

Local delegation travels to Salem

A delegation of Morrow County citizens concerned about school funding were allowed audience at a meeting of the state school funding committee in Salem Friday, Feb. 10, at 8:30 a.m.

According to George Nairns, who is the Heppner Parents Club president and a member of the delegation, Sonja McCabe made arrangements for the audience with the assistance of District 59 State Representative Lynn Lundquist. "Lynn Lundquist introduced us," said Nairns. "We'd like to give him a lot of credit. He was wonderful." Barbara Lundquist, Lynn's wife, was even on hand at the information desk to greet the delegation before the session with the committee.

Nairns said that they were granted an additional 15 minutes over their 30 minute allocation of time to speak to the committee and were allowed

an hour and 15 minutes for a question-answer period, which is rare. Bill Kuhn provided opening remarks; school board member Molly Rill spoke on school funding; Terry Tallman of Boardman spoke on the demographics of Morrow County; three students, Olivia Sagely, Tony Greenup and Phillip SpicerKuhn, gave their personal testimony; and Heppner High School teacher and coach Greg Grant gave closing remarks. Grant and Heppner High School principal Steve Dickenson addressed questions during the question-answer period and Bob Sagely also spoke to the committee.

Nairns said that she felt the meeting went well and was "very positive". "I think they heard us," said Nairns. "I don't know if they understood. But we made a very powerful presentation."

Nairns said that an aide for Rep. John Schoon, chairman of

the committee, contacted Morrow County School Superintendent Chuck Starr following the meeting and told Starr how impressed Schoon was with the Morrow County delegation.

Nairns said that the committee wanted more facts on why it costs the Morrow County School District more to educate a student and encouraged the group to go before the educational ways and means committee. The delegation plans to do that as soon as they are able to get an audience with them.

Other Morrow County residents attending the session included Ray and Norma French, Pam and Kaitlyn Sageley, Danny Coiner, Josh Sharp, Cindy Greenup, George Miller, Ken Turner, Doug Drake, Jim Swanson, John and Linda Bristow, Rick Minster, Dale Holland, Judy Rea and Lisa Rietmann.

AirLife building fund half way there

Contributions to build Air Life's "new home" for its helicopter and membership services have reached \$103,655.54. This half-way point in funding was announced by Air Life program manager, Vern Bartley.

"More than 1100 donors have helped us reach this level," said Bartley. "And response to the ornament depicting Air Life's new building brought in 621 donations of \$50 or more. The ornaments will be sent as a 'thank you' gift until the remaining stock of about 150 is depleted."

Bartley is continuing to make funding request of individuals and foundations to raise the remaining \$223,090. "It is my hope," said Bartley, "to know by the middle of March if we will be able to hold to our original occupancy schedule of August 5, 1995, Air Life's 10th anniversary."

Air Life's relocation will be adjacent to the St. Charles Medical Center emergency room helipad and will accomplish several objectives:

Eliminate the short flights across the parking lot each time a patient is brought to the St. Charles Emergency Room. This will save engine running time, reduce noise, save money and enhance safety, said Bartley.



Bank of EO President George Koffler (r) presents check for \$2,500 to Vern Bartley, program director for Air Life. "Air Life is an important element in health care for Morrow and Gilliam Counties," said Koffler. "And we make this donation on behalf of all of our customers in that area."

Build in the upgrades already necessary to meet OSHA and FAA (Occupational safety and Health Act and Federal Aviation Administration) requirements for helicopter weather protection, maintenance and staff safety.

Build adjacent pilot and medic sleeping quarters to meet FAA requirements and accommodate volunteer hours given to Air Life by paramedics.

Use the hillside location to provide the greatest safety separation possible between public access (membership office) and flight operations (patients).

Address, now, the hospital's future plans to demolish the buildings housing the Air Life office and pilot sleeping quarters.

For more information about the project, call the Air Life office, 385-6305 or 1-800-522-2828.

Wheat grinding seminar in lone

A wheat grinding seminar will be held in lone on Saturday, February 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Willows Grange Hall.

Participants will see how they can grind their own wheat to retain maximum nutritional value and freshness. They will also learn to choose the correct variety of wheat for the job. A variety of kitchen appliances will be demonstrated, such as

a Bosch mixer/blender and breadmaker, using freshly ground wheat.

Interested people are welcome to attend and sample some of the finished products, including homemade bread and cookies. There is no charge for the demonstration.

For further information, contact Vera Rietmann 422-7155, or BMCC Morrow County coordinator Anne Morter, 422-7040.

