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## Morrow County Fair Board receives grant

The Morrow County Fair Board received \$36,700 grant from the Ford Family Foundation. The grant will be used to build a dormitory/community building at the fairgrounds in Heppner.

The money comes in the form of a 1-for-1 matching grant, which means that the fair board will have to raise a matching \$36,700. The board has one year, until Nov. 3, 2004, to raise the matching

funds. Currently, they are looking into other grants, as well as enlisting 4-H groups to perform community fundraisers.

Building construction will not begin until all the money has been raised. The building will have a multi-purpose use. It will be used as a dormitory for 4-H students during fair, a Snack Shack and half-time area for football games, and will also have pay showers.

## Ione Schools announce honor roll

Ione Schools announced its 2003 quarter one honor roll.

In seventh grade: A-Tiana Camarillo (4.0), Kara Clay (4.0), Matt Coleman and Brenna Rietmann; B- Clay Morter, Cory Peterson, Tori Heagy, Lynzee Sjurset and Lucas Bradford.

In eighth grade: A-Justin Archer (4.0), Emily Rietmann (4.0), Shannon Clay, Alan Rietmann, Kaylee Palmateer and Kip Krebs; B-Kylee Svetich, Max Trahan, Teonna Vandever and Paul Hams.

In ninth grade: A-Kayla LaRue (4.0) and Stephanie Holland; B-Meghan Gaines, Megan Tollefson and Brittnee DesBouillons.

In tenth grade: A-Ashly Grams (4.0), Amy Jepsen (4.0), Abby Key, Tyler Brown, Jenny Griffith and Kyle Palmateer; B- John Walton and Kelly Thompson.

In eleventh grade: A-Nick Christman (4.0), Barbara Holland (4.0), Sara Peck (4.0), Tyler Raible (4.0) and Alyssa Rietmann; B-Amanda Emery, Missy Baker, Katie Robey, Arthur Ekstrom, Kim Morris and Taylor McElligott.

In twelfth grade: A-Billy Gates (4.0), Natalie McElligott (4.0), Paul Neiffer (4.0), Tina Tuzarova (4.0), Johnny Collin, Emily Key, Meghan M. McCabe, Bill Ross, Nathan Rea, Brian Bunch, Simone Reisenbauer and Curtis Thompson; B-Eva Chitty and Megan E. McCabe.

## Grandson graduates with MBA

Ryan Schiller, son of Tony and Verina Schiller of Pflugerville, TX and grandson of Ray and Norma French of Heppner and Marilyn Schiller of Echo, will graduate Dec. 15, 2003 from Chaminade University of Honolulu. Schiller completed his MBA degree at Chaminade University while stationed at Pearl Harbor during his enlistment with the United States Navy.

## Obituaries

### Dorothy E. Curry

Dorothy E. Curry, 71, of Boardman, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, WA.

A memorial service was held Nov. 29 at the Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Curry was born Sept. 27, 1932, at Milton-Freewater, to Chester A. and Margaret Rogers Stewart.

On July 4, 1949, she married C.L. Curry Jr., at Walla Walla. The Currys moved to the Boardman area in 1981 from Walla Walla.

Survivors include her husband, C.L. Curry Jr., of Boardman; sons, Richard of Lewiston, ID, and Michael of Portland; her mother, Margaret Stewart of Boardman, sister, Gerry James of Boardman; grandchildren, Michael Curry, Mechelle Hernandez, and Richard Curry; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Chester Stewart.

Memorial contributions may be made to Orphanage B.C.S.S. America, P.O. Box 653, Kennewick, WA 99336-0601.

Mountain View Funeral Chapel of Walla Walla is in charge of arrangements.

### Harriet J. Bedord

Harriet J. Bedord, 75, of Boardman, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at her home.

A graveside service was held Nov. 29 at the Hermiston Cemetery.

She was born June 13, 1928, at Sheridan, WY, to Guy and Ruth McIntosh Ferguson. She was raised in South Dakota until the early 1940s, when she moved to Portland and went to work in the shipyards.

