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**Morrow County School District # 1
News**

By Dr. Jack Crippen, Superintendent

The 2003-2004 school year opened with a minimum of difficulties. I appreciate the District's patrons as well as the students for their patience as we started this year's school adventure. I want to commend all the faculty and staff in their exemplary efforts in opening this school year. It was not a typical school year opening. We are opening three new buildings for use this fall, and had construction work going on in two others. Some of the detail work was completed after school started. This fall we had major changes happening to students at seven of our eight campuses. We also have many faculty and staff new to the district because of retirements and because we had to shift people to different schools because of budget cuts and the opening of Ione School District. Employees, patrons and students handled the chaos and changes very well.

Why do we have ponds (some say lakes) at Windy River Elementary?

We have what are called holding areas at Windy River Elementary and we will have them at Irrigon Elementary School. They are areas for catching water from the sprinkling systems or from rain. Both Boardman and Irrigon have ordinances prohibiting the district from allowing such water to drain into the streets. These holding areas contain the water and allow it to either be absorbed in the ground or to evaporate. Generally they are expected to be empty, however because of the heat and the planting of new grass the landscapers have found it necessary to water on double shifts, creating more water than can be absorbed. As the weather cools, and the need for watering so heavily becomes less, we expect to see the "ponds or lakes" dry up.

What decisions did the Board make concerning the high school in Irrigon?

At their September meeting the Board approved the creation of a committee to name the high school. Mr. Matlack, board member, will serve as chair and the Board expects that three recommended names will be presented at the October board meeting. The Board named Mr. Anthony to be the principal of the high school beginning in September 2005. They also set the attendance boundary. Three of the boundaries are already set, they are the river on the North, the county line on the East and the line that divides Heppner schools and the Boardman and Irrigon schools is set in board policy. The board set the attendance line that will separate Riverside High School from the new high school in Irrigon as the section lines that make up Bombing Range Road, and extending them North to the river.

This puts the attendance line on the North side of Interstate 84 going through the Port of Morrow land and the wild life refuge land. This is very close to the unofficial attendance lines between Sam Boardman Elementary School and A.C. Houghton Elementary School.

What are the next items of discussion for the new high school?

As mentioned above, the Board expects to select a name for the high school at the October board meeting. With the attendance lines established, we are able to estimate the size of each high school. Preliminary numbers indicate that Boardman, based on this current year's enrollment, would be 7th and 8th grades, 140 students; 9-12, 250 students; for a 7-12 enrollment of 390 students. Irrigon would be 7th and 8th grades, 136 students; 9-12, 206 students; for a 7-12 enrollment of 342 students. Mr. Anthony and Mr. Dirksen are working on setting up a curriculum for each school. They hope to have a draft of a classroom schedule of what could have been offered this year with the teachers and students that we currently have by the October board meeting. Enrollment projections for each school for 2005-2006 based on the districts current attendance figures show each school's 7-12 totals to be about 25 students more, Boardman, 414 and Irrigon, 368.

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 write to me or stop in and see me at either the Morrow County School District office at 270 West Main, Lexington, OR 97839 or at 500 Tatton, Boardman, OR 97818 (Windy River Elementary School Room B3).

Soldier returns home from Iraq

Warrant Officer John Martin, U.S. Marine Corps, returned Sept. 22 to his base at Miramar, CA, and to his wife and children in San Diego after serving the past eight months in Kuwait and Iraq.

He said he was grateful for all the support from the people for the troops.

Martin is the son of Carl and Geri Martin of Heppner.

Walden secures land conveyance for Boardman Park and Recreation District

A bill passed last week by the House of Representatives would convey 141 acres held by the Army Corps of Engineers to the Boardman Park and Recreation District. The provision was included in the comprehensive Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2003 at the request of U.S. Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR). The Boardman Park and Recreation District is seeking the land to enhance recreation opportunities in the region.

"This land transfer is great news for the people of Boardman," said Walden. "This is the culmination of a long-running effort to transfer this land from the Corps to the Boardman Park and Recreation District. Gaining possession of this Corps land will ultimately give the District increased flexibility over how the land is used to benefit the local community, as well as visitors to the area. I'm pleased I was able to play a role in getting this accomplished."

In 1996 Congress passed WRDA legislation that included language that was intended to direct the Corps of Engineers to convey 141 acres of Corps land leased by

the Boardman Park and Recreation District to the district. Due to a drafting error, the language incorrectly transferred the land to the City of Boardman. The city was subsequently unable to transfer the land to the park and recreation district, causing the transfer to be stalled for the past six years.

Walden requested that the drafting error be fixed by authorizing the transfer of the Corps land to the Boardman Park and Recreation District as originally intended. This request, which was successfully included in the House-passed bill, must now be passed by the Senate before being sent to the President for his signature. After the legislation is signed into law, the District will work with the Corps to complete the land transfer.

Congressman Walden represents the Second Congressional District of Oregon, which includes the 20 counties of central, southern and eastern Oregon. He is a Deputy Whip and member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Committee on Resources.

Neighborhood Center to hold food drive

The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County will be holding a canned/dry goods food drive, Oct. 2-Oct. 31. The food drive will be held in contest format, and there will be no door-to-door collection this year.

Businesses/employees earn points to win and the business with the most points wins.

