

School board hears about Benchmark Booster program

The Morrow County School Board heard a report on "Benchmark Boosters" in their regular meeting on January 11 at Heppner Elementary School.

Benchmark Boosters is a program implemented in Morrow County schools which is designed to assist students in reaching the state-mandated benchmarks in math and language arts.

HES teachers Sherry Matteson and Karen Smith-Griffith, both of whom volunteered for the Friday classes, reported on the program they have implemented at HES.

Matteson, who teaches the booster program in grades one to three, and Smith-Griffith, who teaches classes for students in grades four-six, said that they generally target children who are between eight and 35 points below passing the levels test benchmarks. Benchmarks assess whether a student has achieved a certificate of initial mastery of a subject (CIM). Students will later be assessed as to their achievement of the certificate of advanced mastery (CAM). More subjects will be added to the assessments later.

The teachers said that they focused on children whose scores were at least eight points below the benchmarks because scores typically increase around eight points a year with regular classroom instruction. HES Principal Bill Karwacki added that while HES has targeted children who have achieved test scores as low as 35 points below the benchmarks, the school does not turn anyone away who wishes additional help.

Volunteer Benchmark Booster teachers at Heppner High School include Linda Dutcher for language arts and Karen Beck and Keelie Keown for math. The program is also in place in Ione, Boardman and Irrigon schools.

In other business, board member Gary Frederickson brought up a question concerning the drug and alcohol policy for athletes at Morrow County Schools. Frederickson asked if students who were already at a party would be penalized if other students came to the party with drugs or alcohol.

"We would treat them as guilty for not getting out of there," said Starr. Starr said that the new district policy concerning drug and alcohol use by athletes takes away the district's previous problem of trying to prove the student's guilt.

A student "determined" to be at a party where drugs or alcohol are being used can now be suspended from participating in athletics whether or not the student actually used drugs or alcohol.

"Innocence is pretty hard to argue if you didn't leave or try to put a stop to it," said Starr.

In other business, the board received a report on positions open in the March 1999 school board election. The following positions are up for election:

School Board

Zone 1-incumbent Gary Frederickson; Frederickson and Judy Hirai have filed for the position.

Zone 3-incumbent John Rietmann has filed for the position.

Zone 4-incumbent Russ Morgan; Keith Lewis has filed

for the position.

Zone 5-incumbent Scott Johnson; Johnson and Pat McNamee have filed.

Heppner-Lexington

Advisory Committee
Position #3-incumbent Marcia Kemp; no one has filed.

Position #5-incumbent Greg Smith; no one has filed.

Position #6-incumbent Steve Hill; Ken Grieb has filed.

Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee

Position #2-vacant; no one has filed.

Position #5-incumbent Kate Close has filed.

Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee

Position #1-incumbent Anita Orem has filed.

Position #4-vacant; no one has filed.

Position #5-incumbent George Miller; Glenda Taylor has filed.

-received a monthly enrollment report as of January 4 as follows:

Heppner Elementary School grades one through six-253 students; Heppner High School grades seven through 12-222 students; Ione Schools grades kindergarten through 12-162 students; Sam Boardman Elementary School grades one through five-400 students; A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon, grades one through five-364 students; Columbia Middle School, Irrigon, grades six through eight-354 students; Riverside High School, Boardman, grades nine through 12-437 students.

As of January 4, the district has 176 kindergartners, 180 first graders, 180 second graders, 182 third graders, 158 fourth graders, 162 fifth graders, 161 sixth graders, 177 seventh graders, 171 eighth graders, 186 ninth graders, 177 10th graders, 174 11th graders and 108 12th graders for a total of 2,192 students.

-heard that the district is in compliance with the state standards.

-heard a governor's proclamation in appreciation for school board members. "I want to add my personal admiration," said Starr. "The thanks is in the kids, when you walk up on the graduation stage and see their faces when you hand them their diploma." Starr stressed the importance of service on a school board, saying, "if we don't do a great job educating our children, we all suffer."

