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Ione student raise over \$3,000 for Katrina victims

Ione school students recently raised over \$3,000 for victims of the Katrina hurricane.

The students collected coins and donated \$3081.25 to the Red Cross, the Ione School Board was told Monday night.

In other business the board:

- swore in Joel Peterson as a new board member.
- Heard that current enrollment at Ione schools is 161 with 66 students at K-5, 41 students in grades 6-8 and 54 students in the high school.
- learned from superintendent Bryn Browning that there are four exchange students this year. Two students are from Germany, one from Mexico and one from Czech Republic.
- Heard that the business/publications class has received a grant from the Ione Education Foundation in the amount of \$1,000. The money will be used to purchase photography equipment. Students are currently learning proper use of the equipment, strategies for taking good pictures and are

gearing up to take the fall sports pictures. Other activities will include filming of concerts and classroom group photos.

- Learned that the PSAT test is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 12 during the morning for juniors.
- Heard that all P.E. classes are currently using the pool for swimming instruction one hour a day. They hope to have a night for family swim and so that students can show off their new skills before the pool closes at the end of September.
- The district is currently advertising for a part-time education assistant that will work one-on-one. It is a 16-hour per week job only in the mornings.
- Was given a report that the National Honor Society worked on the landscaping project around the reader board.
- Learned that the district is currently accepting bids for the grounds' contract. It will include lawn mowing.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.)

Poor planning may make asbestos trust insolvent in 10 years

To the Editor:

Re: R.R. Asbestos Bailout Bill, Trust fund, insolvent

"Late last month, the congressional Budget Office released its estimate of trust fund costs (Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate, August 25, 2005). The Budget Office concluded that expenses would exceed revenues in the first 10 years of the trust fund's existence and that it would need to borrow money. The interest cost of borrowing "would add significantly to the long-term costs, faced by the fund" and increases the possibility that the trust may become insolvent. Although, the maximum revenue that the trust fund may collect is \$140 billion, the actual amount "could be considerably less." The projections that have been made in the past, of the number of asbestos claims likely to be filed were much to low, suggesting there is a "significant risk of underestimating the number

of future asbestos claims. Since the period from initial asbestos exposure to the onset of asbestos disease can be decades.

This would be an excellent cover-up for the Asbestos manufactures to give the appearance of making restitution to their victims by passing this bill. And we have already heard about the 13 asbestos companies belonging to the "Fortune 500 companies" and their (not so secret anymore) army of 168 lobbyists. Called the "Asbestos Study Group" also their investment counselors from Goldman's Sach's advising the Senate Judiciary Committee on the amount of the trust fund. By the way, Goldman Sachs has massive Asbestos holdings. This Bill is "a slap in the face" to all the asbestos victims and their families. Please call your U.S. Senators and tell them to vote "No."

(s) Stella Queen
Echo

Hurricane or bullying, child victims face same trauma

To the Editor:

As we all watch the news and see the victims of Hurricane Katrina, we see all the children who escaped harm's way. Then we see only pictures of the children to which we are uncertain of their plight. Are they alone somewhere- traumatized and scared? Did they make it through the devastation? At this point, most of us are reaching for our box of Kleenex and our feelings are that of sadness and anger. How could this happen?

When we see the children's pictures- some are overweight, some have bad teeth, tattered clothes, bad haircuts. But none of this matters- it should never matter. We empathize and we want to help.

The children at our schools have held fundraisers for victims of Katrina. Kudos to you all. There is irony, however, in this story and that is the purpose of my letter.

Right here in Heppner, during every school day, we have some of those same children who wanted to help the victims of Katrina that are manifesting victims of their own. It might be the person sitting across from them or maybe behind them or just a person they pass in the halls. The victims may be overweight, have an over bite, be wearing undesirable clothes or are having a bad hair day. But instead of reaching out to those children (and it would not take money, just kindness) the kids choose to

make them victims of bullying, hurtful words and degrading statements, which causes the victims to feel alone or traumatized or devastated. The bullies somehow find this entertaining and even funny.

The similarities are eerie and again ironic. I am amiss at how the two situations can be viewed by our children so differently. One group they want to help and one group they want to squash like a bug. How is it that they find empathy for total strangers and not for their own peers?

My feelings for both situations however are the same. Sadness and anger. And your conclusion that my grandchildren are among the victims in Heppner is a correct one.

(s) Linda Corbin
Heppner

Canadian family bicycles

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a "house-husband", had worked for a community services organization as an addiction counselor for teenagers and had been involved in outdoor/wilderness programming and lead wilderness trips. Martine, who is an alternative school teacher, had previously been involved in building mountain bike trails. And, they had both biked before.

