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School board to decide four or five-day week

The Morrow County School Board, at its regular meeting scheduled Monday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Sam Boardman Elementary School will decide whether to continue a four-day student week in Morrow County Schools or return to a five-day week.

The district recently released a survey of parents with students in school indicating that a majority of the parents favored a four-day school week. The district said that 445 surveys were counted district-wide.

"Secondary parents are more in

favor than elementary parents, but all groups favor continuing," said a news release from the district.

According to the release, 67 percent of those returning surveys favored continuing the four-day week, compared to 66 percent in 1996. Twenty-four percent disagreed with continuing the four-day week, compared to 21 percent last year. Nine percent were neutral, compared to 13 percent in 1996.

Twenty-nine percent recommended a return to a five-day student week, while 59 percent did not recommend a return to a five-day week and 12 percent were

neutral on that issue.

Sixty-four percent of the parents said that they believe their children are learning "as much" as they did on a five day schedule; while 23 percent disagreed with that statement and 13 percent were neutral.

Seventy-two percent of the parents said that the four day week "worked fine" for their families, while 18 percent disagreed and 10 percent were neutral.

Nineteen percent said that the four-day student week was a problem for their family; 70 percent disagreed and 11 percent were neutral.

Elks Hoop Shoot winners announced



Back (L-R): Jesse Gutierrez, Matthew Van Cleave, Scott VanWinkle; Front (L-R): Krystal Nairns, Jesse Kempas, Luke Murray.

Winners of the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest have been announced. Winners are as follows: 12-13

year olds-Jesse Gutierrez and Scott VanWinkle; 10-11 year olds-Jesse Kempas and Luke Murray;

eight-nine year olds-Matthew Van Cleave and Krystal Nairns. The contest was held Jan. 18 at Heppner High School.

Alumni sought

South Morrow County Scholarship Trust (SMCST) is asking any alumni who have helped with class reunions in the last five to 10 years to furnish SMCST with a mailing list of names and addresses of alumni. The list will be used to establish a data base of south Morrow County alumni in the area.

Those with lists are asked to contact George Koffler or Sharon Harrison as soon as possible.

Pancake supper

The community is invited to attend the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner on Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 5-7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$2.75 for adults, \$1.50 for students and \$8 for a family.

First Christian plans speaker

First Christian Church will have a guest speaker who is an expert in anthropology and paleontology Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday, February 11, 12 and 16.

Dr. Mace Baker will speak on "Human Origins" on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday Feb. 16, he will

speak to elementary school age children during the Sunday school hour, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on "The World of Dinosaurs".

Sunday at 6 p.m., Dr. Baker will present "The Dinosaurs of Creation" to the whole family.

Dr. Baker is an internationally known speaker and author.

HCC to meet

The Heppner Coordinating Council (HCC) will meet on Tuesday, February 11, at 7:30 a.m. at the Heppner Ranger District office.

The main topic of discussion will be goal #seven of the Heppner Strategic Plan--"maintain community appearance, livability and viability".

The public is welcome to attend all HCC meetings.

Watch out for buses

Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun reminds people in the area that failure to stop for school bus safety lights is a traffic infraction and traffic citations will be issued for failing to stop. Rathbun says he has received a lot of complaints recently.

Folk quartet to perform at St. Pat's

The St. Patrick's Day Committee has announced that it is pleased to have the Cascadia Folk Quartet perform Saturday evening of the St. Patrick's celebration. Members of the Cascadia Folk Quartet have performed in Heppner twice before, under the name of Whamadiddle Dingbats. They have a song recorded which talks about the Heppner flood of 1903.

The Cascadia Folk Quartet features the Hammer dulcimer, a tuned percussion instrument thought to be the ancestor of the piano.

The committee is also working on setting up an afternoon of entertainment located in downtown Heppner. The afternoon will include spots by the Doherty group, the South

Morrow Community Choir, Irish poet Anne Callan and various other Irish entertainers. The Morrow County Arts Council has been helping the St. Patrick's committee acquire entertainment for the weekend.

One problem with bringing in entertainment for the weekend is finding somewhere to lodge the entertainers, said Molly Rill of the St. Patrick's Committee. Currently lodging is needed for the four members, of the Cascadia Folk Quartet, as well as for Anne Callan an Irish poet sponsored by Chautauqua.

Anyone interested in performing or providing lodging for entertainers should call Claudia Hughes at the Heppner Chamber, 676-5536 or Molly Rill, 676-5455.

