

Deadline nears for county projects

Cities, special districts and non-profit organizations seeking regional, state or federal funding for your community or economic development project, are reminded to make sure their project is included in the state of Oregon's annual "Needs and Issues Inventory". The project notification forms for 2002 are now available by calling 276-6745. They may also be downloaded from www.econ.state.or.us/needs_issue.htm.

Oct. 22 is the Morrow County deadline for projects to be included on the needs and issues inventory list. Projects nominated through this process will be prioritized by the Morrow County Court on Nov. 5 and then made available to federal and state agencies making funding decisions.

"This is not a grant application process," commented Ursula Pike, county needs and issues coordinator, "but participating regional, federal and state agencies use the inventory when they make their grant funding decisions."

The participating agencies include the Oregon Housing and Community Services, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department, Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. Forest Service and the U. S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development. Another participating agency is the Baker-Morrow Regional Partnership.

The partnership has set aside \$75,000 for small projects of high importance from the inventory. It is expected that at least 10 projects will be funded this fall or early winter. Projects will not be

considered for funding by the partnership unless they are included in the inventory.

Projects that fall into one of these categories should be included on the list:

- **Community Facilities:** Examples include construction or renovation of publicly owned buildings such as libraries, public safety facilities, community centers, shelters and treatment facilities and health and day care facilities.

- **Infrastructure:** Examples include improvements or construction of any publicly-owned utility infrastructure, including water and waste water systems, industrial park utilities, telecommunications and airport infrastructure and downtown redevelopment or revitalization.

Community Readiness: Examples include strategic plans, surveys, feasibility studies, leadership development and revolving loan funds.

Here's how to participate: 1. Fill out a Project Notification Form. Contact GEODC at 276-6745 if you do not already have a form, or download the form from www.econ.state.or.us/needs_issue.htm.

2. Submit the form to GEODC, P.O. Box 1041, Pendleton, Oregon 97801; or fax to 541-276-6071 by Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.

For more information or a project notification form, contact Ursula Pike at 276-6745. Projects will not be accepted after the Oct. 22 deadline.

Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) will facilitate this process for Morrow County.

School board hears bond project, school funding, enrollment reports

The Morrow County School Board, at their Monday, October 8, meeting, heard a report on the bond projects from: Nan Hall, representing Heery International.

At the meeting, Wal-Mart representatives recognized teacher Linda Neiffer as the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year for the region and presented her with a \$500 check. Neiffer said she planned to use the funds to buy supplies and other items for her classroom.

The board also heard a report on school funding from Superintendent Bruce Anderson. Anderson said that the legislature is expected to adjust school funding because of a projected revenue shortfall. The shortfall is estimated at between two and four percent, which Anderson could amount to \$200 to \$400 per student, depending on how much the shortfall is passed on to schools. "I think we'll be in as good a shape as anyone," said Anderson.

In other business, the board:

- heard a report from Nate Arbogast concerning the Child Internet Protection Act and accepted an Internet safety policy as a first reading. The policy would attempt to prevent students' accidental access of harmful or inappropriate materials over the Internet.
- heard a report on

district-wide enrollment, as well as elementary school class loads. According to Anderson, Heppner Elementary's largest class has 23 students, with lone "typically" having 15-20 students per class. "Sam Boardman Elementary looks really good, with the exception of fifth grade," said Anderson, "not enough to go out and hire another teacher, but pretty close."

- heard a report on misassignments with none reported at Heppner High School or Heppner Elementary School. Ione had two misassignments-Nohemi Estrada with a grade level conditional assignment permit for Spanish and Steven Schaber with an endorsement conditional assignment permit for one period of PE and one period of health. A.C. Houghton Elementary and Columbia Middle School had one misassignment, Riverside High School, five, and Sam Boardman Elementary, two.

- accepted the budget calendar as a first reading with a review of budget parameters set for the January 14 meeting; budgets due from buildings and departments March 1 and the first budget committee meeting and budget message set for April 15.

