

City council receives strategic plans

Heppner City Council members were presented copies of the Heppner Community Strategic Plan by John Edmundson, secretary of the Heppner Coordinating Council at their meeting Monday night, March 13. This 100 page booklet "is a dynamic document", Edmundson said, "that will assist in grant applications and approvals of community improvements and projects."

The Heppner Coordinating Council functions as an umbrella organization for the economic and community development of the Heppner area. The purpose of this document is to prioritize and identify both long and short term goals for the enhancement of the community.

The Heppner Coordinating Council, a group of about 20 people representing different sectors of the community, has met regularly to update this strategic plan to implement economic growth and development. Along with support for existing commercial segments, the goal is to enhance the lifestyle and values of the community, increase job opportunities and support tourism. This on-going plan supports present endeavors such as development of a new swimming pool. It also envisions the upgrading and development of additional community housing

and support of the present infrastructure.

In other business: The council approved an ordinance providing for the organization and administration of the city's volunteer fire department.

The council denied a request from the Neighborhood Center for funding in the upcoming budget based on the position that the city is not in the position to fund all charitable entities.

The city received a letter of acceptance for irrigation improvements from the Willow Creek Country Club relating to the city's wastewater irrigation on the golf course.

The council approved the conditional purchase of a used sludge truck for \$62,450 pending inspection of this vehicle. City manager Gary Marks said that bids came in lower than expected.

According to Marks, eight contractors were present to look at the proposed restroom facilities to be built at the city park. Bid openings will take place on March 31.

Two contractors have also inspected the obsolete city telemetry system and prospective bids are anticipated by March 30.

Marks said that Aiken and Elder streets have priority for this summer's street repairs. Other streets will receive pat-

ching and sealing within the limits of the road repair funds. According to Marks, the city's share of road funds may be considerably less than anticipated.

The council agreed to an intergovernmental agreement with the park district which would allow reservations for the Willow Creek Park District RV campgrounds to be instituted from city hall. In exchange the park district will offer a portion of motel/hotel tax to the city, although the campgrounds is outside the city limits.

In response to complaints about loose dogs, council members noted that people with complaints need to file a complaint at city hall.

Councilman Skip Mathews reported on a proposed use of the old swimming pool facilities following a study done early in March. One suggestion is to convert the main block building into a community center with meeting rooms, restrooms and activity rooms. Removal of the pool would allow sufficient space for basketball or tennis courts. However, because of the uneven slope of ground in that area, to do so would cause extra consideration for filling, etc.

Mathews suggested that an inventory of saleable items be made which might help defray the cost of renovation.

Oregon Together donates \$1,500 to groups



Oregon Together recently awarded grant monies offered to groups in the community that offer anti-drug and alcohol related activities for youth. A total of \$1,500 was awarded to four different groups that had applied. Descriptions of activities and how funds would be used was one of the criteria. Grant recipients must have a representative serve on the Heppner Oregon Together committee for a one year period.

Groups represented include (from left) Heppner First Christian youth group members Brandi Marshall, Eric Schonbachler and Josh Coiner, receiving \$600; Mark Moeller, representing the senior class received \$50 plus an additional \$350 from the Oregon Together group; Stan Hoobing, convener for the Oregon Together group; HHS cheerleaders Traci Dickenson, Cimmie Huth, Mandi Gutierrez, Toni Kemp, Stormy Howard, receiving \$450 and Megan Orr (front) receiving \$500 for the campfire girls.

Historical Society plans annual trip

By Delpha Jones
Plans are completed for the Morrow County Historical Society's yearly trip. This year will find the group motoring to Salt Lake City, Utah and other points of interest by Mid Columbia Bus.

The trip leaves from Heppner May 11 at 7 p.m. A continental breakfast will be held at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Park compliments of MCHS. From there the group will travel to Jackpot, Nevada, for lunch and then on to Wendover, Utah where they will spend the evening. There the group can visit a casino or other places of interest. The following night will be in Salt Lake City after a visit to the Great Salt Flats. In Salt Lake the group will visit Gardner Historic Village, Temple Square, and enjoy dinner at the former home of Brigham Young.

The next day will be a guided tour of Salt Lake City to hear about the founders as well as

the Great Salt Lake. Before leaving Folley Square Morrow County Historical Society has a surprise the group won't want to miss and will spend the night in Twin Falls, Idaho. Sunday, Mother's Day, a brunch will be served and then it's on to Shoshone Falls, the "Niagra Falls of the West". After the brunch the group will head home.

The price of the trip includes transportation throughout, three nights, lunches, two dinners and the Mother's Day brunch. Call Ruth McCabe or Delpha Jones for a reservation or to reconfirm spots on the bus. "The society really appreciates the people who take these trips with us, as it is planned to provide something for everyone," says Delpha Jones. "Don't forget to bring your cameras, as the bus is always willing to stop for any pictures the group would like to take. The trip is planned for the enjoyment and fellowship of those traveling with us."

CBC All Star team announced



L-R: Trent Hughes, Kelsie Evans, Char Coe, Jenny Krein (front).

Columbia Basin All Stars were announced February 25 in Pendleton at the District Tournament.

Senior Trent Hughes was the lone placer for the Mustangs earning a spot on the second team.

Seniors Kelsie Evans was named to the first team while Char Coe and Jenny Krein were named to the honorable mention team.

