

# City seeks input on proposed new city hall/library complex

The city of Heppner is considering asking residents how they feel about the proposed construction of a new \$1.2 million city hall/library on Main Street.

According to Mayor Bob Jepsen, the city may send a letter to those living within the city limits asking them whether they agree with such a project and how the project should be funded.

Jepsen said that the city hall portion of the project would be around \$250,000, with the remainder of the cost to be funded by the Oregon Trail Library District, which encompasses a larger area.

If the project were to proceed, the city would borrow \$250,000 from USDA Rural Development at a 4.75 percent interest rate. The city would repay the loan at \$14,075 a year.

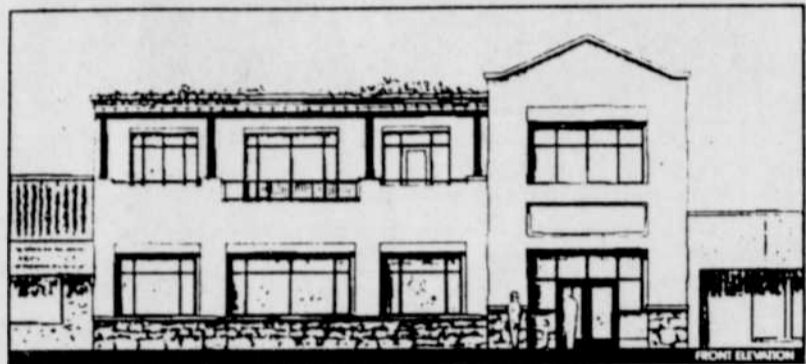
-In one scenario, the

loan would be repaid through a general obligation bond at 44 cents per thousand assessed valuation (with an assessed valuation for the city of \$32,015,000). A city resident with a \$75,000 home would pay \$2.75 a month or \$33 a year. Someone with a \$50,000 home would pay \$1.84 a month or \$22 a year.

-In another scenario, the loan would be repaid through increases in residents' utility bills. With 683 utility accounts in the city, residents would pay \$1.72 a month or \$21.61 a year in increased utility bills.

Jepsen said that the questionnaire may include other city issues for residents' input, such as, "Should the city contract with the Morrow County Sheriff's Department for police protection?" and "Should the city's water system be overhauled?"

## Front view of building on main Street



## Aglow to feature speaker

Arlington Aglow will feature Mary Reilly as guest speaker at the Arlington Grade School cafeteria Thursday, August 9, beginning at 7 p.m.

Reilly was born and raised in The Dalles, attended Lewis and Clark College and graduated from Missouri State College (now Truman University). She has been involved in Women's Aglow since its organization in 1975 and currently serves as president of The Dalles

Aglow Community Lighthouse for Women.

Reilly is an "intercessor who prays, speaks and teaches the uncompromised Word of God. She encourages women to come into the fullness of what God has purposed for them," said an Aglow spokesperson.

Aglow is interdenominational and all women and teens are invited to attend.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center BULLETIN BOARD

By Velma Wright

On Tuesday we had exercise class in the morning from 10-10:30. Barbara Struthers is back with us again. There were no card games Tuesday afternoon. Floss Watkins volunteered in the office Tuesday afternoon. Evelyn Wagner volunteered in the office Wednesday afternoon.

Floss, Sylvia and I worked the puzzle. Cecil Barlow also worked the puzzle. It was a hot day - 88 degrees, but I like that better than winter. On Wednesday, July 25, all of us had a good morning visiting until the senior dinner was ready. At noon, we had beef ribs, Jell-O with pears, cabbage salad, muffins and birthday cake. Three diners had birthdays to celebrate. There were 81 people at the dinner. Marion Murchison counted off all the people who came.

The Christian Church helped serve. Servers were Clarence Baker, Clarice Baker, Andrew Johnson and Ginger Keithley.

There was a dinner at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 1. The dining room will then be closed from Aug. 2-17 to replace the floor.

The Heppner Garden Club went on a trip to Silverton on July 24-25. On July 26, the bus went to Condon. Ed Baker was the driver. Yung Nelson from Lexington went, along with Cecil Barlow, Evelyn Wagner and the hostess, Velma Wright. All enjoyed lunch with the Condon seniors.

Also on July 26, Barbara Struthers showed viewers a tape in the TV room. The tape was "Wild Seals and Wild Seas".

