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City needs same standards as private citizens

To the Editor:
I would like to invite the Mayor, City Manager and City Council Members to 660 NW Sperry to view the city property on Riverside Ave. from my front lawn. A special invitation goes to the people the city has contacted about cleaning up their property, so they can see what the city seems to find an acceptable condition. I will describe this area for those who cannot accept this invitation. It is strewn with junk, trash, used tires and

more and is partially overgrown with large thistles and weeds. My neighbors agree with me that some type of barrier should be put in place to shield the residents of NW Sperry, and their guests, from this ugly mess. The last time I went to the City Council meeting about this problem the Public Works Department had it cleaned up within 30 days. This could be a challenge for city beautification people.
(s) Gene Sonstegard
(Property Tax payer)
Heppner

Morrow County School District #1
By Dr. Jack Crippen, Superintendent

It was very exciting to see Susan and Mick Tolar as the Grand Marshals of the Boardman 4th of July Parade. All the parades in the district have been enjoyable, however it is especially heartwarming to see such fine educators honored in such an event. The only more exciting news than that is, there is only 32 days until school starts. The principals are back in school, eagerly getting things ready for the teachers return on Aug. 25, and the students return on Sept. 2.

How has the goal of education changed?

It used to be that the goal of education was one of a local hometown flavor. In other words, we educated our students to take their place in the local community. We made sure students learned the level of academic and social understanding necessary for them to be successful in our local community. Although the intent of the goal is the same, instead of it being a local community it is becoming a global community. More and more, our local businesses are doing a national and often an international business. Because of our faster paced life, it is also necessary for students to learn process as well as content. By that, I mean they need to learn how to be lifelong learners. It will not be uncommon for our young people to change professions five times in a fifty-year working career. Many of those jobs are not even invented or known at this time. We used to believe that for most of us, our "learning" was finished after high school. Now it means we have learned enough to be able to teach our selves for the rest of our lives.

Although much of our curriculum looks the same, the way the content: names and dates, adding and subtracting, poems and short stories, is presented and the expectation of what is learned is different. We not only expect students to know things, but to be able to do things with the information and to tell us why they did them and be able to critique their performance. All the elements of that process will be necessary for one to continue to learn and hold those jobs that are now being created.

What is the real purpose for an English as a Second Language Program?

It is really the American Melting Pot process. We in Morrow County tend to think of ESL programs (often called ELL programs for English Language Learners) as only having to do with the Hispanic Culture. In the Portland Schools they have dozens and dozens of different ESL or ELL programs, the intent of which is to bring students from different cultures into the American melting pot culture. Since we started this process in schools over 100 years ago, we have learned a lot about what it takes to truly have a person read, write and speak in a second language. We have learned if we do certain things in a certain way it not only speeds up the process, but helps the students to compete academically more quickly as well. We will be working this year to further develop our ESL or ELL programs in the district.

Where is the Windy River Elementary School?

It is at 500 Tatton, Boardman, OR. The Board named the new building next to Sam Boardman Elementary School at the July board meeting.

We heard that the district offices were moving, then no, then yes, then no. So what's the deal?

The Board is concerned about the accessibility of some of the districts educational leaders. Although in June the Board decided to not move the District's Offices and in July the Board declined to put the Lexington building for sale, they have made some adjustments to make some of the district level staff more accessible to patrons in Boardman and Irrigon. Mr. Sheets (Maintenance Supervisor) has his office in the Learning Center in Irrigon as well as an office in Lexington. Mr. Arbogast (Technology Coordinator) has an office in Lexington and at the Port of Morrow office building. Mr. Johns (Director of Programs) will have his office in the Windy River Elementary School. Dr. Crippen (Superintendent) will have an office in Lexington and in the Windy River Elementary School.

Is there a High School in Irrigon?

Not at the moment. However that is one of this year's major issues for the Board to decide. There is a large and vocal group who believe there should be and that the passage of the Building Bond promised them a High School. There is also a large group and to this date not so vocal, who believe that the criterion that was agreed to has not been met for a high school to be built. There is also a group among the not so vocal that believes that one should not be built, because that would make two small High Schools instead of one larger, small high school. The Board it seems has two choices: one, say that they will have a high school in Irrigon by a certain date; two, set a date by which they will make the decision and then set up a list of information they will need prior to making their decision. The Board will be having a goal setting workshop in August at which time they will probably set some direction for this issue.

If you have questions about items in this article or desire an explanation of items concerning education, please write or e-mail me in care of this newspaper or to the Morrow County School District office at P.O. Box 368, Lexington, OR 97839.

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**JOHN'S PLACE
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Chamber Chatter By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Businesses, families, individuals, the world, seem to be on a roller coaster. Everyone is in a hurry forgetting that to make memories, one has to pause and enjoy the moments. Think about childhood memories. Were you rushing frantically from one thing to another or were memories made when left to your own devices and time schedule? Did you have time to lie on your back and watch cloud formations, or climb trees, or play kick-the-can? Have you taught this to your children and grandchildren? Slow down, breathe; competition is not the final answer.

Our competitive, rapidly moving existence is one of the reasons it is so difficult to find businesses to start up in the South Morrow Industrial area. They wish to be right on the interstate so things move quicker. We need to convey the message that "Some of the very best things in life take time." We have them right here under our nose. How about a slogan: "leave the interstate and discover Heppner." People just need a bit of encouragement to discover that back roads and small communities have much to offer. Interstate travel invites speed, in-car videos, computers, games and missing varied scenery, while back road travel offers many opportunities for learning, stopping, exploring and looking out the windows. Were your best memories created rushing along the interstate?

Relaxing moments were enjoyed during "Celebrate Historic Heppner." Congratulations to Best of Show first place winner Dennis Wall and second place winner April Sykes in the second annual Chamber Pie Baking Contest, sponsored by Sherrell Insurance Agency. Third place, sponsored by John Gochbauer, went to Betty Pfeiffer. Bakers, bidders, buyers and auctioneer Larry Mills would be the reason for a resulting weight gain over the weekend of 248.6 pounds and a successful Chamber fundraiser.

Next week all entities report during Chamber. Chamber welcomes new members Roger Britt Septic and Gravel and Heppner T.V. Inc. It takes everyone working together and communicating to make Heppner and the Willow Creek Valley a class act and the place to live, work, play and do business. The view from here looks good and what's inside is the heartbeat that keeps Heppner growing. Be part of that heartbeat.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce."

**Bus driver
convicted of
indecent**

William Elmer Mabe, of Irrigon, a former Mid-Columbia school bus driver, was convicted of Private Indecency on July 24, 2003 in the Morrow County Circuit Court. Mabe plead no contest to exposing his genitals to a 9-year-old student, with the intent of arousing his sexual desire, while driving a school bus for Mid Columbia Bus Company.

As part of Mabe's sentence, he is to have no contact with any male or female children under the age of 18, and will not be allowed to frequent places that exist primarily for the enjoyment of children. Mabe will be required to successfully complete a sex offender treatment program.

Morrow County District Attorney, David C. Allen, said, "A school bus needs to be a safe place for children. The trust we and children place in professional bus drivers was abused by Mr. Mabe. I am relieved he will no longer have access to children."

Mabe is no longer employed by Mid Columbia Bus Company.

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