Others placing on the first team were for the girls in addition to Evans were: Sr., Elizabeth Hansell, Weston-McEwen, Alecia Johnson, So., Umatilla, Marilee Coelsch, Sr., Sherman Co., and Jennifer Caldwell, Jr., Wahtonka. Second team was: seniors Amanda Burnett, Sherman, Cheri Rosenberg, Pilot Rock and Angie Bailey, Stanfield, Kim Morris, jr., Umatilla and

Tyan Sanderson a sophomore from Sherman.

Honorable mention included Coe and Krein, and seniors Shelly Whitney and Lisa Neeley from Pilot Rock and Jamie Thomas Sherman.

For the boys first team included: seniors Bob Townsend, Sherman and Aaron Verkist and Curt Sloan, both Weston-McEwen and juniors Jeremy Stockett, Wahtonka and Josh Baker Stanfield.

In addition to Hughes second team included: seniors Byron Ellis, Pilot Rock and Chris Whelan, Stanfield, junior Mark Newman, Stanfield and sophomore Morgan Dunlap, Weston-McEwen.

Honorable mention was: seniors Aaron Foster and Davy Morris, Wahtonka and Leon Marler, Umatilla, and juniors Casey Perkins, Pilot Rock and Ryan O'Connor, Sherman.

Bank of EO to offer scholarships

The Bank of Eastern Oregon will sponsor an agriculture/business scholarship for graduating seniors at Heppner, Lone, Arlington and Condon high schools, bank President George Koffler announced. This marks the second year the bank has sponsored the \$500 scholarships to Morrow and Gilliam county students.

Applicants must plan to enroll in college in either agriculture or business. Selection will be based on scholarship, leadership and citizenship; however, Koffler says, the bank reserves the right to select any deserving candidate.

Applications can be picked up from the school counselors. The deadline to submit applications is April 15.

Leader training set on landfills

The Oregon Family Community Education Association (ORFCE) will conduct a leader training, Let's Talk Trash, at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, at the Umatilla County Extension Office, 721 S.E. Third Street, Pendleton.

Participants will be trained to reach the topic to local study groups or other interested groups. They will learn actual contents of a modern landfill,

large volume components of landfills, and ways to extend landfill life. The training will also include practical tips on reducing, reusing and recycling waste.

There is no charge to attend the training. For additional information, contact Carol Michael-Bennett, Morrow County Home Economics Agent at 1 800-342-3664, or 676-9642.

Nursing application deadline near

The Blue Mountain Community College Nursing Department reminds all applicants for the associate degree nurse (ADN) program that they need to have their files completed by March 31 to be considered for entry into the nursing programs.

Files need to include: completed application form and supplemental application form; official high school and college transcripts; completion of three terms of Anatomy, Physiology, and Chemistry, and one term of Math 60 with a C grade or

above (in addition, the cumulative grade point average for each three class sequence-BI 231, 232, 233 and CH 104, 105, 106 must be a 2.3 minimum); names and addresses of three people other than family and a handwritten statement regarding reasons for seeking a career in nursing.

For applications, contact the records office in Morrow Hall. For more information contact the nursing department in the Health Education Building or call 276-1260, ext. 250.

Sheep club plans bottle drive

Ewes-R-Us 4-H club will hold a can and bottle drive Wednesday March 22 beginning at 5 p.m. For those people who would like to donate but won't

be home, cans may be left on their porch or call Judy Eckman 989-8498 or Joyce Hughes 676-9959 for pick up. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of shearing scissors.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

--Kenneth Smouse is at home after a short stay in Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

--Luella Taylor is at home from a stay at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston where she underwent knee surgery.

--John Wagenblast was a recent Lexington visitor at the

home of his mother Lee Wagenblast.

--Jean Nelson is at her home again after a stay at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston and Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. She was recuperating from a car accident.

Youth group meeting slated

An organizational meeting of 'Youth With a Mission' (YWAM) will be held Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at the Christian Life Center.

All pastors, teachers and lay leaders are invited to attend the

meeting.

For more information, call Pastor Tim VanCleave, 676-6448, Pastor Duane Jones, 676-6629, or your church pastor.

State Fair seeks best farm family

The Oregon State Fair is looking for the Oregon farm family that best exemplifies the spirit of family farming for its annual Farm Family of the Year recognition award. Nomination forms are now available at the Oregon State Fair, 2330 17th St. NE Salem, OR 97310 or call 503 378-3247.

The winning family will receive a \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of the Northwest GMC Truck Team.

Those nominating a family are asked to show the family's excellence in an innovative family farm operation, use of modern agricultural techniques, leadership in the community and in agricultural groups, strong involvement in all phases of farm management,

plus innovative changes in practices which improve, preserve, or protect the environment. The contest deadline is March 31.

Also up for grabs is a \$500 prize to the person or group that nominates the winning family. The person or organization that nominates the winner will receive \$500 which will be donated to their agricultural organization or program of choice. This prize also is donated by the Northwest GMC Truck Team.

The Fair's Advisory Commission will choose the winning family based upon the information provided on the nomination form.

For more information, call the Oregon State Fair at 378-3247.

John Shaw passes engineer exam

John Shaw, Heppner, was among University of Idaho engineering students who achieved engineer-in-training status. The announcement was made by the Idaho Board of Professional Engineers and

Professional Land Surveyors. The engineers are from the College of Engineers and the College of Mines and Earth Resources. Shaw, a mechanical engineer, is the son of Linda Shaw, Heppner.