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School Board *continued from page one*

assistant boys' basketball coach; Dana Heideman, head girls' basketball coach; Ryan Rudolf, assistant girls' basketball coach; Del LaRue, head track coach. Lone Elementary/Middle schools-Darlene Marquardt, computer trainer; Dean Robinson, TAG coordinator, head football coach; Betty Rietmann, head teacher; Steve Schaber, assistant football coach; Steven Brown, head boys' basketball coach; Lori McCabe, head girls' basketball coach; Jim Raible, DART.

-approved bids for the lone tennis court project as follows: Fence Tite-Rite for fencing for \$11,818.75; and Atlas Tracks, Inc., for surfacing for \$10,330; and authorized the superintendent to negotiate with the low bidder for asphalt work.

-approved a bid from Gilliland Construction, Hermiston, for A.C. Houghton Elementary School window replacement for \$74,814.

-approved low bid from Levemier Construction, Inc., as general contractor for the Boardman and Irrigon schools for \$9,798,500 with an option to visit the roof selection within 60 days. A metal roof was preferred, but a slate roof was within budget.

-approved hiring all classified and confidential employees for 2002-03 as presented.

-accepted as a second reading and adopted the science curriculum and textbooks as recommended.

-accepted as a first reading the special ed teacher on special assignment job description.

-accepted as a first reading the head teacher job description.

-accepted as a second reading and adopted policies on hazing/harassment/intimidation/bullying/ menacing; promotion/retention of students; education records management; personally identifiable information; confidentiality-students with disabilities.

-heard the following announcements: Lone High School graduation-Friday, May 24, 7 p.m., IHS; Heppner High School graduation-Saturday, May 25, 2 p.m., HHS; Riverside High School graduation-Sunday, May 26, 2 p.m., RHS; Memorial Day holiday, Monday, May 27; last day of school for students, Thursday, June 6; teacher work days, Friday, June 7, and Monday, June 10; next board meeting, Monday, June 10, RHS, 7:30 p.m.

Local instructor earns state award

Tom Wolff of Heppner has been awarded the Oregon Hunter Education Distinguished Instructor Award for 2002 by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The honor, which is presented to volunteer instructors who demonstrate long and distinguished support and development in the program, was bestowed at the Eastern Oregon Instructors Conference held recently in Baker City. "Tom Wolff has been a certified volunteer instructor in the program for 22 continuous years, having instructed over 1,700 students, primarily young hunters just starting their outdoor activities," a spokesperson said. "It used to be a three hour 'Gun Safety Class', but has evolved into a mandatory minimum 15 hour Hunter Education Class with segments on ethics, firearm and archery safety, landowner relations and a live-fire range and field training program" said Wolff.



Tom Wolff shows his hunter education instructor award

to credit his co-instructor, Jim Marquardt, in helping to develop their local program. "Jim and I have been teaching together for the past three or four years, we seem to work well together," said Wolff. He also thanks Wilkinson Ranches of Heppner for allowing the students to hold their field day activities on their property. Wolff and Marquardt have scheduled their next class for late July and early August.

Local Student wins State VFW Contest



Amy Jepsen receives state V.F.W. award.

Amy Jepsen of Heppner was recently awarded a \$500 savings bond for winning the state first place title the Oregon V.F.W. youth essay contest for junior high students. The contest, newly renamed "Patriot's Pen", is an annual event sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary. This year's essay topic was: "Is Freedom Really Free?" Amy first won the Heppner V.F.W. post 4184 competition and a \$50 bond. She went on to win the District 8 competition and a \$100 cash award. Then her essay was judged the best of entries from all 16 other districts in the state. She was presented with the her award at a V.F.W. dinner in Echo by the contest's state chairman, Robert Cusick, of Bend, Oregon.

Heppner Assisted Living Center to open late this summer



Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Board member Gail Hughes shows off the color scheme for the commons area.

Imagine a place where your every need is granted, your every wish fulfilled. Sound like Shangri-La? Actually it's a little more accessible than the Himalayas. What sounds like a dream life may be found right on the Heppner foothills at the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Center by the end of the summer.

The new 16-unit assisted living facility, which is expected to be ready for occupancy in August, promises to offer the amenities of home, without many of the risks and responsibilities. Project consultant, Jim Rippy, says that the facility will fill a gap in the community. "There's such a huge gap between living at home and living in a nursing home," said Rippy. "We now have a continuum of care." "This needs to be commended," he continued. "What you've done here is truly unique and special. I don't know that this has been done before by a group of volunteers. I believe it will be a model. I believe people will come to Heppner to see this facility." Rippy added that the construction of the facility indicates an interest and value in the elderly population of the Willow Creek Valley.