- heard from board member John Rietmann that the Ione bond project plan "appears to be working into a K-12 plan."
- directed the

administration to move forward to contract with Portland State University to provide results of the last federal census with regard to population ratios for the seven existing Morrow County School Board zones. The board requested the report in April of 2002 to allow them time to deal with other pressing issues. Board members Gary Frederickson, Pat McNamee, Julie Weikel and John Rietmann approved the recommendation, with John Renfro opposing it, saying that he believed the board should receive the information in a more timely manner.

- approved a resolution for change order approval for bond projects. The resolution gives the superintendent authority to approve individual change orders for every project contracted for under the 2001 bond election program up to \$50,000. If the change is beyond the "scope and intent" of the project the limit will be \$10,000. The project manager will have the authority to approve individual change orders for \$5,000 or a cumulative amount of \$20,000. All other changes will require board approval. Change orders will be reported to the board monthly.

Each project will have a limit of change order funding. If the change order contingency fund is not used in its entirety by a project at completion of the project, the balance of funds will be transferred to a program contingency fund. The board shall re-distribute the funds out of the program contingency as necessary to other projects' change order contingency funds.

The board approved the resolution four to one, with Renfro in opposition. Renfro said he felt that the dollar amount that could be changed without board approval was too high.

- approved a resolution to approve a health insurance pre-tax deduction for employees.

- received notification of the "Morrow County Education Association's demand to bargain the successor collective bargaining agreement."

- heard a curriculum report from Riverside High School teacher Alissa Daltoso on improving reading test scores.

- accepted resignations and retirements from: Dave Horn, retirement from Sam Boardman Elementary head custodian position; Shirley Sheedel, retirement from SBE educational assistant position; Virginia Garcia, from one-on-one special education position; Patria Scott from a part-time A.C. Houghton Elementary School ed assistant position; Nancy Rodriguez, ACH English as a second language position; Kelly Doherty, Riverside High School assistant softball coach; Sharon Barrick, from half-time extra duty contract as RHS DART coordinator; Kathy Britt, Heppner High School assistant basketball coach.

- approved employment for: Brenda Griffin, part-time ACH ed assistant, replacing Patria Scott; Jerry Bair, RHS head custodian, replacing Kevin Toms; Mariza Foncesco, SBE ESL assistant, replacing Sylvia Barrera.

- approved extra duty contracts for: Mike Wetherell, half-time to full time RHS DART coordinator; Dean Robinson, talented and gifted program coordinator at Ione; Tom Grimes, Columbia Middle School assistant track coach and RHS cross country coach.

- appointed Dwayne Carroll to the Boardman/Irrigon Advisory Committee.

- approved establishing a job description of maintenance supervisor for the district and posting that position.

- approved listing surplus computers.

- heard the following announcements: north county community input session-superintendent search is set for October 11; south county community input session-superintendent search, October 23; Oregon School Boards Association regional meeting, October 25, Pendleton Red Lion, 6 p.m.; next board meeting, CMS, November 13, 7:30 p.m.; OSBA annual convention, Portland, November 16-18.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes
Heppner Chamber Executive Director

The beautiful flowers between the Shoe Box and the Post Office will soon disappear, replaced by the fall colors of the trees lining Main Street. Our Garden Club and other dedicated volunteers put in long hours to keep Heppner's Main Street and Highway 74 to the east and west beautiful, and for all we are grateful. The rain, which finally arrived, helps too.

Speaking of volunteers, now is the time to think about Town and Country award nominees before we all move into the hustle and bustle of the holidays. The success of our Willow Creek Valley revolves around many tremendous behind-the-scenes volunteers who continue to make a difference everyday in so many, many ways. They are everywhere, stuffing envelopes to bring more jobs, visiting those who are ill, keeping our community spruced up, planning events, working with children, transporting those who can no longer drive, teaching Sunday school, painting, sharing, giving, serving on boards, coaching children, visiting the nursing home. Surprise them, nominate them as a small way of saying "thanks." The office of Kuhn and Spicer has nomination forms.

