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## Santa makes his area debut



Santa Claus (John Padberg, Hermiston, the son of Archie and Jeanette Padberg, Heppner, looking very much like the 'real deal') drew a horde of tiny admirers at his Heppner debut at the Artfactory held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Nov. 17. The annual craft fair, sponsored by the Willow Creek Service Club, heralds the holiday season to the area.

## Anderson praised for funding effort

The Morrow County School Board, at their Tuesday, Nov. 13, regular meeting, heard a report from board Chair Julie Weikel on the Oregon School Boards Association fall regional conference recently held in Pendleton. Weikel said those at the conference indicated concern about the projected state revenue shortfall. She also said that the Helix School District superintendent reported on the small school funding success. She gave a standing tribute to Morrow County School District Superintendent Bruce Anderson for getting the small school funding effort organized and "making it happen."

Also at the meeting Mark Rietmann, chair of the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee, voiced concern about the role of the advisory committees in the process of deciding on buildings in their communities.

In other business, the board:

-heard a report from school bond project manager Nan Hall on bond projects to date.

-heard a curriculum report on the High Performance Learning Grant from Columbia Middle School Principal Ron Anthony and CMS students.

-heard a report from board Weikel on the progress in the superintendent search. She said a brochure has been completed and has been posted at

700-1000 sites. She said that those interested in being considered for the superintendent screening committee should contact ESD Superintendent George Murdock or Julie Ashbeck, board secretary, at the district office.

-adopted the 2002-03 budget calendar as presented.

-adopted the Internet Safety Policy as presented.

-adopted the maintenance supervisor job description and salary range.

-certified the recall election results from the Morrow County Clerk's Office as presented.

-approved the following resignations/retirements/terminations: Nohemi Estrada-Suro, Ione Schools Spanish teacher;

Brandon Kauffman, termination of Heppner High School extracurricular assistant football coach contract; Ramona Hernandez, Riverside High School department secretary; Michelle Luna, resignation from A.C. Houghton special education assistant position; Renee Yocom, reduction in force, Heppner Elementary School one-on-one special education assistant.

-approved employment for: Lisa Konecny, Columbia Middle School special education one-on-one assistant; Irma Rodriguez, ACH English as a second language ed assistant; replacing Nancy Rodriguez;

Stacie Miller, Sam Boardman Elementary School ed assistant, replacing Shirley Sheadel.

-approved transfers for:

Ted Ost, from district office maintenance I to SBE head custodian; Rita Britt, from HHS one-on-one special ed assistant, replacing Renee Yocom.

-approved extra duty contracts for: Christian Reggear, RHS assistant softball coach; Jason Hanna, HHS part-time assistant football coach, replacing Brandon Kauffman; Kevin Martin, CMS assistant boys' basketball coach; Steven Martin, Ione Middle School boys' basketball coach.

-approved a resolution to accept unanticipated revenue.

-approved a request for early graduation for a HHS student.

-accepted a donation of \$1,000 from the Bank of Eastern Oregon to Sam Boardman Elementary School for a math software program.

-heard a report from the superintendent on enrollment at all schools, with particular attention to how the district is paid by the state.

-heard that the next board meeting is Monday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the district office.

Advertising Deadline  
12 Noon Tuesdays

## Accident results in death of local woman



Flipped pickup ended up on golf course

A Heppner woman died of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident that occurred just outside the Heppner city limits around 2:15 p.m. Thursday, November 15.

According to reports, Marie Van Etta, 43, was attempting to pass another vehicle that was turning onto Dec Cox Road from Highway 74. The other vehicle struck the rear of

Van Etta's vehicle, which caused her to lose control of her car. Van Etta's vehicle went off the road and rolled.

She was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital and then life-flighted by helicopter to a Bend hospital where she died on Friday, Nov. 16.

The driver of the other vehicle was not injured.

According to police, no

alcohol was involved and both drivers were wearing seat belts.

Heppner Rescue, Heppner Ambulance, Morrow County Sheriff's deputies, Heppner Police Department and Oregon State Police responded to the scene.

A memorial fund has been established at Klamath First Federal Bank in P.O. Box 368, Heppner.

## Advisory committee postpones recommendation

The Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee, at their Nov. 19 meeting, postponed a recommendation to the Morrow County School Board on a plan for the Heppner Elementary School gym and cafeteria until they receive a site survey. Committee members anticipate receiving the survey by their regular Dec. 5 meeting, after which they intend to make a recommendation to the board.

Todd Turner of Barber Barrett Turner Architects, Inc., Bend, presented two options on the Heppner Elementary school site.

Near the close of the Monday evening meeting, committee chair Mark Rietmann polled the committee members as to their preference concerning the two proposed site plans. All committee members preferred the plan which called for safety modifications on Stansbury Street in front of the school. The second plan called for rerouting Stansbury Street between the current junior high building and the old gymnasium.