Points are earned by tallying the pounds of food brought in by a business, divided by number of employees per business. Extra points are earned for each package (retail item as priced or sold) of dry goods that is 8 ounces or less.

Items needed include: Canned/Bottled Foods-vegetables and fruits, chili beans, pumpkin, olives, milk, pie filling, sauces, juices (bottled, boxed, canned); Dry Goods (Food)- pasta, rice, sauce mix, sugar, flour; Dry Goods (Non-Food)- toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, hand soap, shampoo, laundry soap; Frozen or Fresh Products (must be taken directly to the Neighborhood Center)-frozen vegetables, fresh milk.

Donations of toys, clothing, shoes, etc., are welcome but will not count for contest points. These items should be taken directly to the Neighborhood Center.

Employees-trickery, bribery, or whatever it takes, convince your friends to bring

Center to hold food donations directly to your business.

Public- take your donations directly to the business of your choice that you would like to win.

The first place winner will receive a pizza lunch and ice cream sundaes for the employees of the winning business, along with a certificate of achievement. Second place will receive ice cream sundaes.

Donation pick-up dates will be Fridays, Oct. 17, Oct. 24, and Oct. 31, or take your donations directly to the Neighborhood Center.

The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County has sponsored food drives for many years. These commodities have been used to assist people in need year round, especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Your participation and donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information contact Duane Jones at 676-5529 or the Heppner Neighborhood Center at 676-5024.

Sport's pictures posted on Internet

Pictures of Mustang football games, some volleyball and the homecoming court have been posted on the Heppner web site.

Go to www.Heppner.net and click on the Mustang scores and pictures link under the sports heading. The photos are by sports photographer Teresa Hughes.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

The Seventh Day Adventist volunteers are serving at St. Patrick's Senior Center's noon meal on Oct. 8.

On Oct. 21, at 10 a.m., the Senior Center will host a legal questions informational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and have answered any legal questions that are pertinent to seniors. This meeting is a public meeting and any one of any age who has a personal question, a concern about a loved one, or needs guidelines about having assets in good order, is invited to come to the session. The introductory topic will be: "Does My Will Need to be Changed?" What questions are asked will determine much of the discussion. Questions given beforehand (to any board member or left at the office) will insure that information will be pertinent to participants.

Attorney Bill Kuhn has consented to be the resource person for this first session. If questions and interest remains, there will be other meetings and topics offered.

The Center's Board of Directors met jointly with the Heppner Housing Authority, Sept. 29. The meeting was scheduled at the last regular board meeting. The two groups meet jointly at least once a year to review the terms of their agreement and other mutual concerns.

Historical Society to hold annual meeting

The Morrow County Historical Society will be holding their annual meeting Sunday, Oct. 5. The meeting will be held at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 NW Opal Place, in Irrigon.

A potluck dinner will begin at 1:30 p.m. Turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy and rolls will be provided by the Historical Society. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, dessert or hot dish.

The annual meeting will start at 2:30 p.m., or following the dinner. Entertainment for the event will be Win Weston and LaVelle Partlow. The program will be on the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Dues will be due and are \$5 per person. For anyone interested in belonging to the Oregon State Historical Society, state dues are \$30 per person or \$50 for a couple.

SWCD to meet

A Weed Advisory meeting and a regular board meeting of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m., at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner.

Agenda items and discussion items include: manager report, wildlife watering and agency reports.

This meeting is open to the public.

Births

Anna Mae Hart

Anna Mae Hart, 60, of Hardman, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2003, at her home.

A funeral will be held 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3, at Skyline Memorial Gardens, 4101 N.W. Skyline Blvd., in Portland.

She was born Feb. 6, 1943, at Portland, to Lawrence and Viola Nohr. She graduated from Roosevelt High School at Portland in 1961.

On Sept. 21, 1961, she married Richard Doyle in Portland. The couple had two boys, Daniel and David. They later divorced.

She worked at many different jobs, as a secretary, shipping clerk, bartender, and for 12 years as both a cashier and assistant manager at 7-11 stores.

On Dec. 13, 1993, she married Paul L. Hart at Vancouver, Wash. The couple built a company, Paul Hart Trucking, and she helped keep the books, organized shipping, and did payroll for the company. The couple later bought property in Hardman where they built a home and retired.

Hart enjoyed crocheting, knitting, fishing, and camping.

Mr. Hart died in July 2002.

Survivors include sons, Daniel Doyle of Hardman and David Doyle of Gresham; stepsons, Wayne Hart of Beaverton, Rocky Hart of Hood River, Allan Hart of Cle Elum, WA, and Ernie Hart of Portland; brother, Larry Nohr of Wishram, WA; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Oregon Division, 0330 S.W. Curry, Portland, OR 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Electric Co-Op to perform tree-trimming operations in area

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op, and their subcontractors, will be conducting their annual tree trimming operation throughout the service territory during the next six weeks. Trimming of trees around power lines is an annual chore and is required by Oregon PUC and REA to reduce outages and insure continuity of electrical service. Areas affecting both Primary (distribution) and Secondary (individual service connections) lines will be cleared.

Any comments, concerns or questions about trees obstructing power lines or the removal of them may be made to Slater Mitchell at (541) 676-9146 or cbeesdm@oregonvos.net.

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Mary Thanks to those of you that helped support my business.

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