

Heppner says goodbye to two veteran teachers

Heppner Elementary School will say goodbye to two highly trained, long-time teachers at the end of this school year. Veteran teachers, Linda Shaw and Kay Chinen, will both retire at the end of this school year after long careers at HES.



Linda Shaw

Linda Shaw, originally from Santa Barbara, CA, was born in the same hospital as two other Heppner residents, Barbara Hayes and Marsha Sweek.

After World War II, Shaw's father was admitted to Oregon State University, so the family moved to Oregon when Linda was very young.

She graduated from Sisters High School in 1961 in a senior class of 12-15 students. At that time, Sisters was "a little town very much like Heppner," says Shaw.

After high school, she enrolled at the University of Oregon, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in English literature.

After receiving her degree she taught at North Eugene High School for three years.

She married in 1965 and in 1968, halfway through her English master's program, left the valley with her husband who had been hired by Kinzua Corporation to manage holdings at Radio Mountain. The Shaws had a ranch on Cottonwood Creek around 15 miles south of Monument.

Shaw told the principal there that she would be available to substitute. On the first day of school, however, he offered her a job teaching third and fourth grade. He had forgotten to hire someone to take over for a teacher on sick leave. "I did multi-age (teaching) before it was the fashion," said Shaw. She received emergency certification, taught nine fourth graders and nine third graders for a year and then substituted.

In 1971 her son, J.J., came along and she was able to be a stay-at-home mom for a while.

In 1973 the family moved to Kinzua and Shaw taught at Fossil. She substituted at first and then started a Title I reading program, which she taught until moving to Heppner.

During the summers from 1975-80 Shaw returned to graduate school and received a master's degree in curriculum instruction, specifically in reading, which enabled her to teach younger children.

She substituted her first year in Heppner and then began her current job in 1979. "I have been in the same little room since 1979," laughs Shaw. After her retirement, the room will become office space for the lunch duty person and will house the copy machine.

Shaw's job at Heppner Elementary School has been three-fold--she is the school's reading specialist, the Talented and Gifted program coordinator and the assessment coordinator.

Shaw, now 56, says that her biggest reward in teaching has been "working with students who had difficulty with reading early on, but went on to develop the skills and become successful students, adults and citizens."

"There's so much more that teachers have to know and do now," she adds. "And there are some things that are archaic that we don't need to do any more." Time for cursive writing, one of those archaic subjects, is now better used for keyboarding, Shaw maintains.

"One of the best trends overall in education that I'm most pleased to have been a part of is the Oregon State Assessment program and the high standards set in Oregon," says Shaw. "I

believe in the state assessment program, but there's still progress to be made--to allow for individual differences to be recognized.

"I really believe that students need to be able to prove that they can independently apply the skills and strategies they have been taught. That's the strength of the system," she said.

"I'm proud of Morrow County," she added. "I have appreciated working here. It has changed with the times and it has been a leader. I think our county is ahead of most in the state in organizing our assessment program. We don't just give tests to be giving tests. Our teachers took classes, rethinking the whole assessment system for the district. The fundamental question is, 'Can the kids do what we think they can and how do we find out?' (School district assistant superintendent) Mike Keown deserves a lot of the credit for our program."

Shaw says, however, that she is concerned about the future of education. "I'm concerned when people vote to lower taxes and don't understand that there's a lowering of services. It could get worse in the coming years."

Now that Shaw is retiring, she says she plans to "throw away a lot of stuff in my house and plant more flowers. I guess I can get rid of my lesson plans for North Eugene High School," she laughs. "I want to walk into the library--I haven't had time for two or three years."



Kay Chinen

Kay Chinen was born in Montana and spent her growing up years in Spokane, WA. She graduated from Marycliff High School in Spokane in 1951 and then attended Kinman Business University there.

Chinen worked in an office for an orthopedic surgeon at Spokane until she married in 1957.

A busy mother with four children born in rapid succession--Robin in 1958, Randy in 1959, Lori in 1961 and Lisa in 1963--Chinen still made time to take classes "in between kids" at Holy Names College (now Fort Wright College) at Spokane. She transferred to Eastern Washington University at Cheney in 1966 and graduated in 1970 with a degree in education and early childhood psychology. That year she got a job teaching third grade at Our Lady of Lourdes school, where she taught until 1972.