Saturday, July 28, the bus went to Milton-Freewater to the Old-Time Fiddlers' Concert. Afterwards they served sandwiches, ice cream and strawberry shortcake.

On Friday morning, July 27, the merchants had a big sale on Main Street. Also on Friday, there were two tables of cards in play from 1-4 p.m.

Billie Lacey moved into the Senior Center. She took Liz Straley's room. Liz moved out in July.

On July 30, my daughter and son-in-law came from Portland to celebrate my birthday. Gary and Jeri Wight took me to breakfast. The family took me to dinner.

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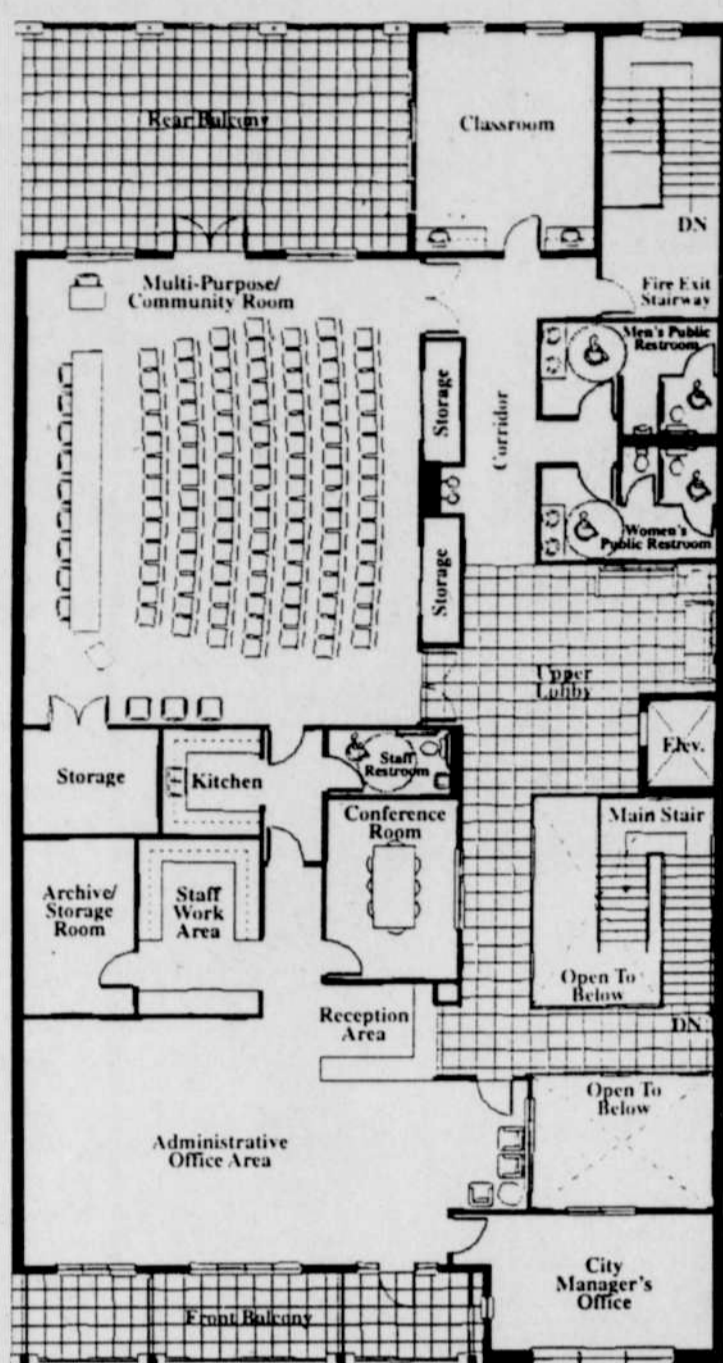
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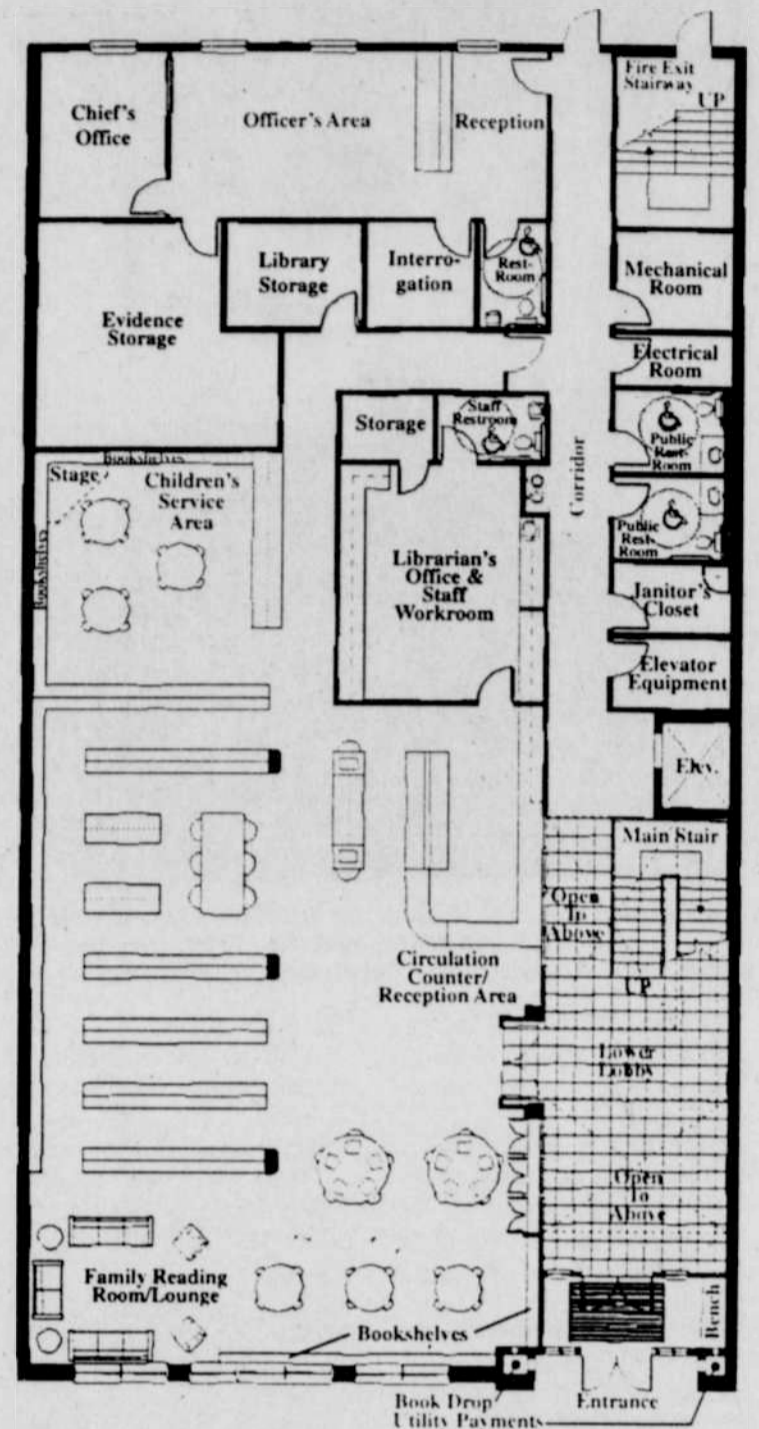
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## Floor plan of City Hall on upper floor



