

school board

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Dwayne Carroll, Barney Lindsay and Keith Lewis.

The majority of the present board stressed that they eventually intend to establish a high school in Irrigon, but emphasized that criteria were not met. "I'm not voting against an Irrigon high school, I think the timing is wrong," said McNamee. But, the board also reiterated that they could not bind a newly-elected board to their decision and a comment by Frederickson, "I can't imagine any board going back on its word," elicited groans from the mainly Irrigon audience.

Gladys Hobbs, long-time Irrigon resident and former teacher, angry with the board's decision, commented, "I've been listening to this for 42 years... I think you enjoy torturing us." Debbie Stratton of Irrigon cautioned the board of a loss of Irrigon voter support. "We busted our butts (to get the school bond issue passed). If this doesn't happen, there will never be another bond passed," she said.

Meredith DeHaven of Irrigon alleged that one of the board's major concerns was that Riverside High School would no longer have 3A status and would drop down to 2A athletic competition. When the Boardman members of the board said that they didn't support the motion, DeHaven retorted, "I didn't expect that anyone from Boardman would," intimating that Boardman area residents are generally not in favor of splitting Riverside High School.

Board members were cautioned that if Riverside High School were divided, it wouldn't be a 50-50 split between Irrigon and Boardman students, but perhaps more of a 60-40 situation, with Boardman expected to have more students. Using current enrollment figures, if the north Morrow County high school population was split on a projected 60-40 situation, for grades nine-12, Riverside would have around 240 students and the new Irrigon high school would have around 160 students. Currently, Heppner High School, a grade seven-12 facility, has 133 students in grades nine-12. According to the proposal, both Riverside and the new Irrigon junior/high school would eventually be grade seven-12 facilities.

Monthly enrollment figures currently show 2,315 students in the district, exactly the same number of students in the district as last year at the same time. Enrollment as of May 1, 2003, shows that Riverside High School's enrollment is 406, up 11 over

last year. Enrollment is also up at Sam Boardman Elementary with 481 students, an additional six students over enrollment May 2, 2002. Enrollment at Columbia Middle School and A.C. Houghton Elementary, both in Irrigon, is down, however, with 351 students at CMS, compared to 368 last year, and 393 students at A.C. Houghton, compared to 401 last year. Heppner Elementary School enrollment is also down, with 205 students this year, compared to 218 last year. Heppner High School enrollment is up, with 201 students, compared to 187 last year. Ione School enrollment, with 158 students, is up one over last year.

In other business, the board agreed to reject an amendment that had been attached to the Ione School secession bill in the Oregon Senate. The amendment was designed to show connection between the secession bill and the board's letter of understanding, but a majority of the board did not believe the amendment added anything to the bill. Board members and members of the Ione community planned to travel to Salem Tuesday, since time was of the essence to get the Ione secession bill passed. A division of assets and liabilities between Morrow County School District and the proposed Ione school district has yet to be worked out.

In other business, the board:

- set a work session to discuss board policy rewrites. The board adopted a revised policy which put the athletic policy and other policies on hold until they could be examined further and amended the original policy motion so that the 2003 graduation requirements would be the same as 2002 graduation requirements. The board had earlier updated graduation requirements for 2003, specifying that 24 credits would be required for a student to graduate. However, the student handbooks had not been updated and high school principals, obviously concerned that some students may not be eligible for graduation this year, still believed that only 23 credits were required.

- set in motion a procedure to choose a committee to select names for the new elementary schools in Boardman and Irrigon.

- heard a report on changing the bell schedules to coordinate class times for all schools in the district. Reading periods would be added to each school's schedule, which resulted in very little change to their original starting and

ending times and busing schedules.

- heard a report from Dr. Crippen on the process to close the district office and minimum requirements for heating and cooling the newly-constructed buildings. Costs and other details are still not available and the board took no action.

- discussed asphaltting the Sam Boardman Elementary parking lot, but took no action pending review of the Matrix list, which prioritized projects desired by communities, in the event of monies left over after major bond projects had been completed.

- accepted resignations from Stacie Miller, SBE educational assistant; Erin Andreason, RHS extra duty head girls' soccer coach; Karen Holland, Ione Middle School extra duty position as volleyball coach; Dale Holland, IMS extra duty girls' basketball coach.

- learned that Christina Reggear, CMS math teacher, and Erin Andreason, half-time RHS health teacher, had declined contract offers.

- approved employment for: Kresimir Waite, Heppner High School advanced math teacher, replacing Fred Monaco; and Dieter Waite, HHS biology teacher, replacing Steve Brownfield.