In 1971, Chinen had remarried and son Terry was born in 1972. In 1973 she returned to EWU at Cheney, receiving a special education certification and completing her fifth year in the teaching program. That same year she got a job teaching remedial reading and English for fifth and sixth graders at St. Charles School in Spokane.

Daughter Tina came along in 1975. Chinen was then able to spend some time at home with her children before moving to Heppner in 1979.

"I wanted a small town for the kids," said Chinen of her move.

She was hired at Heppner Elementary School by then-Principal Don Cole. At the time Chinen was the only special education teacher in south Morrow County and there was only one for the north end. The county had no special education program, so the district sent her to Medford to study the Jackson County model, which was subsequently adopted by Morrow County.

Also as a part of her job, Chinen traveled to Ione on Fridays.

Starting in 1983 Chinen returned to school during the

summers. She received a master's degree in "Handicapped Learner" from Western Oregon University at Monmouth in 1987, which enabled her to teach kindergarten through 12th grade.

"I've really enjoyed my career here," says Chinen. It has been a good place for my children to grow up.

"I've also enjoyed watching my students grow up and become successful people. It has been a really good experience because I've worked with so many children with so many different types of disabilities and I've always had such wonderful

Weather Report

By the City of Heppner

For the month of May			
	High	Low	Precip.
5/1	74	35	.00
5/2	72	44	.19
5/3	73	53	T
5/4	62	41	.19
5/5	62	38	.03
5/6	60	34	.03
5/7	63	34	.00
5/8	68	35	.00
5/9	67	48	.24
5/10	63	36	.05
5/11	57	39	.01
5/12	57	34	.02
5/13	63	40	.00
5/14	69	45	.00
5/15	76	47	.15
5/16	74	45	.00
5/17	77	44	.00
5/18	68	44	.00
5/19	76	53	.00
5/20	75	45	.00
5/21	82	52	.00
5/22	86	53	.00
5/23	80	53	.00
5/24	75	51	.00
5/25	78	48	.00
5/26	70	48	.00
5/27	75	48	.00
5/28	71	43	.20
5/29	69	45	.00
5/30	68	49	.00
5/31	53	43	.49

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Heppner was hopping on Saturday. There were golfers, barrel racers, strangers in California t-shirts visiting businesses and carrying packages, campers and fishermen.

So, does this mean that just maybe visitor-oriented events mean a diversified economy? Do people like to visit Heppner? If we promote it, will they come? When locals travel to another town for an excursion, do we have the means to attract others here for an excursion to put it all in balance?

To the above questions, yes, yes, yes and yes. Maybe it means it's time to have a local tourism committee work on a tourism plan. All the "ducks are in a row" with our clean, inviting Main Street, the lake for fishing, great cycling roads, golf, the museums (volunteers, are you there?).

Mix in the new water park, the Volkswalk, the ball fields, the Wilkinson Building, book stores and gift shops, Willow Lake RV Park, Corbin's Bowl and the mountains close by. There is something for everyone. Northwestern Motel may need to expand to hold more visitors. Heppner is a great place to visit and live.

What, you don't want to share it? We hear you. On the other hand, it takes visitors to keep the economy moving, keep our businesses healthy and our town looking good. We are giving them a rural experience that few have on a daily basis. We are sharing. Heppner relieves stress, visitors love it too. Diversity is what it's about.

Orchids to all volunteers who have helped to make Heppner an attractive community. In addition to all the Garden Club has done, the flower haven beside Murray's and the planter and hanging baskets at Central are inviting to one and all. Walking down our Main Street is a treat. Want the old one back? Come look at some before photos and you'll be amazed. So soon we forget.

Next week Chamber members are looking forward to a program by Oregon Wheat League President Judy Rea during lunch.

Thought for the week: "Contentment is hoping for the best and making the best of what we have."

parents to work with.

"There have been a lot of changes in special ed over the years. Now we have six special education teachers in the district and a director (Assistant Superintendent Mike Keown). I started out here with eight students and this past year I served 36. It has really grown," says Chinen, who attributes some of the growth in the program to better assessment.

Chinen says that when she first began the program in Heppner, teachers often stopped her in the hall with concerns about students. Now, referrals are handled by a team at the school.

The team helps decide what course of action to take to help each child. "The team aspect is one of the improvements that I have appreciated most," she said. "We look at each child individually."

