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City Council approves 2005 goals

The City of Heppner Monday night approved its goals for the coming year. The city council voted unanimously to approve the following goals and action items for 2005.

Maintain and enhance the quality of life of our citizens by providing excellence in infrastructure for safe clean drinking water, effective and reliable wastewater handling, safe and efficient transportation and aesthetically pleasing parks and rights of way.

Action items:
-Complete the Water System Improvement Project

-Complete Riverside Avenue Reconstruction
-Install Cannon Street Guard Rail
-Jet clean wastewater collection system

-Rehabilitate the "island" at May and Gale streets

-Prioritize streets and alleys for future improvement

-Reach consensus on ultimate use of "Old Pool" and proceed with improvements

-Improve city sidewalks that are in poor state of repair 9. Obtain ownership of Corp. road connecting Bruce Kelly Way with Willow Creek Road

Continue to build trust and involvement in City government through improved communication with citizens.

Action items:
-Provide tours of city facilities twice yearly for City Council members to keep them informed on status of City systems

-Continue quarterly newsletters

-Continue City commissions

-Involve seniors and youth in community planning

Preserve and enhance the standard of living for our citizens through support of economic development activities.

Action items:
-Continue support for the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group through maintaining membership and participation in activities

-Continue support for the Heppner Chamber of Commerce

Preserve and enhance property values and reduce the risk of damage from flooding while lowering citizen's costs for flood insurance.

Action Items:
-Complete the Flood Mapping Project

-Apply for credits through the FEMA Community Rating System
Provide for quality community policing to ensure continued safety and low crime rates in the City of Heppner

Enhance the livability and community viability through encouraging moderate population growth to 1500 persons.

Action Items:
-Review and improve contract with Morrow County Sheriff
-Increase compliance with City code for nuisance properties

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Letters to the Editor

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Heppner, a good place for community and schools

To the Editor:

As the time passes here in Heppner with the school year, I have been contemplating what it is that we all seek in quality schools. As a parent and a school administrator in Heppner, I have found that both our school system and community are inviting and functioning on high levels.

In the search for a good community and school system, many parents have continually moved looking for the right combination in which to raise and educate their children. In this pursuit of parental involvement and solitude in "a place," many have opted to move to another school district, considered private schools, or even home schooled. Being new to the community, my family and I feel extremely fortunate and lucky to find such "a place" in Heppner.

As the Vice-Principal of Heppner Schools it has been unbelievable to see the outpouring of support for student programs that our school system promotes. This encouragement is displayed on the back window of nearly every vehicle in Heppner, to the constructive reactions of clubs, businesses and interest groups. With this in consideration, I have come to the conclusion that each of us plays a part in creating a climate that is conducive to child learning and "raising."

We have high functioning schools here in Heppner that are in part due to the climate that our community has promoted. Because of this, we understand the importance of testing and measuring or assessing our strengths and weaknesses as to what the needs of our children are.

Various levels of assessment measure student achievement, and this helps our schools discover where best to improve curriculum and programs.

One of these areas that the State of Oregon compares and deems important and assesses us by is that of attendance rates. Last year we scored under the state average when compared to other schools in Oregon. Because of this data, both of our schools have earmarked this as an area that we want to improve upon.

Parent involvement has a significant impact on student achievement and this includes school attendance. I have come to believe that our community takes stock in what is well and good when it comes to our youth. This is why I am pleased to announce that our first semester attendance at both Heppner Jr/Sr High School and Heppner Elementary School has improved. Currently, we are above last year's state average with one more semester to follow. Our schools' encourage each parent and community member to celebrate this success, as we look forward to the second semester attendance rates.

As we start the home stretch of the school year, we look forward to the constant and continuous community involvement that Heppner so proudly illustrates. When your child enters our schools, it represents a commitment on the part of both you and your child and gives everyone involved a vote of confidence that you believe in the cooperative effort in educating your child in a "place" that we all are very proud of.

(s) Daye Stone
Vice-Principal of Heppner Schools

Girls excel in math and science

To the Editor:

Recently Harvard President Laurence Summer created a flap by stating that women's representation in the fields of math and science is due to a lack of aptitude and/or a lack of interest in these fields.

When girls are encouraged at an early age by their parents and school systems to challenge this assumption, they can and do excel. Our girls enjoy science and we have a niece who recently graduated from OSU in civil engineering. One example that really

amazes is Marion Abram's mother who was a civil engineer building bridges almost 100 years ago. Obviously she did not accept stereotyping.

