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south Morrow County. The council declined to write a letter of endorsement, with Renfro saying he would like to study the matter further.

Tallman also brought up the Lexington airport and its designation as an industrial site by the currently underway Willow Creek Valley Diversification Study.

Tallman told the council that if the site is developed as an industrial area to attract business into the area, he does not want to see the development adversely affect the Town of Lexington.

Lexington is currently wrestling with ways to overhaul its aging water system, and Tallman suggested that there might be some room for cooperation on the water issue if the airport area were to be developed. However, Tallman stressed that any possible development is still quite a

ways away. "The county would have to look at water and infrastructure needs at the airport. We aren't there yet. I can't promise you anything on that."

The council discussed its current water problem, indicating that it might receive help from the Port of Morrow letting the contract for a water system upgrade that could end up costing around \$120,000. New piping might cost \$65,000 to \$75,000 and \$50,000 to \$60,000 may be needed to rehabilitate the well and reservoir.

A project to upgrade the B street bridge was also discussed. The total bridge project will cost about \$280,000, with the city having to come up with 10 percent of the cost, or \$28,000. The town already has a grant from the state for \$25,000 so it has to come up with \$3,000 to complete the project.

**Cardinal Booster Club
discusses painting gym**

The Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, May 3, at the Ione High School library.

Under old business the club discussed the painting of the gym. Principal Dick Allen is supportive of the idea. The club committee is waiting for a bid from Jan and Bob's Signs as to the cost of doing the decorative work. Del LaRue will check into prices for recovering the mats rather than buying new ones.

Monica Swanson is having a sample t-shirt made with a July 4 logo on it. The club will sell the shirts as soon as they are made, with both adult and children's sizes available.

Athletic director Dean Robinson discussed budget items passed by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. All safety equipment was approved, with the high school boys getting new football helmets and the middle school boys getting six new helmets. The junior varsity boys will get new basketball uniforms and the football team will receive a new field marker. Robinson noted the football team will probably also need

new running ropes because of safety issues.

The club approved buying balloon bouquets for possible state tennis and track participants. They also agreed to help finance any extra expenses the coaches may have.

Coach LaRue recruited help for the district track meet May 14 and 15 in Hermiston. Ione is in charge of running the boys' and girls' 1A and 2A shot put.

Robinson has spots available for boosters to put their names on the 1999-2000 sports calendar. Anyone wishing to have their names on the calendar may do so for \$15.00. Robinson may be contacted at 422-7131.

The Cardinal Booster Club will sponsor one scholarship in the amount of \$300. A committee has already been formed to choose a recipient who will be named at the graduation ceremony.

A retirement party was announced for superintendent Chuck Starr at the Ione cafeteria May 16 from 2-4 p.m.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, June 7, at the Ione High School library at 7 p.m.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Heppner is a busy place, an attractive community, a great place to call home. As we look at many of the amenities that give us a good quality of life, what do we see? There's an attractive main street lined with trees, a mini-park, flowers in planters, a water park, baseball fields, rodeo arena, historic walking tour, museum, library, the future FARM (family ag research museum) and the list goes on. Heppner has events to attract visitors and provide activities for locals such as Town & Country, the Wee Bit O' Ireland celebration, Wranglers, Celebrate Heppner, Fair & Rodeo, Garden Club and many, many more.

What do all these things have in common? They have been made possible by people who believe in community service; who believe that part of life is volunteering; who often don't care if they are recognized or get credit; who realize that while hard work is involved they also gain new friends of all ages, learn more about their community and feel a sense of accomplishment and community pride.

So the big topic for discussion is "should community service be a graduation requirement?" Eight hours a year for each student equals 40 minutes a month or 1-1/3 minutes a day. That's as simple as bending over and picking up trash on the street, helping someone next door or giving time to a community project. Many issues can be raised or good citizen could be a given ... easy to work in curriculum from K-12 ... a way of life at home, at school, wherever you go, a benefit to each and everyone.

An individual suggested that students be honored much the same as honor society or the sports dinner, possibly a cord on their graduation cap for so many hours of community service. Experiencing the benefits of offering community service is valuable the rest of one's life. There are certainly many options and hopefully positive ideas will be addressed by all. Keep it simple and everyone stands to gain, including those senior citizen volunteers who are wearing down. Youth are our greatest asset.

And what is the Chamber's role? It says it all in the Heppner Chamber of Commerce mission statement: "a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a positive environment where business, community and people thrive."

So what is community service? Just plain good citizenship, a benefit to the health of our community and the people. Don't you agree? Are we setting a good example?

Next week: Come visit Chamber, join the membership for lunch, tell us about you or your business and stay late for a conference call with Representative Lynn Lundquist. Everyone is welcome to attend.

School Calendar

Ione Schools

Monday, May 10-Thursday, May 13-Tupper Outdoor School.

Thursday, May 13-Kindergarten visitation, 9:45 a.m.; Morrow County School District spelling contest, Sam Boardman Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 16-Retirement party for superintendent Chuck Starr, Ione High School cafeteria, 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, May 20-Spring program for grades kindergarten-12.

Wednesday, May 26-Ione High School baccalaureate, St. William's Catholic Church, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 27-Ione High School awards night, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 28-Ione High School graduation, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 31-Memorial Day, no school.