The school advisory committee has been working hard to figure out all of the logistics of the replacement of the grade school gym/auditorium/stage/cafeteria. It's no easy task to find a balance for sports, performing opportunities, auditorium to hold parents and grandparents (400 plus) for school functions, public symphonies, cultural opportunities, and a place to feed the students. Many options have been discussed with input from the community.

Hopefully, the final decision will meet community needs and offer varied opportunities for growth long after children have graduated. When more than one purpose can be served year round under one roof, the result is less cost and more use by all entities, and all ages, thus meeting a variety of needs to keep Heppner strong.

Soon a survey will be going out on the Heppner City Hall/Library, yet another consolidation opportunity?

Next week, chamber will meet at John's Other Place. George Murdoch will be gathering input from members on the superintendent search.

Thought for the week: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

Sheriff's dept. seeks donations

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Verlin Denton recently announced that Morrow County citizens are being invited to become honorary members of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association.

Membership appeals go out in the mail shortly. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for "as little as \$25", while businesses can "show support with a \$40 contribution".

According to a news release, the funding provides "critically important technical resources, training and legislative support on key criminal justice issues."

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse and provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, said the release.

Contributions are tax-deductible. "With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the honorary membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," said Sheriff Denton. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play."

Individuals not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information may contact the Oregon State Sheriff's Association at P.O. Box 2313, Salem, Oregon 97308. The Oregon State Sheriff's Association does not solicit membership by phone.

The Honorary Membership Program was formed to "provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens."

Mustangs shut out bulldogs 45-0, move into first place

By Rick Paullus

The defense of the Heppner Mustangs dominated the visiting Culver Bulldogs, holding them to 154 total yards and getting seven interceptions to take a 45-0 win. The Mustangs moved into sole possession of first place in the Columbia Basin Conference. The third-ranked Mustangs improved to 4-0 in the CBC and 6-1 overall, while the fourth-ranked Bulldogs fell to 5-1 and 3-1 in the CBC.

The Bulldogs picked up 35 yards on their first play, but a personal foul penalty after the play moved the ball back for only a 15-yard gain. The defense eventually held with the Mustangs taking over at their own 37-yard line.

The Mustangs picked up two first downs, but were forced to punt. After a personal foul, the Bulldogs took over at their own six-yard line. Brad Adams tackled the quarterback for a three-yard loss on first down and the Mustangs held on a fourth down try to take over at the Bulldogs' 15 yard line.

Michael McCabe picked up three yards on first down but two incomplete passes brought up fourth down at the 12. Chuy Elguezabal threw back to Stefan Matheny, who then threw back to a wide open Elguezabal. He ran untouched to the end zone. Elguezabal kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

The Bulldogs returned the kick-off to the 40-yard line of the Mustangs, but a clipping penalty brought the ball back to the Bulldogs' 16-yard line. A holding penalty and delay of game penalty took the ball back to the four-yard line. On a third and 26, Brian Rust intercepted a pass and returned it 15 yards to the 11.

On first down, McCabe ran up the middle for a touchdown. After Elguezabal kicked the extra point, the Mustangs led 14-0.

The Mustangs' defense held on downs at their own 33-yard line, but a fumble gave the Bulldogs the ball at the 41. The Bulldogs again shot themselves in their foot as a 25-yard gain was nullified by a clipping penalty to bring it back to the 45-yard line.

Donald Adams had a sack to bring up third and long when McCabe made a diving interception to give the Mustangs the ball at their own 40. Elguezabal then hit Matheny for a 60-yard touchdown pass. After the kick just missed, the Mustangs led 20-0 early in the second quarter.

The Mustangs forced a punt which was downed at their own 14-yard line where McCabe started the drive with a five-yard run. Brad Adams went for three and Kyler Lovgren ran for three more and a first down. Adams went for two and another personal foul penalty on the Bulldogs moved the ball out to the 45.

Elguezabal ran for 10, Adams ran for three, then two, and McCabe made a nice shoestring catch for a 10-yard gain to the Bulldogs' 30.