Rietmann said he also polled Heppner certified staff who indicated to him that they would be satisfied with the safety modifications. Rietmann told the committee that he invited each certified staff member to the Monday night meeting. Many of the certified staff attended.

Safety modifications could include a raised, lighted and covered walkway between the elementary school and the new cafeteria-gym-auditorium facility, curb extensions, speed bumps and signage.

Turner also presented cost estimates on the two proposed site plans. Cost estimates are as follows:

**Street Improvement Plan**  
Specific Sitework Items:  
Road Safety Improvements-\$55,000; Demolition of Old High School-\$110,000. Subtotal-\$165,000.

Fixed Sitework Items:  
Site Grading-\$30,000; Sidewalks-\$24,000; Curbs-\$8,000; Utility Trenching-\$4,000; Water/Sewer-\$37,000; Fire System/Vault-\$20,000; Site Drainage-\$25,000; Asphalt Paving & Base-\$49,000; Stripping-\$5,000; Street Signs-\$2,000; Site Lighting-\$7,000; Landscape & Irrigation-\$16,000; Survey/Staking-\$5,000;

contingency-\$35,000. Subtotal-\$267,000.

Site Development Total-\$432,000.

Building Construction (18,300 square feet x \$108/square foot)-\$1,976,400.

**Total Project**  
=\$2,408,400 (\$68,432 under \$2,476,832 budget).

**Street Relocation Plan**

Specific Sitework Items:  
Road Relocation-\$125,000; Demolition of Old High School-\$110,000. Subtotal-\$235,000.

Fixed Sitework Items:  
Site Grading-\$28,000; Sidewalks-\$21,000; Curbs-\$8,000; Utility Trenching-\$4,000; Water/Sewer-\$37,000; Fire System/Vault-\$20,000; Site Drainage-\$25,000; Asphalt Paving & Base-\$46,000; Stripping-\$5,000; Street Signs-\$3,000; Site Lighting-\$7,000; Landscape & Irrigation-\$20,000; Survey/Staking-\$5,000; contingency-\$34,000. Subtotal-\$263,000.

Site Development Total-\$498,000.

Building Construction (18,300 square feet x \$108/square foot)-\$1,976,400.

**Total Project**  
=\$2,474,400 (\$2,432 under \$2,476,832 budget).

## Parade of Lights planned downtown

Heppner's fifth annual Parade of Lights is planned for next Thursday, November 29, at 6 p.m. in downtown Heppner.

Businesses and individuals are invited to enter the light parade and win cash prizes for first, second and third places. A special Kris Kringle award will be presented for fourth place.

Line-up for entrants will be at Green Feed and Seed at 5 p.m. Nov. 29.

Entry forms are available at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Central Market and the Gazette-Times.

Sponsors of the event include Columbia Basin Electric, Klamath First Federal, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Murrays Drug and Country Rose, Morrow County Grain Growers, John's Other Place, Central Market, Willow Creek Clinic, Artisan Village and Gardner's Men's Wear.

Neither budget includes \$150,000 for demolition of the old gymnasium, which will be from a separate budget, and costs for hazardous material removal, which are still to be determined.

Turner told the committee that the budget would not allow for a double gym. The proposed gym would be a 50'x84' regulation sized facility with bleachers on one side.

Cost estimates for a 50'x74' double gym are \$200,000-\$265,500; estimates for a 50'x84' double gym would be \$300,000-\$380,700.

The Street Improvement plan would require an additional \$131,568-\$188,068 for a 50'x74' double gym or \$232,568-\$312,268 for a 50'x84' double gym. The Street Relocation plan would require an additional \$197,568-\$254,068 for a 50'x74' double gym or \$297,568-\$378,268 for a 50'x84' double gym.

In other business the committee appointed committee member Mike Armato as their delegate to the superintendent search committee. Marcia Kemp, who is also a member of the Advisory Committee, indicated that she was seeking appointment as the Lexington community delegate to the search committee.

## Flu shot clinics scheduled

Flu shot clinics, sponsored by the Morrow County Health Department, are planned throughout Morrow County next week.

-Clinics will be held at the following locations:

-Monday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Irrigon Senior Center at Stokes Landing.

-Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Health Department in Boardman, 101 Boardman Avenue.

-Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon at the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

-Wednesday, Nov. 28, 3-6 p.m., Ione Schools cafeteria, Ione.

-Thursday, Nov. 29, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Morrow County Health Department, above Heppner Hardware.

News Deadline  
5p.m. Mondays

### Holiday Gift Sale

We will be open Friday, Nov. 23 and Sat., Nov. 24!  
Take advantage of the Holiday Gift Sale!

### Morrow County Grain Growers

Lexington 989-8221 • 1-800-452-7396 For farm equipment, visit our web site at [www.mcg.net](http://www.mcg.net)