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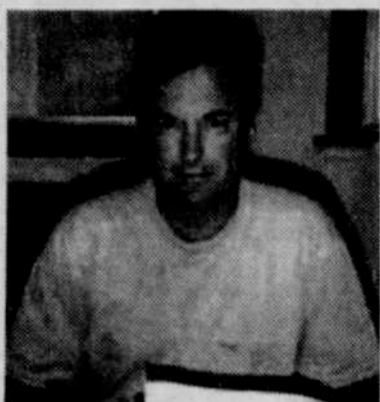
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School district

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organizational details and resolution 2000-01 to accept and appropriate unanticipated revenue;

-heard a report on staffing for 1999-2000 with only four certified staff openings-art and science at Columbia Middle School, social studies in Ione and language arts at Riverside High School;

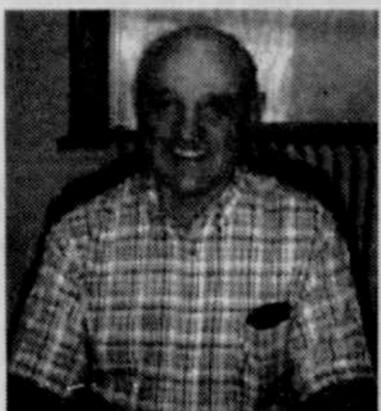
-accepted resignations from: John Thomas, RHS social studies teacher; Melissa Isaacson, A.C. Houghton Elementary fifth-grade teacher; Rod Luce, ACH counselor; Julie Weikel, CMS science teacher; Chris Davis, Ione social studies teacher; Rita Luce, CMS educational assistant;

-approved employment and transfers for: Joanie Reck, ACH special education teacher, replacing Karen Cooley; Matthew Neff, RHS social studies teacher, replacing John Thomas; Angelica Prongua, ACH fifth-grade teacher, replacing Tina Brodis; Holly Wells, ACH counselor, replacing Rod Luce; John Flaherty, Heppner High School social studies teacher, replacing Al Beck; Kathy Simonis, CMS language arts teacher, replacing Thad Killingbeck; Julie Walker, ACH kindergarten-first grade teacher, replacing Debbie Burns; Thomas Vail, English as a second language teacher, replacing Anita Otterness; Rachael Burton, ACH

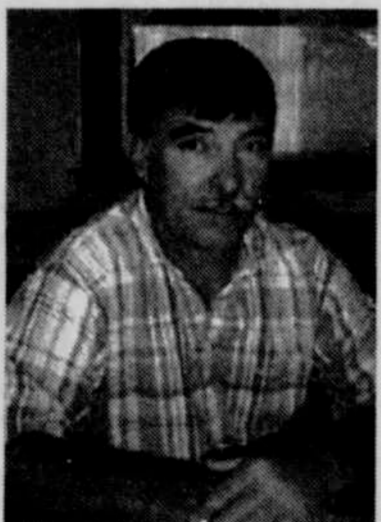
approval of the supplemental requests for proposals for the fiscal year 2000.
The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions. For further information, call 676-9675.

Commission to meet

The monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission of Children and Families will be held on Tuesday, July 20, at the Family Service Center, 120 S. Main, Heppner, from 7-9 p.m.
The main topic of discussion will be the recommended



Keith Lewis



Scott Bauska

fifth-grade teacher, replacing Melissa Isaacson; Judy Daniels, transfer from PE educational assistant to ESL ed assistant at CMS, replacing Cheryl Filarski; Carol Johnson, transfer from ACH ed assistant to CMS PE ed assistant, replacing July Daniels; Marvin Coleman, a new position as Irrigon Learning Center ed assistant; Kelley Ellis, add .6 office assistant to .4 food service assistant, a new position at SBE; Melodee Tovey, add .6 office assistant to .4 food service assistant, a new position at ACH; Terri Palmateer, a new position as half-time office assistant at Ione Schools; Jane Ginther, transfer from special education to regular ed assistant, replacing Carol Johnson; Lori McCabe, transfer from 3-1/2 hour ed assistant to Ione assistant cook, replacing Shelley Key; Becky Jo Pierce, RHS assistant custodian, replacing Frank Wynne (.4 position) and fill new (.6 position); Kelly Wright, transfer from 3-1/2 hour K-1 ed assistant to full-time special ed assistant, replacing Jane Ginther;

-approved extra duty contracts for: Matthew Neff, RHS head wrestling coach, replacing Chad Otterness; Kim Finley, RHS assistant volleyball coach; Thomas Vail, RHS head boys' soccer coach.

The next board meeting will be held August 9 at 7:30 p.m. at ACH in Irrigon.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the C-T office. The C-T reserves the right to edit.

Relative updates Heppner story

To the Editor:

It was a nice article about Al Heppner and his friend in the June 30 G-T. The last time I saw Al was when he was 10, when I visited his dad in Baltimore. That was in 1984. Actually, his dad, Max Heppner, visited Heppner in 1948. He and his mom stayed with my family. Max and I had just finished the eighth grade. That's 51 instead of 30 years ago. From Al's 20-something perspective, that's probably not much of a time difference.