The family travels around 25 miles a day, biking in the morning, taking a midday break and then biking again in the afternoon. The girls are "very good at entertaining themselves," said Martine. "We know when they've had it and we stop." Lily, the younger, takes the opportunity to take two naps during the bicycling time. Sylvie takes one nap and then plays with stuffed animals and her interactive toy. They are pretty self-sufficient, bringing toys, books, stuffed animals and their guitar to entertain the girls and themselves, in addition to water, food, a tent and -20 degree sleeping pads. They plan to bicycle "as long as the girls are enjoying themselves. . .when they aren't, we'll take the bus," said Martine.

They plan to meet various friends and relatives at certain points during their travels and hope to arrive in Arizona in December.

Health district shows \$175,000 profit

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for a combined ambulance revenue of \$42,077; 141 Home Health visits; four Hospice admits; 1217 drug doses administered for \$47,278 in revenue. Pioneer Memorial Hospital had 133 provider encounters at the hospital for \$30,473 in revenue. Gross patient revenue for August was \$392,510; gross patient revenue for July was \$353,979.

MCHD CEO Victor Vander Does reported that the x-ray room, which is in the process of being refurbished to accommodate a digital x-ray system, is nearly ready. He said that the flooring is down, the electrical work is underway and the equipment is to arrive Tuesday. The x-ray department is currently developing film, but the new digital equipment is scheduled to be installed in October.

Vander Does also reported that the front sidewalk is awaiting handrails and a rough surfacing and added that until work is completed, use of that sidewalk will be restricted.

He said that one resident has been discharged from the Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, but a person on the waiting list will move in at the end of the month, which will put the center at capacity once again with 16 residents.

The district has scheduled a work session/retreat on Thursday, Oct. 13, at Ione Community Church, which will include administrators, managers and providers.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 24.

Lexington city council

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said they will hire someone to check for a leak at their end. The city currently has no easement for maintenance. The council directed the city recorder to draft a letter to the families involved stating the council's position.

-discussed the old telephone company building and decided to contact the Morrow County Historical Society concerning the building, which is believed to be a fire hazard and is located on Carmen Wilson and Jim and Yung Nelson's property. Wilson said that she had earlier signed a paper to give the building to the Historical Society.

-approved graveling the alley from 'B' Street to 'A' Street between West and Water streets.

-discussed an issue raised by council member Luella Taylor. Taylor alleged that council member Jean Brazell, independently and without the council's permission, contacted a representative of the engineering firm Anderson Perry concerning the town's water system. Brazell denied the accusation and said the Anderson Perry representative contacted her "out of the blue." Taylor informed Anderson Perry that in the future they should not deal with any individual, but rather with the council as a whole.

-passed a motion for Brazell to write Morrow Development Corporation for permission to use their overage for the water management conservation plan, amounting to \$7500. The overage has accumulated in a fund and can be used for water projects.

-approved purchase of a new boring machine.

-approved spending \$75 for a city employee to attend a one-day workshop in Pendleton on control valves.

-discussed the city's permit policy. A request for a permit was received from a pool company that was in the process of building an outdoor pool at a private residence in Lexington. The town had previously issued building permits, but details on permit requirements, circumstances of granting permits and fees were not immediately certain.

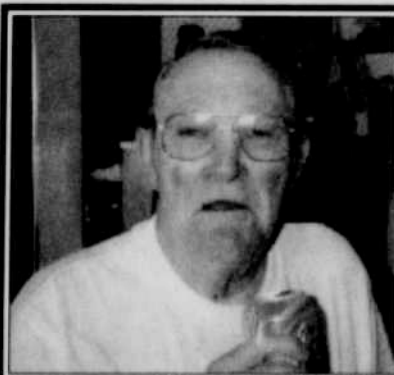
-discussed the issue of liability between the city and a construction company concerning costs for repair of a water line break. According to Mayor Edwards the company had asked for a locate from the city, but consequently ignored that advice and broke the line.

-discussed an issue concerning alleged private use of the fire department's brush rig.

Benefit dinner planned for Kelly Paullus

There will be a benefit spaghetti feed for Kelly Paullus, Friday, Sept. 23, before the Homecoming game against Stanfield. The feed will be from 4:30-7 p.m., at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The menu will consist of spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drink.

Paullus was in an automobile accident on Sept. 2. He graduated from Heppner High School in 2002.



**The Tic - Tac Bandit is 75!
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676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

Thursday, September 22nd
District Deputy,
Grand Exalted Ruler Visitation
Initiation begins at 8 p.m.
Dinner starts at 6 p.m.
(Stuffed Chicken Breast with all the fixings)

Saturday, September 24th
NE District
VP Tim Deserve Visitation
Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.
(Marinated Pork Chops with all the fixings)

BINGO is back! Starting at 7 p.m., Sept. 21st

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From your grateful board of directors