McCabe went for 13, Lovgren for five and McCabe for three then took it nine more up the middle for his second touchdown. Elguezabal's kick was good to make it 27-0 with four minutes left until halftime.

Brad Adams and Travis Bellamy tackled a Bulldog running back for a three-yard loss to give the Mustangs the ball at the Culver 36. A holding penalty took it back 10 yards to the 46, but Elguezabal kept the ball on the option for 16 yards. On fourth down, McCabe caught a pass for 14 yards and a first down and Elguezabal then hit Matheny for a 15-yard touchdown. After the two-point conversion failed, the Mustangs led 33-0 late in the first half.

The Mustangs took the second half kick-off to their own 33 where Adams ran for four, Lovgren for two and Elguezabal for 11 more and a first down inside Culver territory. McCabe ran for four, then five and Lovgren ran for two and a first down. Elguezabal kept the ball for a 10 yard gain at the 28-yard line but an interception gave the ball back to the Bulldogs at their own two.

McCabe then picked off a pass at the 13 and ran into the end zone for a touchdown. A personal foul penalty moved the extra point try back to the 18 where the kick was missed, but the Mustangs still led 39-0.

The Bulldogs drove down the field on their next possession but McCabe picked off another pass at the Mustangs' eight to end the drive.

Lovgren ran for seven, then one and Adams went for three and a first down. After an incomplete pass, McCabe ran for seven, but the Mustangs were forced to punt.

Elguezabal then intercepted a pass and returned it 20 yards to the Mustangs' 40. The Bulldogs returned the favor and picked off a pass at their own 37-yard line.

David Norton deflected a pass which was grabbed by Adam Bergstrom at the Bulldogs' 49 yard line. After an offside, Adams ran for six and a first down and Matheny ran for nine. A delay penalty took the ball back five yards but McCabe went for 11 yards and a first down at the 27. Elguezabal then hit Matheny for his third touchdown reception to end the game at 45-0 with 5:36 left on the mercy rule.

Elguezabal completed five of 13 passes for 126 yards and three touchdowns, ran six times for 49 yards and caught a 12-yard touchdown pass. Matheny caught three passes, all touchdowns, for 102 yards and McCabe caught two passes for 24 yards.

McCabe led all rushers with 89 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns. He led the defense with 30 defensive points, including three interceptions. Brad Adams, coming back from an elbow injury, had 24 defensive points and rushed for 24 yards. Donald Adams had 15 points, Matheny and Bergstrom had 14 points and an interception each. Norton had 13 points while Rust

and Elguezabal each had 12 points and an interception. Bellamy also had 12 points.

The Mustangs will play at Moro against the Sherman County Huskies on Friday, Oct. 19, for their next game.

Statistics	
Culver:	0 0 0 0 - 0
Heppner:	14 19 6 6 - 45
First Quarter	
Heppner-Chuy Elguezabal	12 yard pass from Stefan Matheny (Elguezabal kick) 5:31
Michael McCabe	11 yard run (Elguezabal kick) 4:41
Second Quarter	
Heppner-Matheny	60 yard pass from Elguezabal (kick failed) 10:59, McCabe nine yard run (Elguezabal kick) 4:03, Matheny

Mustang JV's outscore Rockets

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV football team traveled to Pilot Rock on Monday, Oct. 15, and beat the Rockets, 51-26, with three touchdowns each from Tyler Boyer and Aaron Delveaux. The Mustangs improved their record to 3-2 with one game left against Weston-McEwen in Heppner on Monday, Oct. 22.

Boyer scored the first touchdown of the night on a 28-yard run with David Flynn kicking the extra point. Delveaux scored on a 20-yard run with Flynn's extra point making it 14-0 before Pilot Rock came back to score on a 25-yard pass play. The two-point conversion closed the gap to 14-8, but Boyer took the ensuing kick-off 72 yards to extend the lead. The Rockets scored on a 30-yard run late in the first quarter to get within 20-14.

Jode Coil scored on a five-yard run that was set up by a 25-yard pass from Tanner Britt to Justin Botefuhr. Boyer scored on a 24-yard run just before the half to give the Mustangs a 32-14 lead.