-approved a boundary change request for property in Gilliam County to be returned to Gilliam County and not be included in the MCSDD with no significant financial impact. No children were living in the transferred property.

-approved a first reading of a drug and alcohol policy which would expand the district's policy to include student members of clubs and organizations, such as Future Farmers of America, National Honor Society, Associated Student Body, etc. The board previously approved a revision of the district's drug and alcohol policy for student athletes.

Board member Dwayne Carroll commented on the exclusion of tobacco from the drug and alcohol policy, since it is illegal for minors to possess tobacco products. Starr said that the district's tobacco policy for club and organization members would be the same as the tobacco policy for student athletes.

-approved a first reading of revisions to the election of advisory board members as follows: three members in each community where there is an elementary school; high schools: Riverside High School-six

members composed of the two elementary committees of Irrigon and Boardman; Ione

High School-five members composed as follows-elementary committee plus one from Cecil area and one from Lexington area; Heppner High School-seven members composed as follows-elementary committee plus one from the Hardman-Ruggs area, two from the Lexington area and one from the North Lexington-Pine City area.

Changes in the policy include: New local committee members shall be elected at the biannual school directors' election for four years and the terms staggered so that approximately half of the terms will expire each year; and the local advisory committee will hold monthly meetings with the local administrator, the zone board member and the district superintendent or his designee, if possible.

The Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee position #4 Lexington area information was changed to indicate that if no candidate is available from the Lexington area, the position will be elected or appointed from the Ione attendance area at large.

Position #5 Cecil area was changed to indicate that if no candidate is available from the Cecil area, the position will be elected or appointed from the Ione attendance area at large.

-approved continuation of baseball co-sponsorship between Heppner and Ione high schools. Board members Russ Morgan, Scott Bauska, Dwayne Carroll, Gary Frederickson and Barney Lindsay voted in favor; John Rietmann opposed the action, saying that co-sponsorship created problems with staff and supervision and added that he felt schools should sponsor only the activities they could support on their own.

-approved retirement and resignations for: Jo Olsen, retiring from ACH fourth grade position as of Feb. 26 and completing the school year on a personal services contract;

Helen Symionow, retiring from CMS language arts/social studies position as of Feb. 26 and completing school year on a personal services contract;

Bill Karwacki, retiring as HES principal as of Feb. 26 and completing school year on a personal services contract;

Dora Viall, retiring from SBE secretary position as of Feb. 26 and completing the school year on a personal services contract;

Cheryl Flint, retiring from RHS office position as of Feb. 26;

Trudy Patton, resigning from ACH third/fourth grade teaching position as of Dec. 31, 1998;

Charles Spivey, resigning from CMS assistant custodian position as of Dec. 31, 1998;

Marjorie Shelly, resigning from CMS special education assistant position effective Jan. 5, 1999.

-approved maternity leave for Virginia Garcia from SBE English as a second language assistant position from Dec. 23-March 31.

-approved personal services contracts for: Jo Olsen as ACH fourth grade teacher from March 1-June 8, 1999;

Helen Symionow, CMS language arts/social studies teacher from March 1-June 8, 1999;

Bill Karwacki, HES principal from March 1-June 25, 1999;

Dora Viall, SBE secretary from March 1-June 25, 1999.

-approved temporary contracts for Shannon Jensen, ACH kindergarten-first grade teacher for balance of school year, replacing Terri Stiefel; and Tina Brodis, ACH third/fourth grade teacher for the balance of the school year, replacing Trudy Patton.

-accepted resignation of Advisory Committee member Julie Weikel on Boardman position #2 on Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee.

-accepted donations of \$3,750 from the A.C. Houghton Parent Group to help support the accelerated reading program at ACH; \$175 from the Bank of Eastern Oregon to help support the ACH family skating program; \$250 from the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce to help support the ACH family skating program; and \$150 from the Mid Columbia Bus Co. to the Terri Stiefel Memorial Fund.

-approved appointment of Grace Sandlin, CMS head custodian, to the superintendent screening committee, replacing Sharon Sample as a classified employee on the committee.