Today girls should be encouraged to seize interesting futures and bury negative thinking.

(s) Meg Murray
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Marriage License

Feb. 8: Clarence Novala Glover, 49, Irrigon and Sharon Ann Hinkley, 49, Irrigon.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

Feb. 9: Boardman PD arrested Adrian Lee Ahmuada, 21, on a MCSO warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Criminal Trespass II. Ahmuada was cited and released.

Feb. 10: MCSO cited Edgar Horacio Valdes Sobrevilla, 27, for Failure to Signal and No Insurance. Sobrevilla was also given a warning for Failure to Register and Failure to Renew Tags.

-MCSO arrested Deana Hendricks, 25, on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Harassment. Hendricks was cited and released.

-MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Timothy Stacy, 20, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Contempt of Court-Minor in Possession/Failure to Contact Morrow County Behavioral Health. Stacy was lodged at Umatilla County Jail on Hermiston PD local charges.

Feb. 11: MCSO cited Josh Lee Munkers, 27, for Driving while Suspended-violation.

-Boardman PD cited a male juvenile for DUII. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that a vehicle hit her fence. Ross Van Etta, 24, was arrested by Boardman PD on a Probation and Parole Detainer warrant. Van Etta was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

Feb. 12: MCSO received a report from Albany PD that David Lee Harper, 34, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/DUII. Harper was lodged at Linn County Jail but do to overcrowding he was released.

-Boardman PD cited Jose Marcelo Huchin Mis, 21, for No Operator's License and No Insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

-Boardman PD cited Marcos Andres Uicab Canche, 25, for Failure to Drive in Lane and No Insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

Feb. 13: MCSO cited Brittany Nicole Leidig, 19, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 78 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO cited William Verner Vineyard, 53, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 81 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-Boardman PD cited a male juvenile for DUII and cited David Chavez, 19, for Minor in Possession-alcohol. Both subjects were cited and released to appear. The vehicle was impounded.

Feb. 14: MCSO received a report from Pendleton OSP that Kyle C. Moses, 27, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fines/Driving while Suspended. Moses was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with local charges.

-MCSO cited Otto A Erdman, 89, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 87 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO cited James Nicholas Denton Brown, 22, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-Boardman PD cited Maria Guadalupe Lezama Santoyo, 35 for Failure to Renew Registration and Jesus Octavio Estrella Torres, 27, for Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Obituaries

Eileen Marie Steiger

Eileen Marie Steiger, 72, of Portland, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, in Gresham, surrounded by members of her immediate family.

A memorial gathering of family and friends was held at the home of Roger Steiger in Portland.

Born in Heppner on Dec. 18, 1932, Steiger moved to Portland in 1951.

A finance officer for over 28 years, she was an avid basketball fan and creative cook, with family being most important.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Roger Steiger; daughter, Derinda; son, Douglas; granddaughters, Kandi and Kasey; and three great-grandchildren; sisters, Harriet Hall of Heppner, Beth Hughes of Stanfield and Nancy Ekstrom of Ione; and brother, Archie Ball of Heppner. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arch and Doris Ball; brother, Robert Ball and sister, Laurel VanMarter, all of Heppner.

Donations may be made in Steiger's honor to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Lexington Grange to hold pancake dinner

The Lexington Grange will be holding a pancake dinner on Monday, Feb. 21, President's Day, at 6:30 p.m. The Grange men will be cooking the meal. There will also be a discussion on "What does the community need?"


City Council

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good, with parts of Heppner possibly having the flood plain reduced by as much as 63 percent. The final new flood plain figures will probably be released in April 2006 Breazeale said. "We can (then) take those people who don't need to be protected out of the hazard area, and it will still protect those who need to be protected," Breazeale added. Any structures within the flood plain are required to have flood insurance when banks finance the property and special construction requirements on new buildings are also required which usually add to the cost of building.

-approved the goals for 2005 (see related story page two).

Cecil Jones' children invite you to stop by and wish him a **Happy 90th Birthday** at an Open House at the ranch on **Saturday and Sunday, February 19th-20th, from noon to 5 p.m.**



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on Saturday, February 19th

LADIES TEA will begin at 1:30 p.m. followed by games. Any guest of a member is welcome to attend. Dressy attire.

LODGE & INITIATION at 2 p.m. Members Only. Officers in tuxedos.

DINNER will be served at 6 p.m. Prime Rib \$16 per person.

~ **MUSIC** will begin at 9 p.m. ~