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## Ione site council hears report on swimming pool

An Ione Site Council meeting was held at the Ione School at Jan. 10.

Concerning the swimming pool report, Jim Swanson reported to the committee how various funds were combined and amended. Approximately \$2,300 is in the fund. The monies were left over from the general fund, the pool fund and another operating maintenance fund. The school board will fund \$5,000 so the pool fund will start with \$7,300 for the new season.

Expenditures for last year amounted to \$13,262 for supplies, salary, heating, etc. The fund took in \$2,300 in donations, \$800 in swim lessons and \$4,476 from season passes, totalling about \$7,600. Fifteen thousand is still coming to the pool fund from the park district, with \$5,000 of that coming in December plus \$5,000 in March and \$5,000 in June of 2002.

A meeting is planned with Betty Rietmann, Shelley Key, Mike Stuart and others to plan how the money is going to be managed and put together a viable budget for approximately two years. The budget must be prepared before March 2002 to request funds for the following year's budget needs.

School improvement plan reports were given, with teachers reporting on ways that math is used in all of the classes. Discussion was held on the math contest and it was noted that the contest is geared toward above average students.

A new grant, the "Umatilla-Morrow Small and Remote Schools Consortium," will target particular focus areas that have been identified as needed for improvement. Ione has not yet been awarded the grant. Included in the grant will be a teacher on special assignment and V-Tel two-way video conferencing. The idea is to have free exchange of instruction between sites. Principal Mike Stuart explained how the V-Tel camera is set up and how it works. This grant would help fund stipend payments for non-school time and help provide continuing professional units for teachers.

It was suggested to have parents of the groups involved bring nutritious snacks during testing dates. Debbie Radie volunteered to be in charge of making sure that comes together. Contact her to help in this area.

The OSSOM report was tabled until the next meeting due to illness of the presenter Mona Hardman, school counselor.

A small group of Future Business Leaders of America members will attend a contest in LaGrande in February.

Booster club members, with the help of staff and community members' donations, have purchased new mats for the end walls of the gym. In addition, they have completed the painting of the gymnasium. New mascot emblems have been consigned.

Site council members watched a video, distributed by the Oregon Department of Education, explaining the state's goals and why ODE is issuing a report card each year. The video explained how the scores are tabulated. Implications of those scores for the school were explained. After the video, members discussed the "satisfactory" rating and emphasized that the rating refers to improvement. A school improving from 87 percent to 88 percent would receive a "satisfactory," whereas a school improving from 60 to 75 percent might receive a "strong," even though their scores are not as good.

Mention was made of Duane Neiffer's wife, Linda, a teacher at Sam Boardman Elementary, who made the front page of the East Oregonian several days ago in an article written about the video conferencing between her class and a child in a hospital in Portland.

In other business, a discussion was held about help for the school in various ways. ESD has specialists available to come in to do special testing for hearing, eyesight, etc. There is also a summer school program for improving benchmark scores. There was discussion of the effectiveness of a Friday benchmark booster day held several years ago. There was also a discussion of the level of learning that children are getting today. A comment was made that today's fifth graders are learning information that high school students learned previously.

## Men's breakfast scheduled

The monthly men's breakfast, sponsored by the First Christian Church and Christian Life Center, will be this Sunday, Jan. 21, at 8 a.m. at Christian Life Center, 535 W. Morgan Street, Heppner.

"All men and boys are welcome to attend for a time of food, fellowship and inspiration in the word of God," said a spokesperson.

## Town and Country awards from page one

Heppner Chamber of Commerce for many years, serving on numerous chamber committees. He has headed up the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade and the St. Patrick's Parade for a number of years.

Kahl was a member of the Heppner Economic Development Commission and the Heppner Coordinating Council and was also a member of the City of Heppner Budget Committee.

Kahl was a member of the Odd Fellows, the Lions Club and served on the South Morrow County Scholarship Committee. He was also very active in the United Methodist Church.

The Kahls' daughter, Abby, was honored with the Youth Achievement Award last year for her civic involvement.

Bob and Marianne Kahl owned VanMarter and Kahl insurance in Heppner for 15 years before recently moving to Oregon City to be near relatives.

Since the first presentation of the Man the Year Award in 1980 the following have been named recipients of the honor: Oscar Petersen, Jerry Peck, Forrest Burkenbine, Louis Carlson, Harold Peck, Bill Collins, Larry Mills, Dr. Wallace Wolff, Bill Kuhn, Don Bristow, Bill Rawlins, Jim Farley, George Koffler, John Edmundson, Ken Turner, Glenn Ward, Kevin Erich, Skip Matthews, Bob DeSpain and Sam Bellamy.

David and April Sykes, owners of the Gazette-Times since 1980, received the Heppner Chamber Business of the Year award.

The Gazette-Times, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1983, has moved from lead type to a complicated typesetting machine to computers over the years.

Besides a newspaper, the Gazette includes a print shop and a web page business.

Gazette publisher David Sykes is a long-time member of the Chamber of Commerce, past president and board member, and has also been a member of the Lions Club for many years.

He is the originator of the "Zero Money Marketing Plan", designed to help market the former Kinzua Mill site after the mill shut down, displacing around 100 workers.