In 1947, Heppner's mayor gave me a letter from Max Heppner, who wanted information about the town. The mayor was Jess Turner, and he knew of my dad's relationship to Henry Heppner. Max and I have been pen-pals since 1947. We now communicate by phone and e-mail and he told me Al would be visiting. Max has had contact with Michael Heppner of London, who visited Heppner in the early 1990s with his laptop and left a genealogical printout with the Morrow County Museum. Al's name should be included in that printout if it's not already there.

I don't know how far back G-T archives go, but both the Gazette and the E.O. in Pendleton had good write-ups about Max and Irene Heppner's visit, either in June or July 1948.

Al's namesake and grandfather Albert died while the family was being smuggled out of Holland during the Holocaust, when a farmer friend hid Max and his parents in a chicken coop. Max and his mother visited their Dutch benefactor several times over the years, and this man was eventually honored for his heroism in hiding many Jews from the Nazis during the Holocaust. Had Max and his parents been caught, Al would not be here today.

The Holocaust, "ethnic cleansing," Rwandan massacres, the same hatred and bigotry. They happened in Europe and Africa, so why should folks in Morrow County care? Well, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, isn't that far away, and that's where the Church of the Aryan Nations and its KKK and Neo-Nazi buddies preach about creating a Pacific Northwest "uncontaminated" by anyone who is not white and "Christian" (their brand). Neo-Nazis tried to recruit teenagers in Yakima and The Dalles. Sometimes these groups' hate literature winds up on porches and car windshields.

I hope no one gets taken in by the lies these groups spread. We're too smart for that to happen, right?

(s) Sally Cohn
Portland

Marks alive and well in Whitefish

To the Editor:

I found your e-mail address on the G-T Home Page. I hope all is well with you guys.

I saw that you reprinted that story from The World newspaper about my demise last November in North Bend. As Paul Harvey would say ... I thought you might like to hear "the rest of the story."

It is true; I was confronted with a very difficult decision concerning the police chief. I felt very strongly (and still do) that I made the right decision. Although the city council gave me a 100 percent vote of confidence after I dismissed the chief and many citizens thanked me for taking the action I did, a small but vocal group of the chief's supporters and a biased newspaper created an unworkable situation. When a serious threat was made on my personal safety, I knew I no longer wished to remain in the employ of the city of North Bend. At my request, the city council agreed to a separation deal in which they would terminate my contract, which would trigger my contract's severance provision, which provided for six months of paid salary and benefits.

With me out-of-the-way, the chief's supporters launched a recall of two city councilors simply because they had supported my action. However, the recall backfired as voters turned back the recall by a three

to one margin.

After North Bend, I began a job search which resulted in being hired by the city of Whitefish,

Montana. I began work for Whitefish on June 1. Whitefish is located in the northwest region of Montana about 30 miles west of Glacier National Park and 60 south of the Canadian border. Whitefish, a city of about 6,000, is a ski and golf resort located next to Whitefish Lake and surrounded by the Rocky Mountains. The Big Mountain Ski Resort is just outside of town and the city owns a 36-hole golf course that borders Whitefish Lake. The area is absolutely beautiful.

I have a wonderful city council and a highly professional staff of 55. The city is experiencing rapid growth, which has necessitated an ongoing need for infrastructure improvements. Fortunately, the city also has several fairly healthy revenue sources to address these needs. As you might guess, I am very pleased to be here. (Although I still consider Heppner my hometown and probably always will.) Laurie and I bought a nice home on an oversized lot on the edge of town. We have a great view of the Rockies out our front window. Just thought you might like to know how things worked out for us.

I hope all is well in Heppner. I think of all of you often. Take care and God Bless.

(s) Gary Marks

Annual golf outing serves lasting memorial to friend

To the Editor:

I am enclosing a copy of an article from the June 24 edition of the Cheney (WA.) Free Press relating to the Don Lott Memorial Golf Tournament. You may wish to publish it.

Donnie was a good friend.

I coached Little League several years in Davenport, WA., and Heppner. Don was such a good pull hitter that we used the Don Lott shift. I had never used it on any other hitter against my team. It has since become known as the Ken Griffey shift.

He was an avid golfer and one of the fun things he and I used to do before golfing matches was to putt around the holes on the practice green for 5¢ a hole.

When I moved to Cheney and he attended Eastern Washington University, our friendship continued.

He is missed, but not forgotten.

(s) Dave Harrison
Vancouver, WA.

By Ruami Dyck

Cheney Free Press Staff Writer

Don Lott passed away in February of 1993 at the age of 29 in his home town in Oregon. He was a great guy, according to his college buddies, and an avid golfer.