Delveaux took the second half kick-off 40 yards to set up a 26-yard touchdown run in which he ran over the safety on his way. The run failed and the Mustangs led 38-14 early in the third quarter.

Colts rally to beat Knerr Construction

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Colts held on to beat Knerr Construction from Hermiston, 8-6, in Heppner on Wednesday, Oct. 10, to even their record at 2-2 on the year.

Knerr Construction drove the ball down the field and scored on an 11 yard run to take a 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Colts then drove the ball down the field using the running of Sean Murray and Dalton Wellman and a big gain of 27 yards by Lane Bailey to the 15-yard line. Logan Anthony caught a pass from Bailey for a touchdown to tie the game. Eric Skaggs, who was injured in practice and earlier in the game, came in and booted the extra point to give the

15 yard pass from Elguezabal (pass failed) 4:0.	
Third Quarter	
Heppner-McCabe	13 yard interception return (kick failed) 5:53.
Fourth Quarter	
Heppner-Matheny	27 yard pass from Elguezabal (no attempt) 5:36.
Individual Statistics	
Rushing:	Culver-Chris Dix 3-36, Mark Coy 11-29, Anthony Alley 8-10, Jared Adams 5-6, Heppner-Michael McCabe 15-89, Chuy Elguezabal 6-49, Brad Adams 8-24, Kyler Lovgren 6-22, Stefan Matheny 2-12.
Passing:	Culver-Adams 7-25-7 63 yards; Heppner-Elguezabal 5-13-2 126 yards; Matheny 1-1-0 12 yards, McCabe 0-1-0 0.
Receiving:	Culver-Robbie Mason 2-23; Dix 1-16, Travis Marston 1-15, Alley 1-11, Coy 1-5, Brennan Whitaker 1-3; Heppner-Matheny 3-102, McCabe 2-24, Elguezabal 1-12.

A Rocket fumble was recovered by Delveaux on Pilot Rock territory to set up a three-yard run by Flynn to increase the lead to 44-14.

Pilot Rock scored late in the third quarter on a five-yard pass and early in the fourth on a 60-yard pass to get within 44-26.

A 35-yard pass play from Britt to Botefuhr helped the Mustangs get deep into Rocket territory but a fumble gave Pilot Rock the ball at their own five.

The Rockets drove the ball into Mustang territory, but two sacks by Robert Whalen and Brian Smith gave the Mustangs the ball with a minute and a half left.

Delveaux broke free for his third touchdown from 44 yards out with 43 seconds left and Flynn added the extra point to make the final 51-26.

Statistics	
Heppner:	20 12 12 7 - 51
Pilot Rock:	14 0 6 6 - 26
First Quarter	
Heppner-Tyler Boyer	28 yard run (David Flynn kick), Aaron Delveaux 20 yard run (Flynn kick); Pilot Rock-25 yard pass (pass good); Heppner-Boyer 72 yard kick-off return (kick failed); Pilot Rock-30 yard run (pass failed).
Second Quarter	
Heppner-Jode Coil	five yard run (kick failed), Boyer 24 yard run (run failed).
Third Quarter	
Heppner-Delveaux	26 yard run (run failed), Flynn three yard run (kick failed); Pilot Rock-five yard pass (pass failed).
Fourth Quarter	
Pilot Rock-60 yard pass (pass failed); Heppner-Delveaux	44 yard run (Flynn kick).

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Colts an 8-6 lead.

Knerr Construction had a chance for the go-ahead touchdown late in the game but the Colts held and took over at their own five and ran out the clock to take the win.

The Colts host Irrigon in their next game on Wednesday, Oct. 17, in an important game.

Statistics	
Knerr Construction:	6 0 0 0 - 6
Heppner:	0 8 0 0 - 8
First Quarter	
Knerr-11 yard run (kick failed) :03.	
Second Quarter	
Heppner-Logan Anthony	15 yard pass from Lane Bailey (Eric Skaggs kick) 5:11.

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