April Sykes, editor of the Gazette, is a member of the Heppner High School Site Committee and the Morrow County Educational Standards Committee.

The Sykes have four children. Their oldest son Chris operates their print shop, Rapid Print, in Pendleton.

Previous Business of the Year Award winners are as follows: The Shoe Box, Murrys, Peterson's Jewelers, Court St. Market, Kinzua Corp., Bank of Eastern Oregon, R&W Drive Inn, Allstott & Gentry, Columbia Basin Electric, Anderson/Clark Ranches, Wilkinson Ranch, Sweeney Mortuary, Cal and Bev Sherman and Devin Oil.

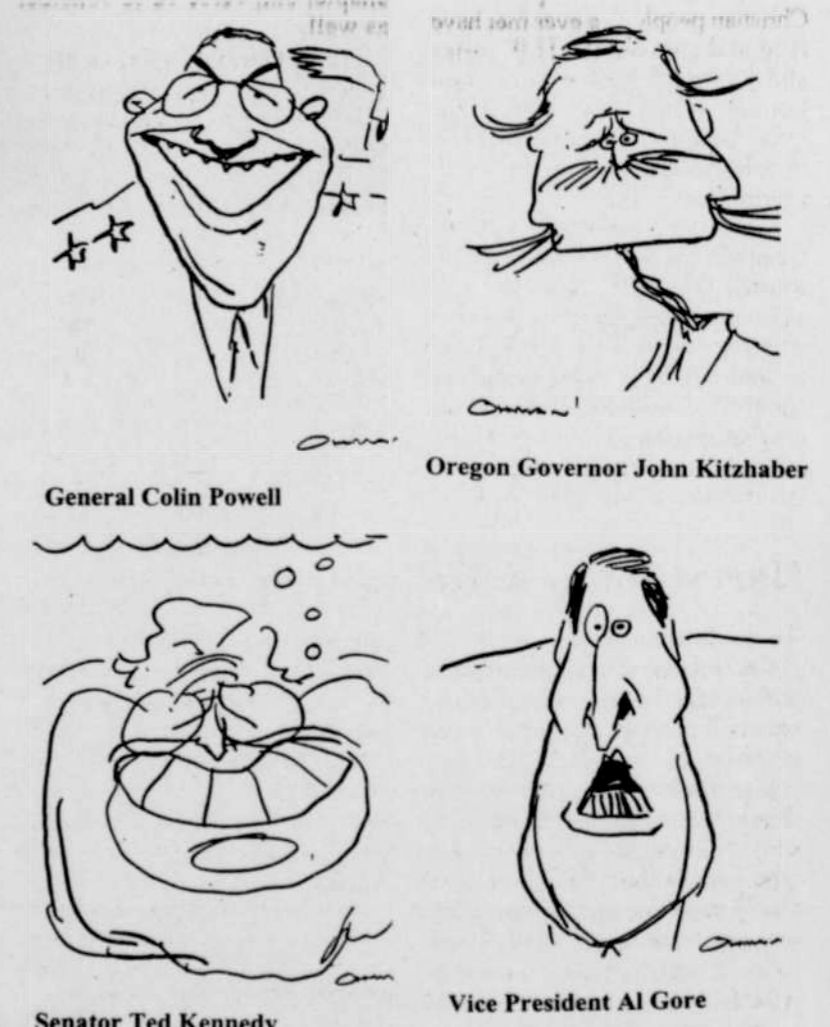


David and April Sykes



Nationally renowned political cartoonist Jack Ohman poses with caricature subject Molly Rhea, Heppner, at the Town and Country Banquet held in Heppner Jan. 11. Ohman was the guest speaker.

Political cartoons by Jack Ohman



General Colin Powell

Senator Ted Kennedy

Vice President Al Gore

Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber



## Rusty Estes

The Chamber also honored the Heppner Fire Department for the sacrifices the fire fighters make for the community. Fire Chief Rusty Estes accepted the plaque on behalf of the department.

Amy Jepsen of Heppner provided harp music.

## Creative Arts Club to meet

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m. at GD's Restaurant banquet room.

The agenda will include a progress report on the mural and workshops for the year. All members are asked to let the club know their interest and how many classes they would like. Those who cannot attend the meeting are asked to contact a workshop chairperson. Any non-club member interested in classes should call Shirley McNary at 422-7569.



Robin Krebs receives 'Hats off' award

## Local host families needed

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking local host families for boys and girls from Europe, Asia, North and South America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, 15-18 years of age, coming to this area for the upcoming high school year.

The students are sponsored by ASSE, an organization founded by the Swedish National Department of Education. The students speak English, are fully insured, bring their own spending money and expect to bear their share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

The students are screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngster of their choice from student applications, family photos and biographical essays.

ASSE is also seeking local high school students to become ASSE exchange students abroad. Students should be between 15-18 years old, interested in living with a host family and attending school in Europe, Asia, the Americas, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or South Africa. Students should have a good academic record. Academic year, shorter term and summer vacation programs are available.

For more information about becoming a host family or becoming an exchange student, contact ASSE at 1-800-733-2773 or visit ASSE's website at [www.asse.com](http://www.asse.com).

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