Heppner Jr./Sr. High School

Wednesday, May 12- HHS Boosters Club, 7 p.m.; Site Council, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 13-District spelling contest, Sam Boardman Elementary, 6:30 p.m..

Friday, May 14-Saturday, May 15-District track meet, Hermiston.

Sunday, May 16-Retirement party for superintendent Chuck Starr, Ione High School cafeteria, 2-4 p.m.

Monday, May 17-Heppner High school academic awards, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18-Heppner High School music concert, 7 p.m.; FFA barbecue, noon.

Thursday, May 20-Heppner Junior High academic awards, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 21-Saturday, May 22-State track meet, Monmouth; District baseball, Pendleton.

Tuesday, May 25-Sports dessert, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 26-Heppner High School baccalaureate, St. Patrick Catholic Church, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 27-HHS junior-senior breakfast, 7 a.m.

Saturday, May 29-Heppner High School graduation, 7 p.m.

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Heppner Elementary School

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Thursday, May 20-Kindergarten registration, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Monday, May 31-Memorial Day, no school.

Elks to sponsor student at Meadowood camp



L-R: Joe Anderson, Stephanie Rill, Marty Brannon

The local Elks Club is sponsoring a local student, Stephanie Rill, to attend Meadowood Speech Camp this summer.

The Elks held a wood raffle at Christmastime to help sponsor Stephanie with wood provided by Roger Mortimore and his Elk crew. Winner of the wood was Doris Collins. Stephanie's second grade class at Heppner Elementary School sold around \$320 worth of tickets for the raffle right before Christmas. Oregon Together has also donated \$150 towards the \$900 cost of the two-week camp.

Joy Krein's first and second

grade class has planned a pop can and bottle drive to help with the camp tuition on Thursday, May 20, from 3:30-6 p.m. Everyone is asked to save cans for the drive. For special pickup, call Krein, 676-9956, or bring the cans to Heppner Elementary School.

Heppner Day Care will have a bake sale later in the month to help cover personal items that the camp requires.

Other organizations wishing to donate to this cause may call Krein or Mortimore, 676-5304.

Local Elks Club Exalted Ruler is Joe Anderson; past ER is Joe Kenny; secretary is Roger Mortimore; and Meadowood chairman is Marty Brannon. Speech clinician is David Spaulding.

Gary Neal to speak at Boardman Chamber

Gary Neal, director of the Port of Morrow, will be the featured presenter at the May 19 Boardman Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The potential economic effects of draw down, as they apply to economies of Morrow and Umatilla counties and the Pacific Northwest, will be shared with chamber members and interested public.

The May Chamber meeting will be at noon in the lower level of the Dodge City Inn Restaurant. The meeting is open to the public; those wishing a hot

lunch need to make a reservation by calling 481-2571 by 4 p.m. Monday, May 17.

"Dodge City Inn Restaurant has reopened and is now operated by the Castro Family - Ray and Juanita-said a chamber spokesperson.

"They have worked very hard to bring the facility back from "temporary retirement" and are anxious to present their operation to chamber members." Although their menu is primarily American, the buffet lunch on May 19 will feature enchilada casserole.

CPR for rescuers course planned

CPR for the Professional Rescuer Review, a course for anyone who holds a current American Red Cross CPRFPR certificate and needs annual recertification, will be held at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital meeting room on Wednesday, May 19, and Thursday, May 20, from 6-9 p.m.

The course will include a review of all course techniques, a written exam and skills tests. Students will need to bring their own CPRFPR manuals to the class. The \$10 registration fee covers ARC recertification fees.

Pre-registration is required through BMCC. Call Anne Morter to pre-register or for more information.

SWCD plans tree give-away

The Morrow SWCD will hold its annual free tree give-away at the Pettyjohn Office Building parking lot in Heppner on Friday, May 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

An assortment of Ponderosa Pine and Douglas Fir will be dispersed on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Morrow SWCD organizes the dispersal of these excess trees each year in cooperation with the USFS.

"Trees provide shade, windbreaks, and wildlife habitat as well as minimizing soil erosion," said a SWCD

spokesperson. "Take advantage of this opportunity and plan on planting a few trees this spring to enhance your property."

Those planning to take trees should bring containers such as burlap sacks or garbage bags to protect the trees in transport.

For more information, call the SWCD office at 676-5452.

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**St. Patrick's Senior Center
Bulletin Board**

Ninety-five were present for the senior dinner May 5. Members of the Catholic Church served. Hearing aid service was given. There was no blood pressure clinic as the nurse was on vacation.

The menu for May 19 is sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and blueberry crisp. Members of the Episcopal Church will serve.

Eleven seniors went by bus to the Pendleton nutrition site for lunch Friday, May 7. They enjoyed the delicious meal, the live music and dancing. Gerald Bergstrom was the driver.

Cards were played at the center that afternoon and Bingo in the evening.

The next bus trip is the country ride, with lunch at Beecher's Cafe in Ione. The bus will leave Heppner at 11 a.m. June 8, the bus will go to Monument, leaving Heppner at 8:30 a.m. The sign up sheets for these trips are in the Senior Center office or call 676-9030 to sign up.

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