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**Heppner City Council to conduct public hearing on Downtown Plan**

The City of Heppner City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 23 to decide whether or not to adopt the Downtown Development Plan, proposed zoning code and Comprehensive Plan revisions and the revised Transportation System Plan. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Heppner City Hall, located at 188 West Willow Street, Heppner. The public is encouraged to attend and comment upon the plans.

During its June 2 meeting, the Planning Commission voted to recommend to the City Council approval of the Downtown Development Plan, the Transportation System Plan and the supporting code amendments.

The Downtown Heppner Development Plan Project began last September and involved public involvement and input through a series of public meetings, including a children's workshop. The June 23 meeting will be the last opportunity for the public to comment prior to the City Council vote.

The plan includes a new downtown zoning district with supporting zoning regulations, that will protect the historic character of the downtown and encourage economic development. Zero building setbacks, architectural guidelines, and a reduction of required off-street parking are components of the new code. Access management standards along arterial and collector streets that mirror existing state highway requirements are also proposed.

Enhancement of pedestrian linkages between the downtown and residential areas, and overall community improvements are part of the Development Plan. Components include: city wide sidewalk improvements; crosswalk improvements; a pedestrian and multi-use walk along portions of Willow Creek; on street parking modifications; skate board park and youth center at the old pool; and enhancements to the pedestrian corridors and bridges over Willow Creek.

Additional transportation improvement projects have been added to the Transportation System Plan. Inclusion on the list is the first step in obtaining funding for improvement projects.

Those unable to attend but who want to share thoughts or comments may visit City Hall or contact the project manager, Joyce Jackson, by mail at Mitchell Nelson Group, 71 SW Oak Street Suite 100, Portland, OR 97204. Comments can also be given to the project manager via phone by calling (503) 944-2158, or sent by email to jlj@mngi.com.

**Letters to the Editor**

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

**Apologies should be made to Ione and Heppner**

To The Editor:

The author of this letter is taking no position on the current Ione secession movement. Since I only lived in Ione for 16 years I would be considered a newcomer whose opinion did not count, anyway. I would, however, like to take issue with a comment I read in the Ione secession story that appeared in our local paper (The Daily Astorian). It concerns a statement made by Ione resident Anne Morter that said, in effect, that Ione would suffer because... "an Ione girl would never be Homecoming Queen...and Ione athletes would be relegated to warming the bench".

I feel that she owes apologies to two groups of people. First and foremost she owes apologies to the students of Ione High School for having such a low opinion of their capabilities. Some of the people I talked to here in this area jokingly commented that Ione girls must be so ugly and Ione athletes so un-talented that they could never compete with their counterparts in Heppner. I'm sorry that Mrs. Morter feels that Ione females are so unattractive and unpoised that they would be reduced to wallflower status, but I would wager that the high school males in Heppner do not feel that way.

I assume that Mrs. Morter has also forgotten about the numerous state high

school football, volleyball, basketball and track championships that Ione student athletes have won. I am sure those athletes would have been welcomed on any Heppner team with open arms. I assume that she has also forgotten the Ione athletes who have helped forge Heppner's baseball success in the last few years.

Secondly, she owes an apology to the coaches at Heppner High School. I know the coaches at Heppner High School and to suggest that they would only let Heppner athletes play while relegating Ione athletes to the bench is ludicrous. Coaches, and athletes, want to win and no coach is going to ask a player which part of South Morrow County he or she lives in before making the decision on who the starters are going to be. Did it ever occur to Mrs. Morter that many of the Ione athletes might just relegate Heppner athletes to the bench because of their athletic prowess?

I know that that the questions of consolidation and secession have raised many important issues in South Morrow County. I just hope that Mrs. Morter would qualify her statements or apologize for them so the general public in the rest of the state does not judge all of Ione by her feelings.

(s) Al Beck  
Warrenton, Oregon

**Ione Pool to open for summer activities**

Swim lessons will be conducted at the Ione Pool on June 24-27 and June 30-July 3. Cost will be \$30 for the eight-day, 30-minute sessions. Preschool, Mother and Tot, and Levels I-VI will be offered. Confirmation of classes will depend on interest. Bobbette Lovgren will be the instructor.