Chinen says that retirement will allow her to spend more time at her hobbies, golfing and photography, and she also wants to finish painting her house. "I just haven't had time. There's so

much paperwork, I spend a lot of time at school," she said.

Chinen also plans to spend more time with her parents who live in Spokane, her children and 10 grandchildren. Some of her children and grandchildren also live in the Spokane area.

"The first day of school I'll miss the teachers and the students," says Chinen, 63. "But I'm not going to miss the meetings and paperwork."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A meeting of the Ione-Lexington Cemetery District will be held on June 16, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at Ione City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 as approved by the Ione-Lexington Cemetery District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Ione City Hall between the hours of 8 and 4. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is consistent, not consistent with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below.

Chairman of Governing Body: Edward Baker Telephone Number: (541) 989-8347

FINANCIAL SUMMARY		Adopted Budget This Year - 1999-2000	Approved Budget Next Year - 2000-2001
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS			
1. Total Personal Services		13560.00	14230.00
2. Total Materials and Supplies		9750.00	33670.75
3. Total Capital Outlay		60087.00	39719.34
4. Total Debt Service		0	0
5. Total Transfers		7000	1000
6. Total Contingencies		1000	1000
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements		0	0
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance		0	7000
9. Total Requirements - add lines 1 through 8		92387.00	96517.09
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes		65337.09	67787.09
11. Total Property Taxes Estimated to be Received		27060.00	28730.00
12. Total Resources - add lines 10 and 11		92397.09	96517.09
13. Total Property Taxes Estimated to be Received (line 11)		27060.00	28730.00
14. Plus: Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received		0	0
A. Loss Due to Constitutional Limit		0	0
B. Discounts Allowed, Other Uncollected Amounts		1705.56	15.00
15. Total Tax Levied - add lines 13 and 14		28765.56	28745.00
Rate or Amount			
16. Permanent Rate Limit Levy (rate limit .2401)		2401	2401
17. Local Option Taxes			
18. Levy for Bonded Debt or Obligations			

Debt Outstanding: None As Summarized Below Debt Authorized, Not Incurred: None As Summarized Below

FORM LB-3 FUNDS REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED

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Name of General Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1998-99	Adopted Budget This Year 1999-00	Approved Budget Next Year 2000-01
1. Total Personal Services	12995.44	13560.00	14230.00
2. Total Materials and Services	15671.29	9750.00	11550.00
3. Total Capital Outlay			
4. Total Debt Service			
5. Total Transfers	7813.00	7000.00	1000.00
6. Total Contingencies			1000.00
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	36278.73	31310.00	27780.00
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	1720.93	1000.00	7000.00
9. Total Requirements	38000.66	32310.00	34780.00
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	12453.69	5250.00	6050.00
11. Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	25546.97	27060.00	28730.00
12. Total Resources (add lines 10 and 11)	38000.66	32310.00	34780.00
13. Property Taxes Estimated to be Received (line 11)		27060.00	28730.00
14. Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received			
A. Loss Due to Constitutional Limit		0	0
B. Discounts, Other Uncollected Amounts		1705.56	15.00
15. Total Tax Levied (add lines 13 and 14)		28765.56	28745.00
Rate or Amount			
16. Permanent Rate Limit Levy (rate limit .2401)		2401	2401
17. Local Option Taxes			
18. Levy for Bonded Debt or Obligations			

FORM LB-2 FUNDS NOT REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED

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Name of Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1998-99	Adopted Budget This Year 1999-00	Approved Budget Next Year 2000-01
1. Total Personal Services			
2. Total Materials and Services	21533.26	21820.75	22020.75
3. Total Capital Outlay			
4. Total Debt Service			
5. Total Transfers			
6. Total Contingencies			
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements			
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	21533.25	21820.75	22020.75
9. Total Requirements	21533.25	21820.72	22020.75
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes			
Name of Equipment Reserve Fund	Actual Data Last Year 1998-99	Adopted Budget This Year 1999-00	Approved Budget Next Year 2000-01
1. Total Personal Services			
2. Total Materials and Services		38266.34	39716.34
3. Total Capital Outlay			
4. Total Debt Service			
5. Total Transfers			
6. Total Contingencies			
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	30818.34		
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance			
9. Total Requirements	30818.34	38266.34	39716.34
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	30818.34	38266.34	39716.34