## Floor plan of library on lower floor



## State, district testing results released

State benchmark results for schools state-wide have been released. Morrow County schools have generally seen some improvement in students' benchmark scores in reading, mathematics, writing, math problem solving and science, although district scores still fall short of statewide averages.

"We have a highly mobile population, especially in the north end," commented Morrow County School District Assistant Superintendent Mike Keown on the district's scores. "We have a lot of challenges."

Keown added that while students may have not achieved the benchmarks one year, they may take the test the next year and may eventually achieve their goal. He added that the scores do not track students from year to year and teachers and students change from year to year.

### THIRD GRADE

**Reading:** At the third grade level 40 percent of the students in the district exceeded the benchmark in reading and another 40 percent met the benchmark, leaving 20 percent not meeting the state standards. Throughout the state, 48 percent of third grade students exceeded the benchmark, 36 percent met and 16 did not meet.

In 1996, the first year of the state-wide test, 18.9 percent of the county's third grade students exceeded, 43.3 met and 37 did not meet the benchmark.

**At Heppner Elementary** for 2001, 61 percent of the third graders exceeded the benchmark in reading, 29 percent met and 10 did not meet the standards. In 1996, 16.7 exceeded, 63.3 met and 20 percent did not meet.

**At Ione Elementary** for 2001, 44 percent exceeded, 33 percent met and 22 percent did not meet, compared to the first year, when 21.4 exceeded, 78.6 percent met and none failed to meet the standards.

**At Sam Boardman Elementary** for 2001, 39 percent exceeded, 41 percent met and 20 percent did not meet, compared to 22.2, 26.7 and 51.1 in 1996.

**At A.C. Houghton Elementary**, this year 27 percent exceeded, 46 percent met and 20 percent did not meet, compared to 15.8, 34.2 and 50.1 percent in 1996.

**Math:** In math for 2001, 28 percent of third grade students in the district exceeded the benchmark, 39 percent met and 34 percent did not meet, compared to 31, 44 and 25 percent respectively, throughout the state.

**At Heppner Elementary** 41 percent of third grade students exceeded the benchmark, 44 percent met and 16 percent did not meet, compared to 6.7, 50 and 43.3 in 1996.

**At Ione Elementary**, 33 percent exceeded, 44 percent met and 22 percent did not meet, compared to 14.3, 71.4 and 14.2 in 1996.

**At SBE**, 25 percent exceeded, 41 met and 34 percent did not meet, compared to 6.7 percent 20 percent and 73.3 percent in 1996.

**At ACH**, 23 percent exceeded, 32 percent met and 45 percent did not meet, compared to 7.9, 28.9 and 63.1 percent in 1996.

### FIFTH GRADE

**Reading: 2001 District** 18 percent exceeded, 50 percent met, 32 percent did not meet; **State**-25, 52, 23, respectively; **Heppner**-23, 58, 19; **Ione**-20, 50, 30; **SBE**-13, 45, 42; **ACH**-20, 52, 29; **1996 District**-9, 43.8, 47.3; **State**-18, 48, 34; **Heppner**-5.7, 45.7, 48.6; **Ione**-30.8, 30.8, 38.5; **SBE**-9.3, 37.2, 53.5; **ACH**-5.7, 50.9, 43.3.

**Mathematics: 2001 District**-9, 57, 34; **State**-22, 51, 27; **Heppner**-13, 74, 13; **Ione**-20, 60, 20; **SBE**-6, 47, 47; **ACH**-8, 59, 32; **1996 District**-1.4, 29.2, 69.5; **State** (1998-no scores available 1996)-13, 48, 38; **Heppner**-2.9, 32.4, 64.7; **Ione**-0, 42.9, 57.1; **SBE**-2.3, 27.3, 70.5; **ACH**-0, 25, 75.

**Writing: 2001 District** 0 percent exceeded, 26 met, 23 conditionally met, 51 did not meet; **State**-1, 31, 32, 36;

**Heppner**-0, 42, 29, 29; **Ione**-0, 30, 30, 40; **SBE**-0, 33, 22, 44; **ACH**-0, 9, 19, 72/ **1997 District**-2, 24, 27, 48; **State** (1998)-2, 28, 29, 42; **Heppner**-0, 43, 32, 25; **Ione**-0, 50, 30, 20; **SBE**-0, 15, 21, 64; **ACH**-5, 17, 29, 50.

**Math Problem Solving: 2001 District** (exceeded, met, did not meet) 1, 59, 3, 37; **State**-2, 71, 3, 24; **Heppner**-0, 61, 3, 36; **Ione**-10, 60, 10, 20; **SBE**-0, 57, 0, 43; **ACH**-0, 61, 5, 33/ **1997 District** 2, 12, 7, 79; **State** (1998)-0, 53, 7, 39; **Heppner**-0, 7, 7, 85; **Ione**-9, 46, 9, 36; **SBE**-4, 11, 7, 78; **ACH**-0, 7, 5, 88.

### EIGHTH GRADE

**Reading: 2001 District** (exceeded, met, did not meet) 17, 36, 47; **State**-32, 30, 38; **Heppner Junior High**-30, 44, 26; **Ione Junior High**-57, 29, 14; **Columbia Middle School**-7, 35, 58/ **1996 District**-13, 24.3, 62.8; **State** (1998)-28, 27, 45; **HJH**-16.3, 40.8, 42.8; **IJH**-12.5, 31.3, 56.4; **CMS**-11.5, 15.4, 73.