Private swim lessons will be offered after July 4. Contact Lovgren directly for scheduling private lessons at 676-5217.

New this year is the Ione Swim Club. The club will be for all kids who have passed Level III Red Cross lessons or for students who can meet the minimum swimming requirements. This program will be on-going throughout the summer. Members will work on stroke perfection, safety skills and water games. The club will meet twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. This will be a 10-session program beginning June 24 and ending August 7. A detailed schedule will be given out at the first session on Tuesday, June 24 at 9:30 a.m. Cost for this program will be \$30 per person or \$50 for a family.

For more information on Ione swim programs, contact Lovgren at the above number or Shelley Key at the Ione pool.

**Obituaries**

**T. W. "Bill" Lowe**

T. W. "Bill" Lowe, 103, died Monday, June 2, 2003, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

A graveside service was held June 5 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Lowe was born Dec. 20, 1899, at Durham, England, to Thomas and Jennifer Hynd Lowe. The family emigrated to America when he was 14, settling at Cecil.

He soon went to work at the Hynd Brothers ranch. He worked as a herder, packer, camp tender, barber and cowboy for most of his life.

When he was 16, he joined the Canadian Army and served in England during World War I.

Lowe worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home in Heppner for 25 years, before his retirement when he enjoyed hunting, fishing and friends.

At 103, he lived during three centuries. The last four years were spent at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

He was a lifelong member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and Heppner BPOE 358.

Survivors include nieces and nephews Henry Krebs and Carleen West, both of Ione, and Mary Jane Ole and Van Lehman, both in Washington state.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements

**Albert Louis Webb**

Albert Louis Webb, 69, of Boardman, died Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland.

A funeral was held June 6, with burial at Hermiston Cemetery.

Webb was born Sept. 25, 1933, at Luxora, AR, to John Louis and Beulah Lee Parsons Webb.

On June 7, 1959, he married Frances Marion Glossen at Buena, WA.

Webb was employed as a mechanic in the manufacturing industry. He is described as a hard worker whose family was everything to him.

Survivors include his wife, at the home; sons, Lewis of Gold Beach and John of Boardman; daughter, Ann Cotteral of Umatilla; grandchildren, Melissa, Michael, Rick, Christina and Chelsea; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers, Philip in Missouri and Jess of Toppenish, WA; sister, Bernice Rider of Sunnyside,

WA; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Larry.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**F.R. Fred Monaco**

F.R. Fred Monaco, 62, of Heppner, died Sunday, June 8, 2003, at his home.

At his request, no service will be held. Disposition was by cremation.

Memorial contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the St. Mary Cancer Center, 401 Poplar Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Gazette-Times.