In addition to a view of Willow Creek Lake and the Van Liew family llamas raised nearby, the assisted living center will offer:

- electrical outlets six inches higher than in regular homes, so residents don't have to bend over to access plug ins;
- 36" doors so that walkers and wheelchairs can access entrances easily;
- fresh homemade bread, cookies and fruit daily for residents and their visiting families;
- three meals daily with a registered dietician for regular and special diets;
- 24-hour staff;
- private post office boxes for residents;
- sewer and garbage service provided;
- call system pendant for each resident in the event of illness or a fall, day or night;
- private wardrobe closets;
- attic storage area with a section for each resident for keepsakes, Christmas decorations, etc.;
- Pioneer Memorial Home Health in charge of nursing and delegating nursing responsibilities to staff;
- staff assistance with medications, insulin injections and blood draws;
- facility managed by Morrow County Health District;
- residents able to come and go as they please, drive own vehicles;
- two telephone hookups in each room, residents bring own phone and phone number;
- computer hookups in each room;
- two cable outlets in each apartment;
- emergency access in three minutes or less-40 feet, at most, from exits;
- heating, which radiates from the floor, and air conditioning controlled privately in each apartment;
- smoke and heat activated emergency system and sprinklers.

The cost for a single person is estimated around \$2,200 a month with the cost for a couple sharing the same apartment estimated around \$2,700. Persons on Medicaid will be accepted, according to administrator Victor Vander Does. Officials stress that in order for the facility to be successful, all 16 units must be full. Those wishing to reserve a space should call PMH, 676-9133, to sign up. There are no age limits for acceptance.

The facility was funded by USDA loans, local bank loans, Morrow Development Corporation and donations from individuals and numerous groups such as the Odd Fellows, Elks and the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Tonia Adams, long time fund raiser and volunteer at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home, has been selected as administrator for the facility.

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Foundation awards scholarships

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation awarded a \$500.00 scholarship in the name of Dr. Wallace Wolff, a longtime Heppner Physician, to Jessica Van Winkle. Jessica is enrolled at OHSU on the La Grande campus working towards a BS in nursing. She plans to become a nurse practitioner.

The foundation awarded scholarships in memory of Earl and Hazel Wilson to Trisha Adams \$500.00, Brooke Boyer \$400.00, and Adrienne Swanson \$150.00. Trisha will be a junior this fall at Albertson College, majoring in biology with plans to attend medical school after receiving her BS degree. Brooke is a nursing student at Boise State and is planning to become a nurse practitioner. Adrienne is attending OSU and is in the Dental Hygiene program.

The foundation gave Earl and Hazel Wilson awards to this year's graduating seniors, Rhonda Wilhelm \$300.00, Jodie Carlson \$300.00, Emily Unruh \$300.00 and Jody Maddern \$100.00. Rhonda Wilhelm, a senior at Lone, plans to attend Eastern Oregon University to major in nursing. Jodie Carlson, a senior at Heppner, will attend either Washington State or Boise state and major in nursing. Jody Maddern, a Heppner senior, plans a career as an x-ray technician. Emily Unruh, a home-schooled senior, plans to attend Cederville University to earn a bachelors' degree in nursing. These scholarships were funded by generous contributions to the foundation from the family of Dr. Wolff and from Earl and Hazel Wilson.

Morrow County Health Depart. hours

The Morrow County Health Department will be open in Heppner during regular county business hours, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for the last week in May and through the month of June. We regret that we will be

unable to offer immunizations or family planning clinics during this time. Anyone who has any questions, concerns or need for a particular service, should call. They will receive information, referral or service depending on their individual need.

The Books and More Books 4-H club

After a call to order led by Mrs. Hunt, the Books and More Books Club leapt right into business. Things to discuss included who would do the reports next meeting, the OSU Summer Conference, the Tri-County 4-H camp, the Know Your State Government Report, and of course, Fair. "I can't wait until Fair," said an excited Miranda Hunt, "It's really fun."

The book all the members read before their meeting was, The Journey Back by Johanna Reiss. The book is about a Jewish girl during WWII who was separated from her family and hidden from the Nazis. It gave another viewpoint to the war

much like Anne Frank's, except that instead of a diary, it was a true story written when the main character had grown older.

Since there is only one meeting, but two books left for the club, members were left with the choice of reading A Long Way From Chicago and /or Getting Near to Baby. The club will meet June 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hunt's house.

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Wedding Tables

*Toni Kemp and Travis Parish
Saturday, June 1st*

*Brenda Holtz and David Long
Shower: Saturday, May 25th
Wedding: Saturday, June 22nd*

*Jessica Maben and Josh Roy
Saturday, June 29th
at the Glavey Ranch*

*Sheila Dunaway and Brian Price
Saturday, July 13th at 1 p.m.
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