**Mathematics: 2001 District**-25, 17, 58; **State**-33, 22, 45; **HJH**-50, 25, 25; **IJH**-54, 23, 23; **CMS**-14, 14, 71/ **1996 District**-18.6, 21.6, 59.8; **HJH**-37.5, 29.2, 33.4; **IJH**-12.5, 25, 62.6; **CMS**-10.7, 17.5, 71.9.

**Writing: 2001 District** (exceeded, met, conditionally met, did not meet)-2, 13, 40, 45; **State**-3, 33, 32, 32; **HJH**-0, 26, 41, 33; **IJH**-14, 14, 57, 14; **CMS**-0, 9, 37, 54/ **1997 District**-1, 12, 17, 56; **State**-4, 35, 29, 32; **HJH**-0, 36, 20, 44; **IJH**-NA; **CMS**-1, 24, 16, 59.

**Math Problem Solving: 2001 District** (exceeded, met, did not meet)-12, 29, 1, 57; **State**-13, 42, 3, 42; **HJH**-26, 52, 0, 22; **IJH**-36, 43, 0, 21; **CMS**-4, 21, 2, 73/ **1997 District**-1, 10, 9, 80; **State** (1998)-2, 48, 7, 43; **HJH**-4, 38, 8, 50; **IJH**-0, 6, 18, 77; **CMS**-0, 5, 8, 88.

**Science: 2001 District** (exceeded, met, did not meet)-15, 35, 50; **State**-20, 40, 40; **HJH**-23, 40, 37; **IJH**-50, 36, 14; **CMS**-6, 34, 60/ **2000 District**-12, 32, 56; **State**-16, 40, 44; **HJH**-6, 45, 48; **IJH**-47, 20, 33; **CMS**-8, 30, 62.

### TENTH GRADE

**Reading: 2001 District** (exceeded, met, did not meet)-16, 44, 41; **State**-18, 34, 48; **Heppner High School**-17, 48,

34; **Ione High School**-38, 19, 44; **Riverside High School**-11, 47, 41/ **1996 District**-13.3, 18, 68.8; **State** (1998)-16, 32, 53; **HHS**-6.5, 3.2, 90.4; **IHS**-18.2, 63.6, 18.2; **RHS**-15.1, 17.4, 67.4.

**Mathematics: 2001 District** (exceeded, met, did not meet)-16, 23, 61; **State**-17, 25, 58; **HHS**-31, 34, 34; **IHS**-38, 31, 31; **RHS**-7, 18, 75/ **1996 District**-8, 19.4, 79.8; **State** (1998)-10, 22, 68; **HHS**-0, 3.2, 96.8; **IHS**-0, 63.6, 36.4; **RHS**-1.1, 19.5, 79.3.

**Writing: No 2001 data available.**

**Math Problem Solving: No 2001 data available.**

**Science: 2001 District** 24, 34, 42; **State**-20, 38, 43; **HHS**-31, 38, 31; **IHS**-56, 19, 25; **RHS**-15, 36, 49/ **2000 District**-21, 46, 33; **State**-19, 36, 45; **HHS**-33, 47, 20; **IHS**-50, 40, 10; **RHS**-13, 46, 41.

**Shad Hisler buckle on display**  
The Shad Hisler Memorial calf riding buckle, which will be awarded to the boy or girl who is the winner of the Morrow County Rodeo calf riding event, is now on display in Heppner TV's show window.

The buckle, given in memory of 1993 champion calf rider, Shad Hisler, was hand crafted by Red Bluff Buckle Co. The buckle is given by Shad's family, Paul, Susan, Shaun and Annie Hisler.

Last year the title went to two riders, with Brandon Davis and Madison Bailey both claiming the championship.

Everyone is invited to stop by Heppner TV and take a lot at all the Morrow County Rodeo buckles.

The Morrow County Rodeo will be held August 19. To enter, call Teresa Hughes at 676-8779 on August 12 or 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**EWU lists honor students**

Eastern Washington University has announced its dean's list for spring quarter 2001. To be listed, undergraduate students must carry at least 12 credits and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Jill Barber of Heppner qualified for the dean's list.

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