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## Ione Site Council discusses school improvement plan

Ione schools principal Dick Allen presented some staff input in regards to the reading goal on the School Improvement Plan at the Ione Site Council's November meeting on Nov. 16.

At the elementary level, the teachers would like to implement reading programs involving members of the community with intrinsic rewards rather than material rewards. The secondary teachers want to teach reading across the curriculum. Regardless of the subject area, a weekly reading lesson would be incorporated. Allen reported that he is still gathering input from the staff on the math goal.

Anne Morter asked if the students earning an academic letter (to be awarded for the first time following the conclusion of the first semester) could be notified of their award in January rather than waiting for the awards ceremony in May. This would allow this year's seniors to list the aca-

demical letter on scholarship applications. The Site Council recommended to the Honor Society that they consider this request.

The council discussed joining the Oregon School Site Council Network again after a year's hiatus. The topic was tabled until a later date.

The idea of having a student representative on the site council was discussed. Barb Stefani will put it on the agenda of the next student council meeting to see if there is interest from the students.

Under the heading of honors and recognition, the Ione Lady Cardinals were congratulated for their second straight volleyball championship. Individually, Nikki McElligott and Camie Burright were honored as part of the all-state and all-district volleyball teams. Erin Crowell was also named to the district all-star first team. Brandi Brantley, Amellia Peck and Diana McElligott were all named as honorable mention in the district polling.

## Activities planned for Stroll Heppner's Light Parade

The Christmas season will be in full swing in Heppner on Thursday, December 2, with a host of activities for the Stroll Heppner and Light Parade.

Everyone is invited to Stroll Heppner with downtown business open houses planned from 2-6 p.m.

Santa and his reindeer will make his annual visit from 2-7 p.m. at the Red Apple Market and photos with Santa and the reindeer will be available from 3-5:30 p.m.

The Heppner Junior/Senior High School choir will perform from 4:50-5:10 p.m. and the Heppner High School band will take over entertainment from 5:10-5:35 p.m.

A living nativity scene will be

presented downtown by Hope and Valby Lutheran churches and All Saints' Episcopal from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The light parade will gear up at 6 p.m. Entry forms are available at local businesses. Cash prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 will be awarded. Line-up for contestants is at 5 p.m. Light Up Heppner will be at 6:30 p.m.

A benefit dance for the proposed radio station "KNOW" will be held at Heppner High School from 7:30-11 p.m. The dance, for all ages, will feature the local group, "Final Warning", and door prizes will be awarded. Admission is \$3 each.

Everyone is reminded to fill out Christmas Punch cards at local participating businesses.

## Christmas concert scheduled

A joint Christmas Concert of the Willow Creek Symphony and the Inland Musicians Northwest will be held on Sunday, December 19, at 3:15 p.m. at the Heppner Middle School Gym. The program will include a Christmas concerto and selected Christmas songs from Handel's Messiah performed by the Inland Musicians Northwest Symphony and Chorale.

The Willow Creek Symphony will play four selections. The concert will conclude with a sing-along of Christmas carols with the audience and chorale singing while both orchestras join to provide the accompaniment.

More information on the concert will be available in next week's newspaper.

## Christmas Punch starts Friday

Once again it's time for the Christmas punch contest, so don't forget to ask for your punch cards at participating businesses and you could be a winner.

Eleven businesses are offering the cards this year, and there will be a total of \$1,100 in gift certificates given away.

The rules are simple and the same as last year: Pick up your punch card at any participating business. Keep it with you, and for any \$5 worth of purchases at any participating business, get your card punched. Deposit filled cards at any participating business and you will be eligible for one of four \$25 gift certificates to be given away each week through Christmas.

All cards will also be automatically entered into the Grand Prize drawing for \$550 in gift certificates to be given away on December 27.

Pick up your punch cards at these participating businesses: Gardner's Men's Wear, Coast to Coast, Les Schwab Tires, Peterson's Jewelers, Lott's Electric, Shoe Box, Central Red Apple Market, Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply, MCGG, Court Street Market and Murray Drugs/ Country Rose.

## Telecom meeting scheduled

Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman invites all telecommunications users in the county to a meeting on Friday, Dec. 3, to kick off the county planning process. The meeting will start at 12 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Conference Room in Boardman.

The goal of the meeting is to organize Morrow County businesses, public agencies and individuals to advocate and plan for improved telecommunications services such as high speed voice, data and video transmissions. Updates on Senate bill 622 and fiber leasing opportunities through the Bonneville Power Administration will be discussed.

CenturyTel's network manager, Leonard Jablonski of Lebanon, will attend and U.S. West representatives are invited.