- approved extra duty contracts for: Chris Rauch, HHS assistant girls' basketball coach; and Gigi Lemmon, RHS head girls' basketball coach.

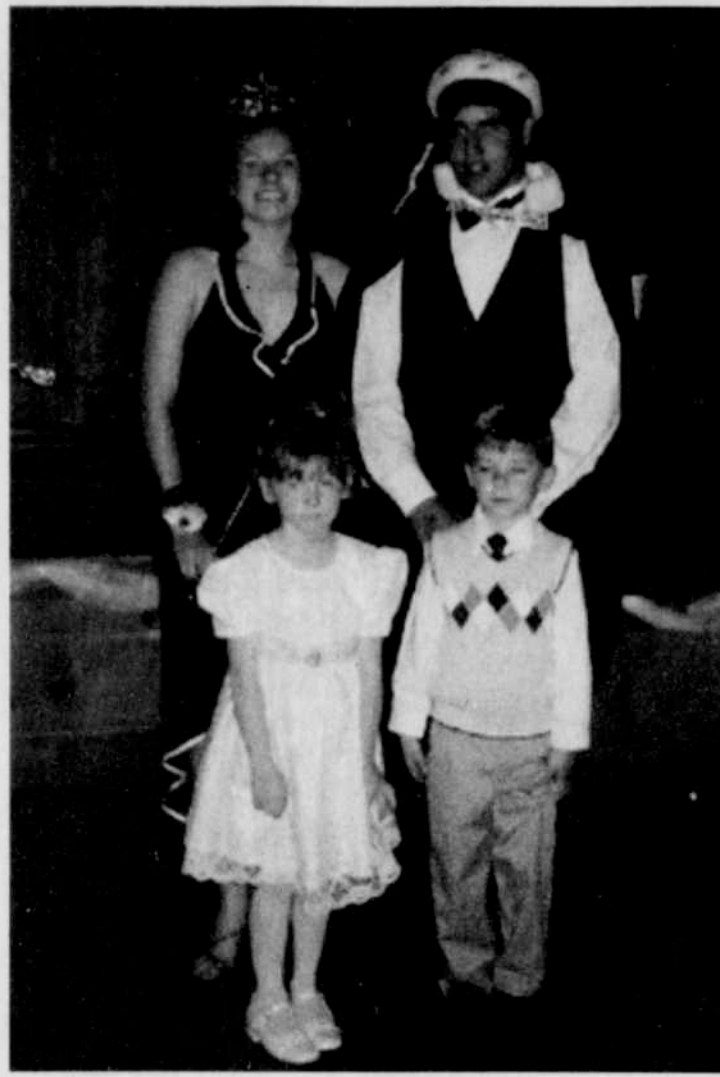
- approved the 2003-04 classified/confidential staff for re-hire.

- heard the following announcements: Memorial Day holiday, May 26; Ione High School graduation, Friday, June 6, at 7 p.m.; Heppner High School graduation, Saturday, June 7, 2 p.m.; Riverside High School graduation, Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m.; next board meeting, Monday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., RHS; last day of school for students, Wednesday, June 11; last day of school for staff, Friday, June 13.

Date change for American Legion and Auxiliary meeting

Due to Memorial Day, the American Legion and Auxiliary has changed its meeting date to Monday, May 19, instead of the regular date. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., in the Methodist Church basement.

Ione announces 2003 prom court



Ione High School held its 2003 Prom, May 3. The 2003 Prom Court (back L-R): Queen Diana McElligott and King Cayle Krebs; and Crown Bearers (front L-R), Michaela Forester and Daniel Holtz.

Local student awarded MSU-Bozeman scholarship

Lindsey Ward of Heppner was the recipient of a scholarship presented to an outstanding student in the College of Business at Montana State University-Bozeman. Ward, a sophomore, who is pursuing an option in accounting in MSU's College of Business, received the Deloitte and Touche scholarship.

More than 100 students received scholarships that were generated from endowments and funds set up to specifically grant financial aid to students enrolled in the MSU College of Business. The College of Business offers four option areas of studies, five minors and a Master's of Professional Accountancy. The MSU-Bozeman College of Business is one of only 300 colleges in the nation to be accredited by American Assembly of Collegiate School of Business.

For more information on MSU visit its website at www.montana.edu or the College of Business website at www.montana.edu/cob.

Engagement

Pointer-Hanisch



Erik Hanisch and Lenore Pointer

Lenore Marihelen Pointer and Erik Martin Hanisch wish to announce their engagement to each other.

