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has agreed to pay ISD \$56,603 for replacement of windows.

-discussed the issue of funds for furnishings for the elementary school, which has not been resolved between ISD and MCSD, and approved a resolution petitioning MCSD to establish line item expenditure accounts as follows: Elementary/middle school furnishings-\$113,000; Window allotment-\$56,603 (already resolved); Contingency-7-3/4 percent of balance (estimated at \$73,000); and funding for the following change orders-modification of playground, sink and counter in art room, cabinet doors for new classrooms, modification of cabbies, modification of septic system for a total of \$51,412, which leaves \$21,588 for windows, added to the \$56,603.

-set a work session for Sept. 15, from 5-7 p.m. prior to the next meeting.

-released a student living in the Ione district to attend school in the Arlington School District.

-recommended hiring Sarah Carlson as a temporary part-time science teacher for the 2003-04 school year.

-approved a request for a student living in the MCSD to attend school in the ISD, pending release from MCSD.

-approved the ISD Board 2003-04 meeting calendar as follows: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 15, April 19, May 17 and June 21 at 7:30 p.m.

-learned that Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living now has nine residents and Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home has 12 residents.

-decided not to change the board meeting time and sites.

-received the July financial report which showed a \$25,866 loss, compared to a \$32,164 loss for July of 2002.

-received monthly clinic statistics which show that two physicians and one physician's assistant saw 378 patients at Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner in July, with 18 new patients and an additional 59 patients seen by a nurse. At the Irrigon Clinic, one physician and two physician's assistants saw 170 patients, with 12 new patients and an additional 25 patients seen by a nurse.

-received a report from Dr. Robert Boss, who operates a clinic in Boardman, indicating that Dr. Boss saw 259 patients and his physician's assistant saw an additional 292. Dr. Boss' practice is subsidized by MCHD.

-indicated that they want to schedule one of their monthly meetings with accountant Mike Bell to discuss budgetary, taxing and other financial issues, such as scenarios for continuation or elimination of certain district programs. Vander Does earlier said that the district will have to float a successful tax levy or be forced to close some programs now offered. Some "worst case scenario" options earlier were to close the clinics in Heppner and Irrigon, the nursing home in Heppner and cease funding the Boardman Clinic. The hospital and emergency room would remain, even if drastic cuts were made, said Vander Does. At Monday night's meeting, board members offered differing outlooks on the issue, with some emphasizing the importance of emergency services and others emphasizing the importance of community clinics. Board member John Prag suggested that perhaps two districts would better serve the differing needs of the communities. Ed Glenn earlier suggested that the city of Boardman opt out of MCHD. Vander Does reiterated the financial importance of retaining the Critical Access Hospital designation.

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Heppner receives recognition for appearance

To the Editor:
Recently the community of Heppner received a nice recognition award from Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) for maintaining and continuing to maintain our town in a good-looking condition.

The "Enduring Community Builder" award is a credit to a lot of local citizens and organizations which do their part to keep Heppner neat, orderly and litter free. The award is given in part because we not only do a good job making the town look good, but also, because we keep it looking good over time.

Of course, this result takes effort. But with everyone doing a little bit, a big job gets done.

One of the elements in maintaining the good community appearance is the Oregon Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program for periodic

volunteer highway litter pick up. The Heppner Chamber of Commerce does the state highway through town. The entries to town are done by the Morrow County Employees Association, the Heppner Elementary School Staff and the Bank of Eastern Oregon Employees.

Presently, the entry to town from the south does not have a group that does litter pick up for that segment. One is needed.

If you belong to an organization that would be willing to take on the litter pick up on Highway 207 south of town, please contact Jim King at the Heppner Department of Transportation Maintenance Section Office, 676-5165, to indicate your interest and obtain information.

We appreciate the effort put forth to keep our town looking good.

(s) John Edmundson
Coordinator for the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Litter Pick Up Project

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pipes was proposed for a cost of approximately \$3,767,900.

Council member Tom Wolff, who proposed the scaled down project and is a member of the Utilities Commission, had earlier thought the city could only afford a \$1.7 to \$2 million project. "We can't do all the plumbing in the city, but we have to do what we can afford," Wolff said.

Recently enacted water rate increases in Heppner will raise about \$143,000 in additional income per year. Wolff proposed that the city only spend on the project the amount of money that could be paid back with the new revenue.

AWANA clubs start on Sept. 3

With the startup of the school year we also have the resuming of T&T (3-6) and Sparks (K-2) clubs. These clubs are for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade. AWANA meets at Lexington Baptist on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8 p.m.

AWANA is an acronym standing for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him. Each club night is divided into three segments: game time, handbook time, and council time. Most club nights revolve around a central theme where club members are rewarded for bringing or wearing a particular item reflecting that theme. Each night a member's accumulative point total is added to his designated team to arrive at the winning team for that night.

