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New plan for Boardman Health Care

Boardman residents wanting to pull the city out of the Morrow County Health District have apparently changed their minds, and now want the city to consider remaining in, and providing health care through a contract with the health district.

The reason for the change was unclear, however, last week the Morrow County Court informed the city of Boardman that the county had no authority to grant the withdrawal request. The city had earlier requested the action from the court

The Boardman group also learned at a meeting Monday night, that the health district board of directors could not legally let the city out of the health district.

As part of the contract plan, the city would receive tax money from the health district equal to what is taken out of the city in taxes by the district.

A committee appointed by the Boardman City council told the health district board of directors Monday night that it would recommend the city take over funding of health care in Boardman and then pursue set-

ting up a contract with the health district to take over Boardman's health care completely. "We predict that as you move forward on Plan A and educate the general public of the merits of Plan B, then all the people of Morrow County will begin to wonder why we didn't get it quite right the first time," the committee wrote.

The committee is comprised of Karen Pettigrew, Gene Allen, Jack Strege and Boardman Pharmacy owner Raymond Michael.

Veterans closed

Veterans' Service officer, Rita Hedman, will not be in her Heppner office April 17-19. She will be in The Dalles attending the semi-annual conference and ground-breaking for the new State Veterans' Home.

Honor Society members selected



L-R: Kristina Grant, Rick Worden, Eric Schonbachler, Phillip Tellechea, Mindy Qualls, Ben Hubert.

Six new members of National Honor Society were tapped at an awards assembly at Heppner High School Monday, April 8.

New members include: Kristina Grant, Mindy Qualls, Ben Hubert, Rick Worden, Phillip

Pool raffle

People for the Pool, Inc. will raffle an afghan with proceeds going towards the south Morrow County swimming pool. The green and white afghan was crocheted and donated by Annie Lusher of Heppner.

Tickets are 25 cents or five for \$1 and may be purchased at Heppner TV, where the afghan is displayed.

It was 'One Sweet Day' at Heppner HS prom



A highlight of the Heppner High School prom, held Saturday, April 6, at the school, was the crowning of the prom court.

Court royalty includes (left to right): Princess Jossie Evans, King Chris Sykes, Queen Jessica Sumner, Prince Dan Burnside, Princess Bethany Cookston, Prince Shaun Hisler, Princess Renee Devin and Prince Rod Zumwalt, all seniors.

The theme for the evening was 'One Sweet Day'.

Public offers input on four-day school week

Morrow County School Board chairman Scott Bauska told an audience of around 25 people at the regular board meeting Monday, April 8, that the issue of returning to a five-day student week would not be an agenda item unless one of the board members changed his vote on the issue.

The board had voted four to three to retain the four-day student week at the March 11 meeting.

Several members of the audience commented pro and con on the four-day week at the April 8 meeting held at the lone school.

Those against the four-day week cited school days which they believed were too long for younger students, a lessening of educational opportunities, a concern that Morrow County students will not be able to compete with other students in the state and U.S. and a belief that there is more shoplifting because students do not have school on Fridays.

Those favoring the four-day week commented that they believed their children benefited by having sports activities

scheduled, for the most part, on Fridays.

MCSO Superintendent Chuck Starr said that achievement tests had improved, but added that they did not know if there was any connection between the scores and the four-day week.

In other business, the board: -accepted resignations from Don Holes, principal at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon to accept the superintendent's position with the Echo School District, effective June 1996; from Betty Carlson, who will retire from her position as lone schools library technician; and JoLynn Britt, from Heppner High School cheerleader advisor.

-approved employment for Carolyn Prouty, part-time assistant cook at Columbia Middle School; Barbara Stefani-Peterson, extra duty contract as head track coach at Heppner Junior High (HJH); Barney Lindsay, extra duty contract to serve as assistant track coach at HJH; Jan Coe, part-time laundry person at Heppner schools; Gary Olson, extra duty contract to serve as assistant track coach

at Riverside High School (RHS); and Jill Scanlan, extra duty contract to serve as assistant tennis coach at RHS.

-heard a curriculum report from lone teacher Dale Holland II on open ended math assessment;

-learned that the dropout rate in Morrow County, at six percent for 1994-95 and 6.8 percent or 1993-94, is lower than the state rate of 7.37. Starr said that Morrow County was penalized by the state for encouraging enrollment of transient students;

-agreed by a consensus that Starr begin advertising new staff positions proposed at the March 11 board meeting;

-heard a report on the bond issue projects;

-reviewed a list of classified and confidential employees for May action;

-heard announcements for the following events: elementary math contest at Sam Boardman Elementary School 6:30 p.m. April 10; Budget committee meeting Columbia Middle School, 7:30 p.m. April 15; Blue Mountain Skills Contest, BMCC, April 18; junior high math contest, lone, 6:30 p.m., April 24; budget committee meeting, district office, 10 a.m. April 29; budget committee meeting (if needed), RHS, 7:30 p.m., May 6; regular board meeting, district office, 7:30 p.m., May 13.

HEDC developing

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subdivision

Heppner Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) is in the process of developing the Lakeview Heights subdivision project on Port of Morrow property. A perspective buyer list is needed to proceed with the development. The lots will be approximately 10,000 square feet improved lots, overlooking Willow Creek Lake, Heppner. The price of the lots will range from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per lot.

HEDC is looking for a show of interest from people from around the area. Interested person are invited to call (541) 676-5536 or to write HEDC Subdivision, P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836, for further information.



Willy Gentry, the son of Terri and Jerry Gentry, and Devin Robinson, the son of Darcy and Kyle Robinson, all Heppner, enjoy the company of the Easter Bunny.



Dad Pat Lovgren helps out daughters, Torri (left) and Hannah, during the Heppner Easter egg hunt Saturday.

The sun shone down on the Easter Bunny at the annual Easter egg hunt in Heppner

Saturday as youngsters gathered candy and the bunny visited with young admirers.

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