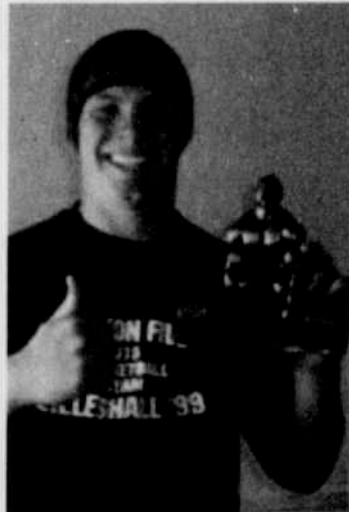
The bride-to-be, Lenore Marihelen Pointer is of Seattle, WA, and is the daughter of Barbara Lee Pointer, of Barrow, AK and Larry Edward Pointer, of Longview, WA. Pointer is a 1992 graduate of Stanfield

High School in Stanfield; and a 1996 graduate of University of Oregon, with a degree in Journalism-public relations. Currently, she is employed as the director of The Quixote Foundation.

The bridegroom-to-be, Erik Martin Hanisch, is from Seattle, WA, and is the son of Lyn Maxwell McGuire, of Berkeley, CA and the late Arthur Stuart Hanisch. Hanisch is a 1984 graduate of West High School in Madison, WI. Currently, he is employed as the president of The Quixote Foundation.

The couple plans a July 19, 2003 wedding at the Maui Prince Hotel's Maluaka Lawn, Makena Beach, Maui, Hawaii.

Roberts breaks state record at weightlifting competition



Ashley Roberts with his trophy from the WABDL competition in Pasco.

Ashley Roberts, a high school senior from Ione, competed in the WABDL (World Association of Benchpress and Dead lift) in

Pasco, Sunday, May 3 at the Red Loin Hotel.

Roberts placed first in the dead lift competition for his division, Teens 16-19. Roberts' lifts were 474.5 pounds, 502 pounds, 519 pounds, and then 534.5 pounds. His 519-pound lift broke the state record and then he turned around and broke this record again at 534.5 pounds.

Buzz's Powerlifting Team of Boardman, of which Roberts is a member, took first overall.

Roberts has qualified to compete in the World Finals in Las Vegas on December 9-14, 2003. Anyone interested in sponsoring Roberts for this competition in December can contact him at 422-7559.

Local harpist wins state high school music championship

Amy Jepsen, a Heppner freshman, recently had the honor of winning the 2003 OSAA Solo Music Championship in harp. There were 436 high school students representing 102 high schools in the Oregon High School Solo Music Championship competition held at Willamette University in Salem on May 3.

Jepsen performed the first movement of the "Harp Concerto in B Flat Major" by G.F. Handel for the competition and received top scores from all three of her judges. Jepsen qualified earlier this year for the state finals by earning a "1" rating at the District 8 competition at Hermiston High School in March.

The state finals had 24 different musical instrument categories, including stringed instruments, brass, woodwinds, percussion and piano, as well as six vocal categories. Awards were given to only the top three contestants in each category. Jepsen was the only Eastern Oregon musician to place in any event. First place winners were awarded a medallion in an awards ceremony at the college that evening.

Jepsen is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Jepsen of Heppner. She has been playing the harp for seven years and currently studies with Denise Fujikawa of Portland.

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Annual OWGL golf tournament to be held

The 7th Annual Oregon Wheat Foundation Golf Tournament is set for Thursday, May 15, at the Wildhorse Golf Resort in Pendleton.

Everyone is invited to attend this year's event. Individuals without teams of four will be matched up with other individuals to form teams.

If you would like to attend, but do not golf, you are welcome to come and help out. Additional hands are always needed when holding a golf scramble and are much appreciated.

The tournament is an annual fund raising event for the Oregon Wheat Foundation's many programs, including college scholarships.

Registration materials are available from the OWGL office (541) 276-7334, and are also available on the OWGL web site, located at <http://www.owgl.org>.

Friends of the Heppner Library to hold book/bake sale

By Debbie Harper

The Friends of the Heppner Library are having a Book and Bake Sale June 14 and they are looking for donations of books for their sale.

The Friends of the Library is an organization of community members dedicated to helping keep and improve library services. They are raising money to use for such programs as the weekly reading program and summer reading program. They are also hoping to fund additional programs in the future.

Donations are already coming in, said spokesperson Ann Spicer. For people who are drowning in books, but can't bear to throw them away, this is an alternative that can benefit the whole community.

Donations can be left at Kuhn and Spicer attorney office, or with Pastor Keith Brudevold at the Methodist Church.

For questions, contact Keith Brudevold at 676-9224 or Ann Spicer at 676-9141 or 676-5033.



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