A spokesman for AWANA said, "Our attendance usually is in the high

40s with a leader to students ratio of one leader to three or four members. We have been privileged over the years to have leaders representing three to five different churches of the area helping with AWANA clubs. It has been successful because of the dedicated leaders we have who are committed to helping each clubber be there and do their best."

Parents are encouraged to bring their children, stay, and watch the club in action if they would like to. Transportation to and from AWANA club is the parents' responsibility. Limited transportation space may be available with another parent or club leader.

Call Pastor Glenn at 989-8555 if you have further questions. The door is usually open at the church on Wednesday just after 6 p.m.

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Obituaries

Helen Proudfoot

Helen Proudfoot, 77, of Hermiston, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

She was born at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on Feb. 21, 1926 to J.G. and Lillie Van Ness. She enjoyed her childhood on the lake, where she went swimming often with her sister, Beverly, and where her father was employed as a captain of the mail boat. Her family later moved to The Dalles, where her father was a tugboat captain on the Columbia. She graduated from high school in The Dalles and was employed by Montgomery Ward. Prior to her marriage, she was also employed by Washington Motor Coach in Spokane.

She married John Proudfoot of Wasco, on Sept. 14, 1946 and then began her life as a farm wife on a wheat ranch in Ione. A daughter, Pamela, was born in 1949; followed by a son, Paul, in 1951. In addition to being a homemaker, she assisted her husband in the daily operations of the farm, cooked for many harvest crews and later did the bookkeeping.

In Ione, she was a charter member of the Ione Topic Club and supported the library. She had a love of books and learning which she instilled in her children. She was a member of Eastern Star for over 50 years.

Proudfoot enjoyed traveling to the Oregon coast, across Canada and the U. S. to the Great Lakes area and to Central and South America with her husband. She visited the Hawaiian Islands with her family, toured the East Coast with her daughter and Texas with her son.

In 1982, she and her husband moved to Hermiston where they developed many new friendships and later retired. She became an active member in St. John's Episcopal Church and the Hermiston Chapter of PEO. She spent many hours with her grandchildren and was very devoted to her husband, children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, John, of Hermiston, daughter, Pamela Brown of Downers Grove, IL, son, Paul Proudfoot, of Ione, sister, Beverly Barker of Salem, and grandchildren Jason Proudfoot and Megan Proudfoot-Adams of Ione. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Disposition was by cremation and a private family gathering will be held at a later date. Those who wish may make contributions to the Hermiston Chapter of PEO can do so in care of Burns Mortuary, Hermiston.

Mildred Mae Conner

Mildred Mae Bergstrom Conner, 94, of Heppner, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

A graveside service was held Aug. 27 at Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Conner was born Sept. 22, 1908, at Mutt River

near Independence to John and Lula Brickell Hanna. She attended schools at Independence and, in 1923, moved with her family to Heppner where she graduated from Heppner High School.

On June 15, 1930, she married Carl V. Bergstrom at Heppner. Mr. Bergstrom died in 1958.

On Sept. 28, 1961, she married Albert R. Connor, at Stevenson, WA. Mr. Conner died in 1995.

She was a clerk at the Red and White Grocery, Thomson Brothers Grocery, and Court Street Market, all in Heppner.

Connor was a member of the Degree of Honor, the Order of Eastern Star, and the United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed fishing, knitting and crocheting, crossword puzzles, tree planting and gardening.

Survivors include, sons, Elwayne Bergstrom (and wife, Carol) and Bob Bergstrom, and sister, Jean Bennett, all of Heppner; seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Besides her husbands, Carl Bergstrom and Albert Connor, she was preceded in death by her parents, by brothers, Wilfred Hanna and John Hanna, and sister, Genevieve Corbin.

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

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Mervin O. Hussey

Mervin O. Hussey, 89, of Umatilla, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, at his home.

A military graveside service was held Aug. 27, at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Umatilla.

Hussey was born April 15, 1914, at Munden, KS, to John Harrison and Nancy Ada Randall Hussey.

In the 1930s, he married Bertha Mae Barge at Jerome, ID.

Hussey was a military career man serving with the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict. After military service he became a farmer. He trained horses and loved being a cowboy.

Survivors include his children, Jack and Delores Hussey of Irrigon, Patrick Hussey of Umatilla, Buck and Brenda Hussey of Cascade Locks, Marge and Ron Johnson of Yakima, and Shirley and Bruce Miller of Yakima; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Ben Hussey of Urinton, NV, Allen "Pete" Hussey of Denver, and Merrill Hussey of Evergreen, CO; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Mae in 1987, by a daughter, Gin McNeil, by his parents and by brothers, Bill and Carl.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

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