-held an executive session to consider a legal services contract with regard to a contract for a new superintendent and to discuss licensed negotiations.

-received a tour of the remodeled facilities at Heppner Elementary School.

-heard announcements of the following events: January 14-end of first semester; January 18-school closed, Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; January 21-licensed negotiations, RHS, 7 p.m.; January 27-licensed negotiations, district office, 7 p.m.; January 29-deadline for superintendent applications; February 1-5-superintendent screening committee at work; February 2-Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee, SBE, 7 p.m.; February 3-Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee at HES, 7 p.m.; February 4-Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee, Ione, 8 p.m.; February 5-four hour in-service; February 8-special executive session to review recommendations of superintendent screening committee, select candidates for interview, select interview questions and plan interview schedule, SBE, 6:30 p.m.; February 8-next regular meeting, SBE, 6:30 p.m.; February 15-President's Day holiday.

Births

Jessie Mae Williams-a daughter, Jessie Mae, was born to Denise and Michael Williams of Irrigon on January 8, 1999 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MORROW COUNTY LAND USE HEARING
The MORROW COUNTY COURT will hold the following hearing of public interest on Wednesday, January 27, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner, Oregon:

Third and final hearing to amend Morrow County Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 4, Supplementary Provisions, to allow temporary residence in a travel trailer during construction of a home.

Opportunity to voice support or opposition to the above proposals or to ask questions will be provided. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on those issues.

Copies of all relevant documents will be available after January 20, 1999. For more information, please contact Tamra Mabbott at the Morrow County Planning Department at 922-4624 or 676-5650.

DATED this 20th day of January 1999.

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF HEPPNER WATER SYSTEM SUPPLY FEASIBILITY STUDY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Heppner is requesting proposals from qualified engineering consultants to provide a feasibility analysis for serving the water needs of the City with a population of 2,000. Qualified applicants will have experience in municipal water supply and shall demonstrate experience doing an extensive analysis of water systems with multiple pressure zones.

Copies of the complete request for proposals containing required scope of work and qualifications of the consultants can be obtained from The City of Heppner, PO Box 756, Heppner, OR 97836; phone (541) 676-9618. Applicants may also obtain a copy in Microsoft Word through e-mail by sending their request to heppner@ptinet.net.

Gerald W. Breazeale
City Manager
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Arts & Crafts club to meet

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28 at Yaw's Restaurant for lunch and a short meeting.

Plans will be made for activities for the coming year, including several workshops.

Guests are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Morrow County Museum Commission will meet Tuesday, January 26, 1999, at 7PM at the Morrow County Museum.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS
Morrow County Public Works is accepting bids on the following diesel fuel Approximate usage per year:

Lexington Shop 58,000 gallons
Irrigon Shop 5,000 gallons
Crusher 30,000 gallons
All bidders must submit a bid for all three locations. Lowest bidder on the total will be successful.

Specifications may be received by calling 541-989-9500.

Bids must be received at the Public Works Office in Lexington, OR by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 1999. Bids will be opened on January 27, 1999, at 10:00 a.m.

Morrow County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to postpone the award of bids for thirty (30) days from date of opening.

Bids must be in a sealed envelope marked, "Bids".

Morrow County does not discriminate on the basis of age, religion, race, national origin, sex or handicapped status in hiring or the provision of services.
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PLEASE check your ad on the first date of publication. While we are happy to make any necessary corrections, we cannot be responsible for errors appearing on multiple days. When cancelling an ad, PLEASE check to be sure your ad was not inadvertently published. THANK YOU!

CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thanks to all who helped with the achievement award given to Barbara Struthers and I at the Town and Country banquet; also thanks to family and friends.

The years I have volunteered are not regretted. I especially enjoy Mrs. Calvert's class. Helping at other places is equally enjoyable.