Finance forum

set for wheat

growers

Morrow County wheat growers with questions about operating loans, credit checks and money management options are invited to attend an Ag Finance Forum Feb. 27 in lone.

Sponsored by the Morrow County Wheat Growers, the program begins at 1 p.m. in the Willows Grange Hall. Guest speakers will include Richard Wood, Bank of Eastern Oregon; Norm Kessler, Inland Empire Bank; and Andy VanderPlatt, Brian Brock and Dawn Peterson from Farm Credit Services. Speakers will also participate in a question and answer session.

The program has something for beginning as well as experienced farmers, and will cover options for growers whose land will soon be coming back into production with the current Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) expires, said a news release from the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Pie and coffee will be served. Those planning to attend should notify the Oregon Wheat Growers League 276-7330 in Pendleton or call Judy Rea, Morrow County president, 422-7445.



Front L-R: Mary Jane McCarty, Stephanie Haguewood, Lynde Minster; second row-Becky Wagenblast, Melissa McElligott, Brenda Holtz, LaRee Anderson; back row-manager Laurel Temple, coach Dana Heideman, Kim Bedortha, Suzy Heideman, Anne Dombroski, Jenny Sullivan, Kara Miller, asst. coach Kelly Swarat.



Front L-R: Joe Bacon, Luke Swanson, Steve Allen, Nathan Heideman, Jacob Taylor. Back row: Manager Casey Jones, Marc Orem, Jerad Ashbeck, Theiry Delbart, Kelly Morgan, Jake McElligott, Coach Del LaRue. Not pictured Jon Garrett, Jeremy Ashbeck.

District 3 IA Tournament Friday Feb. 17 and Saturday Feb. 18 Hermiston High School Gym

Friday, Feb. 17

6 p.m. lone girls vs Wasco County girls
7:30 p.m. lone boys vs Wasco County boys

Saturday, Feb. 18

4 p.m. girls loser of Friday game vs winner of Dufur-Echo
6 p.m. boys loser of Friday game vs winner of Cascade Locks-Helix

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Dick, Jannie, Steve & Elizabeth Allen
Jerry, Norma, Jeremy & Jerad Ashbeck
B & C Repair
Bill, Marcy, Jake, Joe & Katie Bacon
Bob, Bonnie & Brandi Ball
Don & Lorraine Ball
Bank of Eastern Oregon
Fran & David Barnett
Tom & Ann Bedortha
Beecher's Restaurant & Lounge & Staff
Betty Bergstrom
Stan & Tony Bjerke
Bristow's Market
John & Linda Bristow
Pete & Laurel Cannon
Louis & Betty Carlson
Carl & Kelly Christman & family
John & Barbara Collin & family
Helen Crawford
Gene, Kristy, Jory & Erin Crowell
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Tom, Arlynda, Charissa & Billy Gates
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Ron & Karen Haguewood
Frank, Cathy & Allison Halvorsen
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Loren, Della & Deacon Heideman
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Jordan Elevator Co.
Tim, Shelly, Emily, Abby & Justin Key
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Ladd Farms
Del & Linda LaRue
Lexington Auto Body & Towing
Lexington Machine Works-Al & Jean Brazell
Lexington Yard-Gene & Donna Orwick
Katherine Lindstrom
Buzz, Jeanette & Jim Logan
Edith Matthews

Mike & Jane McCarty
Paul & Charity McElligott & family
Joe, Jeri, Jake, Mark
Nikki & Natalie McElligott
L.J. & Bridgett McElligott
George & Nancy Miller & family
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Rick, Pam & Crystal Minster
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Korey & Karl Morgan
Bill, Sharon & Kim Morris
Keith & Yvonne Morter
Perry & Kathy Morter
Ralph & Anne Morter & family
Ken & Julie Nelson
Joe & Anita Orem & family
Darren Padberg
Ron, Terri, Treve,
Kyle & Kaylee Palmatear
Joel & Lea Peterson
Helen Pettyjohn
Skip Pettyjohn
Del & Phyllis Piper
Hank, Kathi, Amy, Eric & Vikki Pointer
Paul, Sue, Jason & Megan Proudfoot
Jim Raible family
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Bill Rietmann
Brian, Sharon, Andrew, Alyssa,
Alan & Alex Rietmann
Gregg & Shelly Rietmann & family
Harold, Sharon & Nova Rietmann
Jerry & Lisa Rietmann
Joe & Donna Rietmann & family
John & Kerry Rietmann & family
Dean & Florene Robinson
Jim, Sarah, Jason & Michelle Rucker
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Player of Week

Feb. 6 - 11

Mustangs



Chris Dickenson

Fillies



Jessica Sumner

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