

Heppner's wastewater project finalized

By Merlyn Robinson
Heppner's long-standing project of completing a new wastewater system has finally climaxed with a warranty work status review. Following certification that all the work has been done to meet DEQ requirements, final payment will be made to project engineers Anderson and Perry Associates, La Grande.

The city's new telemetry system by Taurus Power Controls of Tualatin is also in the process of being installed. Costing about \$39,000, this computerized system provides a centralized means of automatically controlling the city's fresh water system. A prioritized list of city employees will automatically be called in the event of a pump failure or the shortage of water in wells. According to city foreman Dave Winters, in addition to being able to see these functions on the computer, this will guarantee optimum water supplies at all

times and provide early warning of system failures. The system will eliminate the time spent on manual inspections.

A letter from Oregon Dept. of Transportation indicated that a concerned citizen had expressed safety for children entering the crosswalk in the area of the Northwestern Motel on Main Street. Because of limited parking space by motel users, the city council has recommended that the two spaces next to the crosswalk in front of the motel and the two parking spaces on the east side next to the crosswalk be limited to compact vehicles. According to council members, large vehicles block the driver's view, thus pedestrians are not visible until after they have entered the traffic lanes.

City treasurer Rene Devin gave an update on a review of non-residential water users. Due to changes in school enrollment affecting both the elementary and high school, plus the closure of three beauty shops, there will be adjustments in water charges.

The city is now working with the Morrow County Emergen-

cy Management staff to implement an evacuation plan in the event of flood warnings. In addition to planned safety areas, the plan will also deal with the aftermath of any such disaster.

According to Marks, the 1988 water study report gives insight into some of the low pressure areas within the city's system. Residents in some areas do not receive adequate water pressure because of dead-end lines. To update these areas would cost around \$360,000, Marks said. However, he suggested that the city applied for community development block grants which could cover the cost of new water lines that would give proper pressure in specific areas. He cited dead-end lines on Baltimore Street, near Aiken Street and along Linden Way. Marks also received council approval to apply for a community development block grant for the renovation of housing for moderate-to-low income families. If successful, it would allow money to be loaned for the updating of residents' homes and the money would not have to be paid back until the residence is sold.

Vo-ag, careers classes hear speakers



Geri Grieb (above) speaks to the Heppner High School ag science class taught by newly-hired vo-ag teacher and HHS alumnus Barney Lindsay.

Lindsay scheduled several speakers for various classes he is teaching. Lindsay's father, Larry Lindsay, spoke to the careers class on careers with the Port of Morrow, Jennifer Hughes, and Sue Thompson,

both R.N.s, spoke on nursing, and Rollie Marshall, who is with the Bank of Eastern Oregon, spoke on banking. David Sykes of the Heppner Gazette-Times also spoke to Lindsay's ag-science class on advertising layout.

Lindsay said that Carl Martin, former Oregon State Police officer, will present a program for the careers class on Dec. 7.

Livestock Growers plan annual meeting

The Morrow County Livestock Growers will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Heppner Elks from 1:30-5 p.m.

Guest speakers include Dr. Fred Obermiller, national grazing issues; Fred Otley, Oregon Cattlemen Association update; Lindsay Slater, (OCA) Oregon Water Initiative, and Bob Krien, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wild-

life local programs, followed with a business meeting.

The social hour at 5 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Dancing will begin after dinner, with music by Tim Cundell. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those who plan to stay for dinner are asked to RSVP to the Morrow County Extension office, 676-9642, by Tuesday, Nov. 28.

School District questions and answers

By Chuck Starr, superintendent of Morrow County Schools.

It has been four months since my last article responding to questions about the Morrow County School District. My time and energy have been focused on issues of both personal and school district importance in the last few months, but I will do my best to continue this communication effort in the future. I want to respond to questions about the bond issue projects:

We passed the bond issue in March, but we see little progress in accomplishing the approved projects. What's going on?

A number of projects have already been completed and the major projects are being prepared for construction schedules that meet our timelines. Among the projects already completed are the following: new roofs at Columbia Middle School (CMS) and Lone High School; new gym floor at CMS; asbestos removal at Riverside High, Lone High and Heppner Elementary School (HES); carpeting and remodeling at HES, Heppner High School

(HHS), A.C. Houghton Elementary School (ACH); paving new junior high play area at HHS; technology/communication upgrade at HES.

The major bond issue projects are basically on time and are scheduled as follows: ACH and CMS additions-bids open Nov. 21, board action Nov. 27, construction December '95-August '96; Riverside High and Sam Boardman additions-design completion February '96, bids out March '96, construction June '96-August '97; technology projects (all schools)-plan presented by OPTEC, Dec. 11 board meeting, construction and hardware, December '95-March '96, software and staff training, March-August '96; Heppner and Lone school projects-design completion July '96, bids out August '96, construction September '96-Money '97.

The money voters approved in March is being used as planned and the students, parents, teachers and communities of Morrow County will soon see the results.

Keep those questions coming.

HES Site Council holds meeting

The Heppner Elementary School (HES) Site Council, at their first meeting of the school year, agreed to further explore student portfolios in relation to the Certificate of Initial Mastery/Certificate of Advanced Mastery (CIM/CAM) requirements. Several of the teachers on the committee have important information to share about this and will be doing so throughout the next few meetings, said a site council spokesperson.