Eleanor Gonty
1-20-1c

We would like to say Thank You to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital staff for doing Zach's blood test in a timely manner. For Doctor Wenberg and Trish for letting us know what to expect at Doernbecher's. Martha and Gary Munkers for watching Heather and Justin. Merry and everybody at Heppner Day Care for covering for me and caring about Ziggy. Finally for all the prayers and thoughts. He is doing great, taking his shots and dealing with his diabetes.

Thank you,
Jack, Renee' and Zach Yocom
1-20-1c

NOTICES

Free counseling for victims of abuse and sexual assault. 24 hr. Crisis Line, 1-800-833-1161. Shelter available.

6-17-52c

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9-16-tfx

Receive discounts on **NEW LEASED CARS** by joining our Auto Club. Call 989-8365.

12-9-tfx

Wanted: Heppner T.V. is accepting bids for Janitorial Services. Job requirement: 1) clean office weekly. 2) wash windows inside and out monthly. 3) shampoo carpets when needed.

Please submit bid to: Heppner T.V., Inc., 162 North Main, Heppner, OR 97836.

1-13-2c

HELP WANTED

WANTED: person to write Heppner High School girls' basketball articles. Call April or Dave at the G-T. 676-9228.
11-11-tfx

PART-TIME HELP NEEDED.

Applications available at **BUCKNUM'S**, 152 N. Main, Heppner 676-5274

The Bank of Eastern Oregon, a profitable growing community bank, is now accepting applications for one **peak time teller position** in their Heppner, Oregon branch immediately.

The successful applicant will possess outstanding customer service skills, be a team player, and have a genuine interest in helping customers with their financial needs.

Hours will be 10:00-3:00 Monday - Friday with additional hours possible depending on Bank needs.

Position will include a competitive salary and prorated benefit package.

Applicants may call or write Darrell Raver, Branch Manager, (541) 676-9125, or P.O. Box 39, Heppner, Oregon 97836 to receive an application.

Applications will close on January 22, 1999.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Morrow County Sheriff's Office Communications Deputy

For an opening for a half-time position (minimum 20 hours/week) and to build an eligibility list. Job requires typing, general office experience and ability to function in stressful situations. Duties including taking 9-1-1 calls, radio dispatching, teletype operation, working with word processing and computer files. Must be willing to work any shift. Office operates 24-hours a day/7-days a week. Pay for the half-time position starts at \$904.00/month uncertified (\$952.00/month certified). This half-time position includes benefits.

Apply at Sheriff's Office, 325 Willow View Drive, Heppner, OR. Phone (541) 676-5317. Return by closing date Friday, Feb. 5, 1999, 5:00 p.m.

Morrow County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

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REAL ESTATE

Home For Sale: custom-built in 1949, 4114 sq. ft., Heppner, 655 Hager St. Contact Robert Mahoney, 676-5876, or Mike Mahoney, 676-5157.

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For Sale: three bedroom home on view lot. 676-9689.

11-4-tfx

For Sale by owner-3 bdrm, 1 bath home on fenced corner lot. Nice yard, two decks, and storage shed. For appointment, call 676-5247.

1-20-2c

Heritage Land Co.

180 W. Baltimore #5, Heppner 676-5049

- 72,000 - 3 bdrm, 1 bath on large lot, new windows, newer roof, new kitchen carpet, new covered deck. A must see-Lexington.
- 13,000- 1.80 acre bare lot with water, sewer and electricity hookup to lot. Heppner.
- 48,000- 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile on .29 acre. Has wood stove. Built in 1975. Heppner.
- 2 bdrm house and 1 bdrm apt. for rent with good references. Sharon Lewis 676-5233
- JoyceKay Hollomon 676-5542
- Bob Ployhar 676-9649

RENTALS

Blue Spruce Apartments
One bedroom and studio apartments for rent. 1-888-982-3456.

10-7-tfx

For rent: newly rebuilt duplex in Heppner. RV parking. Non-smoking. \$450/month plus deposit. Call collect (503) 663-7407.

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OPEN HOUSE

for
EVA GRIFFITH'S
90th
BIRTHDAY!

Join us at the Heppner Elks Club,
Saturday, January 30th
from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.