Health District hires nurse practitioner

The Morrow County Health District, at its regular meeting held Monday, Feb. 3, at Lone City Hall, accepted a contract for employment, with minor adjustments, with Wendy Haack, a family nurse practitioner. Haack will work at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner.

The board also approved a motion to prepare a counter offer for a contract with Dr. Robert Boss of the Boardman clinic. Dr. Boss made a contract proposal which was reviewed during executive session.

In other business the board:

- learned that Faith Healy has been hired as a part-time x-ray technician and is also an ultrasound technician.
- discussed plans for the Irrigon City Hall to be remodeled to house the new Irrigon clinic.
- received budget documents in preparation for the budget meeting planned Thursday, Feb. 6, at Irrigon City Hall at 7 p.m. Budget committee members are Don Eppenbach, Irrigon, Bud Wallain, Boardman, Bill Sheirbon, Lone, Larry Mills, Heppner, and Ray Michael, Boardman.
- discussed a survey on medical services in the county conducted by Eastern Oregon State College, who plan to present information at the board's March meeting.
- discussed the anticipated loss in revenue resulting from Measure 47.
- adopted a new personnel policy, subject to changes suggested.

Casey Beard to autograph book



Casey Beard

"Tools of the Cowboy Trade: Today's Crafters of Saddles, Bits, Spurs and Trappings", a book written by Casey Beard of Heppner, has been released.

Beard will appear to sign copies of the book on Thursday, Feb. 13, at Murray Drugs in Heppner.

"Tools of the Cowboy Trade" is the "definitive book for lovers of handcrafted horse gear", said Monica Millward, assistant director of publicity for Gibbs Smith, Publisher. The book features 22 of today's finest craftsmen and includes a source

guide for those looking for some of the best workmanship today. The book features 75 full-color photographs by Dale DeGabriele. The book chronicles "A Cowboy's History of Saddles", "A Cowboy's History of Bits & Spurs", and "A Cowboy's History of Hitching and Braiding".

Beard, director of Emergency Management in Heppner, is also a third generation Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association stock contractor involved in the family business, Beard Rodeos.

RX Ranch joins Angus Association Tax help offered

RX Ranch, lone, is a new member of the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association (AAA), with over 29,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world, according to an AAA news release. Its computerized records include

detailed information on over 12 million registered Angus.

The association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the AAA. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U.S. consumption.

St. Pat's Auction set for March 15

The St. Patrick's Day Auction will be held this year on Saturday, March 15.

Money raised at the auction helps support the St. Patrick's Celebration, paying overhead costs, such as advertising, decoration and promotion as well as entertainment and civic improvements, said Delanne Ferguson.

Everyone is asked to think of items they could donate to the auction. "It's February, and even the cows look bored," said Ferguson. "So we can all start to generate some springtime enthusiasm by doing something constructive and cleaning out those closets, garages, sheds and barns."

Anyone needing someone to pick up donations may call one of the following numbers: Dan and Doris Brosnan, 676-5382 or 676-5886 (store), Diana Ball, 676-5306, or Jeri Sly, 676-9151. Anyone who would like to drop off donations may leave them at "Twice Upon A Time" Bookstore.

MCGG appreciation day Sat.

The Morrow County Grain Growers will hold their annual customer appreciation day his Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Activities will include their traditional free pancake breakfast, many door prizes and lots of factory reps on hand.

There will also be free carnations to the first 300 ladies.

The customer appreciation day is open to all and the public is invited to attend.

Snowmobilers match reward

Four-Corners Snowmobile Club has offered to match a \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of those who cut down a fence at the Dick and Virginia Wilkinson ranch. The Wilkinsons offered the first \$100 after they discovered a section of a fence on their property cut out with a chain saw.

Gene Orwick is president of the snowmobile club.

Ham dinner set at HHS

The Heppner High School senior class will serve a ham dinner during the HHS basketball game vs. the Umatilla Vikings, Saturday, February 8, in the home ec room at the school. The dinner will include ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, homemade roll, pie and coffee or punch. Cost for the dinner will be \$4 each with a discount given for families. Dinner will be served from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

This will be the last home game for the Heppner Mustangs. The girls' JV game will start at 1 p.m., followed by boys' JV, girls' varsity and boys' varsity in that order.

The seniors are working to earn money to fund their drug and alcohol free trip after graduation.

FREE Pancake Breakfast

Customer Appreciation Day
 Saturday, February 8th 8 a.m. to noon
 Lexington, Oregon
Morrow County Grain Growers
 Lexington 989-8221 1-800-452-7396