In 1946, she married Leonard Bedord at Cutbank, MT. They moved to Boardman in 1950. Mr. Bedord worked construction and they lived at various locations throughout the western United States, but always considered the Boardman/Hermiston area home. In 1977, they moved to Hermiston. Mr. Bedord died in 1989.

Bedord recently returned to Boardman to live. She was a member of the Boardman Card Club. She enjoyed playing pinochle, crossword puzzles and watching TV.

Survivors include sons Chip Bedord and his

wife, Coyla, of Hermiston, Greg Bedord and his wife, Linda, of Gresham, and Bill Bedord and his wife, Claudette of Hayward, CA; sisters, Irene Higuera and Ruth Moe, both of Kennewick; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Bedord was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard, by her parents, and by brothers, Stanley Zunker and Sidney Ferguson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

## HHS announces junior/senior high honor roll

Heppner Junior/Senior High has announced its 2003 quarter one honor roll.

In seventh grade: Maggie Armato (4.0), Spencer Palmer (4.0), Sherilyn Peck (4.0), Jordan Shepherd, Kathryn Moore, Kathryn Strouse and Luke Young.

In eighth grade: Sean Murray (4.0), Kelsey Wolff (4.0), Whitney Matthews, Andre Rauch, Luke Basile, Baillie Keithley, Benjamin McCarl and Megan Orr.

In ninth grade: Mahaley Huddleston, Regina Seitz, Aaron Allstott and Sarah Price.

In tenth grade: Laurie Murray (4.0), Chelsey Betsinger, Krystal Nairns, Erika Russell, Brianna Jones, Heather Rill, Heather Yocom, Daniel Basile and Jessica Brandt-Drury.

In eleventh grade: Madison Bailey (4.0), Cara Kennedy (4.0), Sandra Krotzek (4.0), Joshua Lankford (4.0), Elizabeth Orwick (4.0), Vera Pawlowsky (4.0), Shanna Rietmann (4.0), Blair Keithley, Jessica Wainwright, Emily Bergstrom, Tyler Boyer, Susan Southworth, Joshua Gutierrez, Linsey Mitchell, Terra Wilson and Kylee Disque.

In twelfth grade: Takorn Khempila (4.0), Luke Murray (4.0), Danielle Looslie, Chantea Macaulay, Cody Walton, Blake Allstott, Sheena Shank, Warren Givens, Brooklyn Olin, Kiel Nairns, Matt Young and Judd Lemmon.

## Morrow County School District # 1 News

I hope all of you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday and are looking forward to the New Year. It seems impossible that we are almost half way through the school year.

### Is the Legislator's \$5.2 billion budget going to affect this school year?

Yes it is. The Board in its November meeting agreed to put approximately \$700,000 more into this year's budget. This money is distributed to the schools based on the Average Daily Membership weighted (ADMw) factors. This has been the Board's method of maintaining equity in the district's schools. The principals have decided to spend all or most all of the increased revenue on hiring people. In Boardman and Irrigon, we are looking at hiring teachers and aides who are fluent in Spanish or hold an ESOL certificate or endorsement. In Heppner, we are looking at adding a half time position in math at the high school and a full time aide position at the elementary school.

### How are the school mascot and school colors chosen for a school?

Tradition has always given this responsibility to the students. It is one of the first items that begin to unite a student body and give notice to other schools that a new school is being or has been formed. Until this point, most of the activity of a new school is borne by the school board, the teachers and the patrons of a district, in deciding to build and in designing and seeing to the construction of the school. This item begins the process of building the traditions and culture of the school. The choosing of the mascot and school colors has already been done for Windy River Elementary School and for Irrigon Elementary School and is in the process of being done for Irrigon High School.

### How will one determine the athletic teams for the high schools and junior high schools in Boardman and Irrigon beginning in the 2005-2006 school year?