Call Lisa Breckenridge at 541-276-6745 to RSVP for lunch or for more information.

## Chamber tours mill site



Morrow County Port Commissioners Jerry Healy, Marvin Padberg, and Deane Seeger took the Heppner Chamber of Commerce on a tour of the recently acquired Kinzua mill site Tuesday. Healy said there have been some inquiries from businesses about locating at the mill facility, but nothing definite. The port currently has some of the buildings leased for onion and equipment storage. Above Healy shows chamber members stored barrels of onions. Below he gives a tour of the office space which also was part of the property donated to the port by Pioneer Resources, past owners of Kinzua. The port hopes to locate businesses at the facility and provide jobs for the area.



## Lakeview developer to turn property back

The developer of the Lakeview Heights subdivision near the Willow Creek Lake in Heppner has not been successful in marketing the property and has decided to turn the property back over to the bank, according to a report from Tom Wolff to the Heppner Economic Development Corporation at their Nov. 9 meeting.

HEDC says that it has tried to negotiate with the owner to help move the property, but negotiations have broken off. Only six lots have been purchased and three homes built, according to HEDC.

According to HEDC minutes, the Port of Morrow property adjacent to the Lakeview Heights Subdivision has been given to the Willow Creek Valley Assisted facility.

Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen reported to HEDC that because of the location of the property, the cost of installing utilities and other services will be much less and the proximity to the dam and the view of the city and lake will enhance the marketability of WCVL. He also said it would provide a more homelike feeling and beautiful walking areas.

HEDC learned that the Heppner City Council approved having an architect draft plans for a city hall/library building with costs shared equally between the city and the library. The building would be designed to resemble other buildings in Heppner.

A decision concerning the building site will be made after the architect drawings are completed. One site being considered is the vacant lot next to the Shoe Box which is owned by the city.

The Corps of Engineers has received an application for a flood zone analysis, but no timeline has been decided yet.

HEDC also reported in its minutes that a decision must be made concerning the cleanup of

the Unocal property at the north end of town, which is considered contaminated.

According to HEDC, Jepsen has been working with DEQ for a number of years to come to a decision as to what can be done with the property, but still no decision has been made.

The DEQ performed core drilling and determined that two feet of topsoil must be put on the area, along with monitoring wells.

HEDC says that the city of Heppner is hoping to get the deed from Unocal so DEQ can issue a "no further action" order and then the property can be cleaned up and grass planted and maintained by the city.

Heppner City Council has approved a list of SCERT projects as follows: Water system rehabilitation and improvement-\$3,000,000; joint city hall/library building project-\$1,500,000; Heppner center-\$225,000; Riverside Avenue reconstruction-\$500,000; Court Street intersection improvement-\$100,000; septage receiving station design study-\$10,000; septage receiving station project-\$150,000; Willow Creek flow monitoring station-\$25,000; Heppner/Unocal Brownfield reclamation project (aka Heppner Park)-\$25,000; Water Street Improvements (sidewalk, storm and paving)-\$88,000; extension of sewer mains to unserved city residents-\$500,000; upgrade St. Patrick's Senior Center and apartments-\$150,000; Riverside

Avenue upgrade for fire department-\$12,000; portable police radios-\$1,500.

According to Jerry Breazeale, who attended a meeting to discuss the ODOT STIP projects, there was discussion about the money that will be collected because of the additional gas tax legislation that just passed. He said that ODOT would like to use

the money to repave and build up Highway 74 between Main Street and the fairgrounds. However, this goal was last in a list of 10 projects, but there may be a chance of funding if other projects are dropped from the list.

At the October 26 HEDC meeting the group learned that ODOT has shifted funds to transportation and some local priorities "(i.e., the sidewalk and highway from Court Street to the fairgrounds) have been put on the back burner."

## Holiday concert planned

The South Morrow Community Choir and the "Sentimentalists" will present their annual holiday concert on Sunday, December 5, at 3 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

Everyone is invited to attend for "an hour of fun Christmas music to kick off your holiday season."

## Put the twinkle on Main Street

It's time to light up the Main Street trees. Tree owners, those willing to "adopt a tree" for the season and others wishing to help are invited to meet at the Chamber of Commerce office on Tuesday, November 30, between 2:30-6 p.m.

Lights will be available for those who did not keep them from last year. A pole is available for taller trees. Claudia Hughes, chamber executive director, invites people to stop by the chamber office for hot chocolate before or after putting their lights up.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the lights for "Light Up Heppner" December 2, following the Light Parade.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Morrow County Grain Growers!

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