**Chamber Chatter**

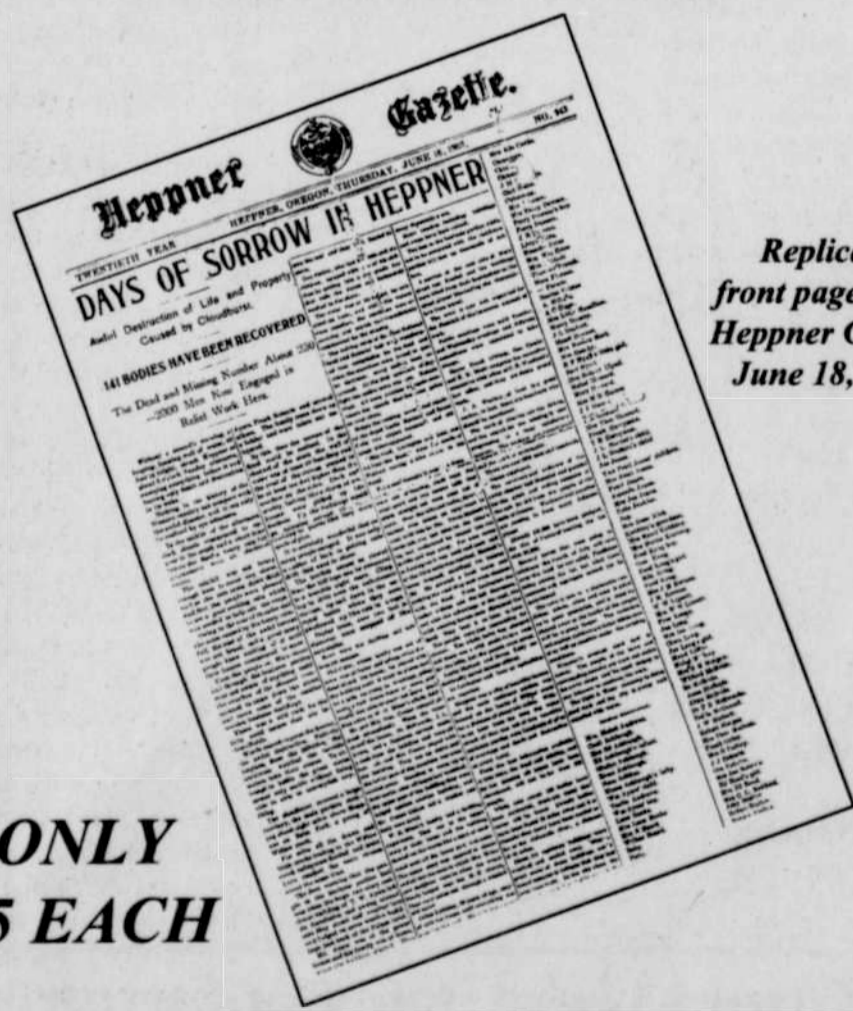
This is it. Our 100-Year Commemoration of the 1903 Flood. It's a chance to understand the history of the tragedy and to be able to pass it on to future generations. If a relative was lost in the flood, it's a time to remember them. Beginning with Friday night's "The Flood, We Remember" through the Cascadia Folk Quartet performance on Saturday, all events are free to the public, with the exception of "Dinner Theater At The Cemetery" on Saturday evening, which is \$25 per person. Proceeds help to fund the memorial. Few of us will be around for the next commemoration. People are encouraged to wear turn-of-the-century clothing or something similar if possible, to get into the spirit of the event.

It's always interesting and rewarding to be on hand for new Heppner visitors. On Monday, Roland Bergheer, currently from Nevada, but previously of Germany, China, Iraq and Spain, stopped by the Chamber office to visit. He had been exploring Heppner all weekend to better understand a community that survived a flood disaster and what they're like 100 years later. A very interesting gentlemen, who spent four months as a hostage in Baghdad in 1990 when Iraq invaded Kuwait. Read about it in this paper.

The world grows smaller every day, so it's a great opportunity when we are able to hear from a visitor from a different country. On June 17, the Chamber will meet Kozue Tajiri, from the City of Kummamoto, Japan, who has been visiting the Rick Britt family. She will be sharing her culture and answering questions for members. As it is also the third Tuesday, merchants will also be making plans for "Celebrate Historic Heppner" at that time and reporting on plans for another Customer Service Training.

Did you know that the Heppner Chamber of Commerce was presented the "Enduring Community Builder Award" by SOLV and Governor Ted Kulongoski in Salem last week? John Edmundson, Chamber's "King of Litter" was on hand to accept the award and he invited Chuck Bailey and his wife to join him, representing the hard-working Garden Club members who enhance Main Street. Our City employees and our merchants do a fine job keeping the business district looking nice, as well. The flower baskets look great. More information will be forthcoming about the event when Edmundson presents the plaque to the Chamber. It takes a community working together.

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Portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Flood Commemorative Committee.



**HEPPNER ELKS 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**Thursday, June 12th**

**Ladies Night and Flag Day Service.**

A Mexican dinner will be prepared by Missy Lindsay and crew. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Flag Day Service will be held upstairs before Lodge at 8 p.m. There will be a presentation of flags by the Boy Scouts and Color Guard. The Methodist Church choir will provide music.

**Sunday, June 15th**

**ELKS ANNUAL PICNIC** at Cutsforth Park starting around 11 a.m. Hot dogs and beverage will be provided. Please bring a favorite salad or dessert. Games, egg toss, football toss, coin hunt, softball and horseshoes will be held. Bring your lounge chair and enjoy!

