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Riverside Avenue first leg of Heppner's water rehabilition project

The Heppner Water Project is underway starting on Riverside Dr., where a Morrow County crew began removal of the asphalt on Dec. 28, to make way for the replacing of the city's water pipes. The City will then contract for the pipes to be laid, with the state following to repave the road in June 2005.

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:
MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

MCGG chips in $5,000 towards construction of new dorm building

The Morrow County Grain Growers kicked in a significant amount towards construction of a new dormitory building at the fairgrounds in Heppner. "We are happy to help get this project off the ground," said MCGG general manager John Ripple when presenting the check to fair chairman Kelwayne Haguewood. "We are pleased with the Grain Grower's contribution," Haguewood said.

There will be many uses for the 1,850 square foot multi-use building, including housing kids from the north end during fair, using as a halftime team room for high school and junior high football games, possible housing for firefighting crews during fire season, and also a place for people to stay and be able to get a shower, etc., during events held at the fairgrounds and Wilkenson arena, including rodeos, motorcross and horse show competitions.

The new dormitory building will be located east of the grandstands at the football field. An older building in the area will be torn down.

Efforts to finance the building are on-going and so far include a grant of $36,700 from the Ford Family Foundation, $5,000 from the Heppner Booster Club, $9,544 from the fair budget, $10,000 from the Baker-Morrow Partnership, $5,000 from needs & issues, $595 from the Barnyarder's 4-H Club and $250 from a grant from PGE. Former fairboard member Alan Holmes has also agreed to donate $5,000 in labor and other costs for demolition and site preparation.

Total cost of the project is estimated to be $90,850. Following the MCGG donation, the fairboard will need about $13,610 more in donations and in-kind contributions from the community to make the project a reality.

"We are accepting individual donations," Haguewood said. He said those who donate $500 or more will have a plaque with their name engraved installed on the building. All amounts are being accepted, however, and anyone who wishes to donate may contact Renee Yocom at the fair office, 676-9474.

"The addition of this dorm will make our fairgrounds a more complete and really nice facility," said Haguewood.

Morrow County Grain Grower General Manager John Ripple (left) presents a check to Kelwayne Haguewood, chairman of the Morrow County Fair Board, for $5,000 toward construction of a new dormatory building at the fair grounds.

Ione Holiday Lighting Contest winners announced

Dorothy Stefani's home, winner of Best Decorated Entry.

The City of Ione held its annual Holiday Lighting Contest recently and has announced the 2004 winners.

Winners in the seven categories were: Best Use of Lighting- The Gibbs; Most Original Set- The Corey Ehrmantrauts; Mini and Bright- The Simpsons; Spirit of Christmas- Becky Wiggers; Best Decorated Entry- Dorothy Stefani; Judges' Favorite- Mike Garret; Best Effort- Steve Dumler.

Everyone who participated in making this Christmas season so special is greatly appreciated. All the decorations added to the celebration and it was a great display for the town. The judges for the lighting contest were: Mark Bruno, Mariah Bradfield, Luke Bradfield, Emily Ruiz, Diane Hams, Wayne Hams and Betty Gray.

Columbia Basin Electric Company and the City of Ione have partnered together for several years for this contest and CBEC's involvement is greatly appreciated.

Community invited to Mayor Jepsen's retirement dinner

The public is invited to a retirement dinner to honor the long-term community service of Mayor Bob Jepsen. The event will be held Saturday, Jan. 8 at All Saints Episcopal Parish Hall in Heppner. Social time will be from 6-6:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The meal, which will include Prime Rib or Cornish Game Hens will be catered by John Gochnauer's Catering Service and will cost $15 per person.

RSVPs, along with payment of $15 per person, need to be made to City Hall no later than Monday, Jan. 3, 2005.

Mayor Bob Jepsen

Local families gift Emert Addition lots to Ione Education Foundation

Two local families that have shown leadership in the creation of the Ione School District and charter school are now showing new ways to fund the Ione School.

Tim and Debbie Holtz and Jerry and Lisa Rietmann have donated two DEQ approved building lots adjacent to Emert Road. The one-acre plus lots enjoy a view of the Willow Creek Valley and have been prepared for construction.

The Ione Education Foundation plans to sell the lots using the proceeds to enhance education in the Ione School. Interested persons can call 422-7435 for more information or submit offers to purchase a lot to Ione Education Foundation, P.O. Box 61, Ione, OR 97843.

The Ione Education Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit corporation. The board of directors of the foundation encourages friends of the Ione School to consider gifts to the foundation as they do their estate and tax planning.

The Ione Education Foundation is currently providing a $25,000 annual grant to the Ione School music program as well as over $9,000 in teacher and student educational enhancement grants.

Willows Grange to hold party

The Willows Grange will be holding a New Year's Eve fun party on Dec. 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange. There will be soup and sandwiches, along with pinochle or your favorite game.

We Will Be Closed
Saturday, January 1st
HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all our friends
and customers!
Morrow County Grain Growers
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