He was lucky to have such good friends. Two of his buddies, Doug Ross and James Vallance, who have been best friends themselves since they can remember, got together that same year Lott died and decided they would golf a round just to remember Lott. They were joined by Vallance's good friend, Mike Wolan, the following year.

Ross is a Cheney resident and serves as public works director for the city of Medical Lake.

This year, seven years later,

through word of mouth and no special effort, there are 40 people golfing in a tournament, called appropriately, the Don Lott Memorial Golf Tournament. There are people coming from as far away as Montana and the Olympic Peninsula.

Ross said they charge people \$25 and that covers a big barbecue and T-shirts at the end of the tournament, which is traditionally held the second weekend in June. They play a two-person scramble so that everyone gets involved.

Next year they will purchase a memorial plaque to hang at Hangman Valley Golf Course, Ross said, and they are really excited about it.

They have about eight people who play in the tournament annually who knew Lott. The rest of the players are just people who ask to play after they find out what the tournament is all about.

It may seem strange just having a tournament for a friend who died and for no other reason. Ross said, "It's bizarre how it's come out. We just play a round of golf in his memory."

They get together ahead of time and make up a sign that tells which annual event it is and the name of the golf tournament and take pictures of everyone on the first tee before they start. This is a cherished part of the tournament as is a special toast after the tournament's end.

Whether it's the golf or the memories of a friend or just the

wish to get together, the tournament is growing every year. But one compelling reason remains the focus for the three good friends the second weekend in June. Ross said, "It's the very least we could do for him." They get to tell 40 people about him every year.

Hospital is one class act

To the Editor:

Overheard a man telling his vacation story to someone and asked him to write it out and I would forward it to my favorite little newspaper editor. I know it would be appreciated by my friends in Heppner.Helen Riehl

surprise Dr. Susan Krippaehne and her staff had her blood pressure down to a tolerable level within 30 minutes. I was very much impressed with how efficient they were. At all times we were treated like we were the only people in the world.

To all of the people of the town of Heppner Oregon:

I have been going to Heppner for over 15 years during hunting season. I was always told, no matter what, if you get sick or need to go to the hospital, don't go to Heppner's. You will be taking your life into your own hands. I have always believed that statement until this past June.

From June 13 through June 27 your town and the outskirts were invaded by over 1000 buckskinners for the annual Pacific Rendezvous Black Powder Shoot.

My wife and I were at the site on June 21 when she started to complain of chest pains. After some deliberations I finally agreed to take her to the hospital. We were 15 miles from Heppner when I left the site. As we were driving into town I made the decision to stop at the hospital. I would give them 15 to 30 minutes to try and find out what was wrong with my wife of 29 years. I knew that I would need three-and-one-half hours to get her to a hospital in Portland. If I didn't like what was going on at the Heppner hospital I was going to need this time. Her blood pressure was way too high along with several other problems. Much to my

Not only did Dr. Krippaehne take excellent care of my wife, she found time to have dinner with me that her staff arranged. She kept me at ease and informed at all times.

The next morning they had to transport my wife to Portland via ambulance where she spent several more days in the hospital. After all of the tests were done, she ended up not having a heart attack like we thought. She has several problems that are being controlled with medicine and diet.

I can assure you of one thing--the town of Heppner has one class act in their hospital and all of their staff. I will not let anyone form an opinion for me in the future. I hope this town is proud of its hospital and staff. Not only did they treat my wife, they were busy treating other buckskinners of all different types of problems along with taking care of the townspeople. Every where buckskinners went they were treated well by the townspeople.

My wife and I want to say thanks for being there when we needed them and we will never be afraid to go to Heppner's hospital in the future. I can assure you all, we will tell people how we were treated.

(s) Terry and Sandy McLean
Hillsboro

Boardman selected as site for cheese factory

Tillamook Creamery Association has decided to place a satellite cheese plant at the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

The plant, which will produce bulk cheese and whey, is expected to employ around 40 people and bring many secondary jobs to the area, including dairies and feed production from area ranches.

The plant will occupy between 20-30 acres in an enterprise zone in the port industrial park east of Boardman Foods. Construction in an enterprise zone could offer

three to five years of tax abatement for Tillamook.

Construction is scheduled to begin in October on Columbia Drive, with an estimated completion date of summer 2001.

The plant could double Tillamook's cheese production to more than 100 million pounds a year.

While no tourist facility is currently being planned at the Boardman plant, as at the Tillamook site, the possibility of such a facility has not been ruled out.

Wedding Tables

Jessica Sumner & Jonathan Lehman
Wedding-Saturday, July 24th

Lynde Minster & Ezra Perkins
Wedding-Saturday, August 7th

Victoria Green & Steven Schaber
Wedding-Saturday, August 7th

Kathryn Cutsforth & Edward Fullmer
Wedding-Saturday, August 28th

Darcee Padberg & Slater Mitchell
Wedding-Saturday, September 4th

Mary Jane McCarty & Aaron Heideman
Wedding-Saturday, September 11th

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