Marilyn Bader-Nesse presented the council with information on forming a Lunch Buddy program. The council agreed to pursue this program at HES.

A group of parents concerned about the crowding of the first grade class presented some views to the council and asked for their support.

Bill Karwacki reported that

the cover page of the school profile has been updated to reflect the current configuration.

Classified representative Dan VanLiew turned in his letter of resignation, effective Nov. 7.

Teacher Linda Shaw asked for help from the parent members in organizing a vision screening for all students. This has not been done for three years. George Nairns and Sandy Mathews volunteered to organize the screening, which will be held Nov. 27-29.

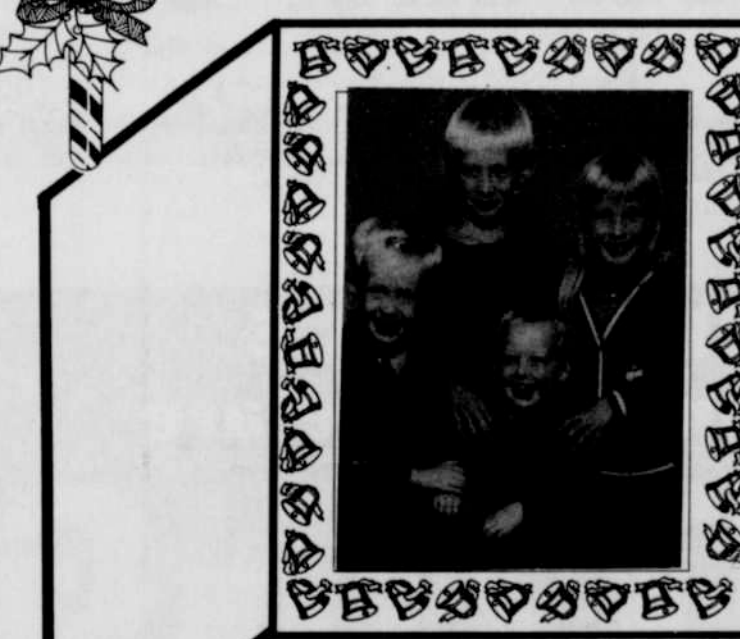
Those in attendance were Dave Gunderson, Pat Hentges, Karen Clough, Joy Krein, Linda Shaw, Dan VanLiew, Tonia Adams, Sandy Mathews, George Nairns, Mark Miller and Bill Karwacki.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the HES' teachers' lounge. The public is welcome to attend.

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St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

There were 110 people present for the Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center, Nov. 15. Five meals were home delivered and three were taken out. Eleanor Gonty won the meal ticket and Frances Smouse, the bingo ticket. Members of the Methodist Church served. Lynn Bibby and Elsie Huston were the hostesses. Ralph Struthers and Bill Cox set the tables. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for the dinner Nov. 22 was changed because fewer people than usual were expected and cook Joyce Breeding was in Portland. Her son, Don Townsend, had major surgery.

The menu for Wednesday, Nov. 29 birthday dinner will be lamb chops and chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, pea salad, fruit, rolls and cookies. Members of the Lutheran Church will serve.

Four seniors played pinochle Friday afternoon. Eight watched the movie, "My Summer Story" Sunday evening.

Dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday blood pressure clinic, 11 a.m., senior meal, noon, quilting, 1 p.m.; Friday cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie, 6 p.m.

A housing authority meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m.

The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County wishes to express their gratitude with a big THANK YOU to everyone that donated canned goods on the Monday night food drive. These generous contributions continue to make the Neighborhood Center's work of providing assistance to the community an ongoing realization. We appreciate your outpouring.

We especially want to THANK drivers: Chris Sykes, Shaun Hisler, Lori Moeller, Nancy Swarat, Terri Gentry, Colin Anderson, Stacy Lauritsen, Jerid Ployhar, Rod Zumwalt, Joan McDaniel, Delbert Binschus, Jannie Allen, and Jeri McElligott; collection people: Justin Matteson, Brent Gunderson, Adam Doherty, Jeff Waterland, Eric Schonbacher, Jim Schlaich, Jill Barber, Annie Hisler, Jossie Evans, Jaci Huges, Kathleen Greenup, Brian Koffler, Ben Ewing, Royal Robinson, Brian Knowles, Jeff Watkins, Randy VanEtta, Katie Nichols, Caleb McDaniel, Josh Roy, Elizabeth Allen, Adrienne Swanson, Allison Halvorsen, Korey Morgan, Mark McElligott, Nikki McElligott, Natalie McElligott, Mindy Binschus, Jamie Perez, Jessica VanWinkle, Marie Tworek, Luke Swanson, Kelly Morgan, Steve Allen, Marc Orem, and Caitlin Orem. THANK YOU to David and April Sykes for the donated flyers. Also, THANK YOU for the refreshments of popcorn donated by Les Schwab; pop by Skaggs' Auto Clinic and cookies from Verna Brinda, Barbara Struthers, Sherron Woodside and Joni Anderson provided for the above listed work crew. Again, THANK YOU ALL! May your holidays be blessed.

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