It will be a two-fold process. First, we have been basing many of our decisions on this year's student body and their choices. We have been able to divide the student population at RHS and CMS by where they live. We have been able to see what classes they are taking and what activities they participate in. In dealing with athletics, we used the fall sports participants from this year and the winter and spring participants from the 2002-2003 school year. We could then see how many would be on a team at each school if we were divided this year. That told us that many sports would have enough students to field teams at each school. In some instances, it also told us that some teams might not be able to have enough students to have a separate team at each school. We believe that with the smaller schools that we might have more students wanting to participate in the 2005-2006 school year. If that is not true we may have to have cooperative teams made up of student from both RHS and IHS. We may not know and probably won't decide until closer to September of 2005 whether we have the numbers we need.

The second part of the process concerns money, or rather the availability of more money. As many of you know our athletic programs and some of our activity programs are financed through the Morrow County Unified Recreation District. We estimate that to fund the three high schools and the three junior high school programs in MCSD #1 at today's costs will take an additional \$98,000. The amount of additional money the Recreational District can provide will determine the number of athletic teams at each school in Morrow County. The Recreational District and the Board are beginning discussions to determine the money available by the 2005-2006 school year.

### In ELL, what is the difference between an immersion and a transitional approach?

An absolute immersion program to learning English would be the equivalent of tossing a student in the water and telling them to swim. A transitional approach is being in the water with them helping them to learn to swim. The transitional approach also allows the student to learn other things at the same time, in our case the academic subject matter of the grade or class the student is in. For many it is felt that it reduces the stress of the process and allows everyone to learn the language and the academic subject matter more quickly.

Generally, there is some transitional approach in most immersion programs and some immersion approach in most transitional programs. The purpose in each is to make the students function at the top of their capacity academically in English, thus allowing them to be fully functioning members of the community.

These "programs" are not off the shelf types of programs, but rather a case of creating the approach that works best in any given school. If we were dealing with multiple second languages in a single building we very well may be forced to deal with the absolute immersion program. At this point, we aren't dealing with more than one second language and therefore can spare our students that stress.

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 on Thursdays or by appointment at 500 Tatone, Boardman, OR 97818 (Windy River Elementary School Room B3).

## Invitation for Christmas news articles

Once again, as the Christmas holiday approaches, we would like to extend an invitation to all area pastors who would like to include a Christmas article in the Dec. 17 edition of the Gazette.

Articles may be handwritten or typed, and need to be delivered to the Gazette by Friday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m. If possible please include a title with your submission. Items will be subject to editing.

Items may be emailed to [david@heppner.net](mailto:david@heppner.net), faxed

## PLACE YOUR LOVED ONES



Kaila and Chris Riter were doubly blessed in 2001 with the addition of twins Garritt and Shayne...and the two Air Life flights it took to bring them into the world safely. Ten weeks early, the twins were delivered via C-section at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. Today, they're thriving in La Grande.

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**Thursday, December 4th**  
*Lodge Memorial Service for Departed Members.*  
*"The faults of our members we write upon the sands; Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."*  
*Service for John Brandenburg; Richard Haslam; Jack Little; William Lowe; Darrell Ploybar; Roy Martin; Gerald Swaggart; Tom Sly; Raymond Welch; Bill Wilson; and Dr. Allison Willeford.*  
(Regular Lodge will follow the Service.)

**LADIES NIGHT:** Judy Buschke, Joyce Ward and crew will serve a roast pork dinner with all the fixings and apple dumplings for dessert. Dinner will start after the Light Parade.

**Thursday, December 11th**  
**TOY DINNER:** Bring in a new, unwrapped toy and receive a free dinner. Toys will be taken to the Neighborhood Center for distribution in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione areas for Christmas. Dinner will start at 6 p.m.

**Friday, December 12th**  
**Northeast District Vice President Ed Hindeman Visitation.** A ham and roast beef dinner will be served starting at 6 p.m. PERs and Committeemen are encouraged to attend.

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