oregon Schools Reform Act. The day is being offered to give parents and community specific information on how Heppner High will look in the near and distant future. More information on the day will be forthcoming.

The school board's adoption of the four day student contact week, and the resulting schedule changes were also discussed. HHS principal Steve Dickenson talked about different options for the school day under the four day week. These include but are not limited to: keeping the existing seven period schedule and adding the needed minutes to each period; or going to an eight period day which would make class lengths similar to now. The eight period option would make it easier to maintain programs when HHS goes to a seven-12 grade configuration and staff is reduced. Other possibilities to reduce the length of the day are reducing the lunch period and/or cutting time between classes.

One concern of the site council is that the public know that in a four day student contact week, students will still have the same amount of class time as in a five day week. Teacher work time will also be the same. The work schedule will be adjusted to total hours instead of total days.

In other business, the site council welcomed new member, Karen Beck, who is a representative from the middle school. The council hopes to add a middle school parent representative soon. A list of potential names was given by the parents' club. Also discussed was the impending grade 7-12 configuration at HHS in 95-96; HHS staff perception of the duties and power of site councils and a Western Oregon State College study on future teacher licensing. Steve Dickenson also presented information on the CIM/CAM timeline he learned at the Oregon Association of Secondary Schools Executive Council conference. Dickenson is a member of the OASSEC.

The HHS site council will meet again Wed., May 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the HHS home economics room.

Wheat growers to hold spring meeting

The spring meeting for the Wheat Growers will be held Tuesday, May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Willows Grange in Ione. The meeting will involve some updates from the league officers and staff as well as the announcement of the 1994 conservation farm.

Pie and coffee will be provided by the ladies from the Grange.

Doug Rathbun elected to chiefs board



Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun was elected to the Oregon Chiefs of Police Board of Directors at the Chiefs of Police convention held April 18-22 at SunRiver.

Rathbun served on the board for the past year and was honored with a plaque for his service.

He also received an award for bringing the most items to the police chiefs' auction and for the best 50s costume.

Health Fair planned in May

"Wellness Through the Ages" is the theme of this year's health fair to be held May 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Sponsored by the Senior Focus Group on Health, an expanded program has been designed to provide information for all ages.

A healthy lunch of soup and bread will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at a charge of \$2.50. Admission to the fair is free and door prizes will be awarded.

This one-day event is designed "to educate people to available options" and to acquaint people with services that can help improve the quality of life, said Corol Mitchell, the outreach specialist from the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon.

"Oregon Together" group will be offering information that is designed to deter youth alcohol and substance abuse. According to member pastor Stan Hoobing, this organization received about \$4,000 in grant funding in 1993 that was used to sponsor activities such as red ribbon week, assemblies, dances and other youth activities.

All health-related entities have been invited to participate. Home Health nurse Molly Rhea will do blood pressure checks and will provide information about blood

Boosters to meet

A Heppner High School Booster Club meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in the home ec room.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



Ninety-nine people, including five visitors, were present for the senior dinner April 20. Two dinners were taken out. Pauline Matheny won the meal ticket, Barbara Struthers, the door prize and Sharon Lewis, received the guet prize. Members of the Lutheran Church served. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for the Mother's Day dinner May 4 will be roast turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, apple raisin salad, rolls and blueberry dessert. Members of the Mormon church will serve. A Meal Site Committee meeting and foot care will be held following the meal. Jim Bruns will be at the center at 10 a.m. to give hearing aid assistance and blood pressures will be taken at 11 a.m.

The Focus on Health group will meet in the office Thursday, April 28 at 11 a.m. to make final plans for the Wellness Through the Ages health fair, which is scheduled to be held May 19 at the senior center.

The Health Choices Inc. will have a meeting in the center dining room from 3-6 p.m. Thurs., April 28 to explain the new state health insurance program.

The Garden Club will have a plant exchange in the center dining room April 30 at 8:30 a.m.

AARP 55 Alive driving classes will be held in the dining room Monday, May 2 and Tue., May 3, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sign up sheets are available in the office. Cost for the class is \$8.

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