

School children hold bake sale for hurricane victims



On Labor Day there were two bake sales at Central Red Apple Market. One was with Zach and Micha Hintz and their family through Heppner Elementary School for the victims of the Hurricane Katrina. The proceeds from that sale went to the American Red Cross. Zach has also been doing some other planning for fundraisers with his teachers and fellow students.

The second table was with Kellie and Tim Lees and Maggie Collins and

their families. Their table's proceeds also went to the American Red Cross, but the funds are being directed through Kellie's dad's work, as they are matching the funds the kids raise. Maggie and Kellie are also brainstorming some other ways to help out in this time of need.

We appreciate the many community members that donated goods to be sold at both tables and for the many community members that stopped and purchased and donated to this fundraiser.

Depot plans drill for Thursday

A quarterly emergency preparedness drill is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 22.

The depot's Westminster chimes will be sounded, but not the community sirens. This is a coordinated exercise between the depot, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility and off post communities.

Although this is only an exercise, such events are excellent opportunities for individuals- whether at home or work- to stop and ask themselves if they, their families, loved ones or co-workers know what to do if an actual emergency or security incident were to occur.

Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness of-

ficials recommend residents develop emergency plans for their homes and businesses and in these times of heightened security, be vigilant about their surroundings.

Anyone needing more information about emergency preparedness should phone the following CSEPP toll-free numbers: (877) 367-2737 in Morrow and Umatilla counties; and (800) 841-7953 in Benton County, WA.

General reminder: Citizens should report any suspicious activities in and around the depot to their local police departments or the depot at (541) 564-8632. Citizens are also reminded to be vigilant about their surroundings.

Auction items coming in

If you haven't marked your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 15, do so right away. That is when the Heppner Booster Club Auction and Steak Feed will be held at the Heppner Elk's Lodge.

Many auction items are in the works of being collected, but if you are hesitant in bidding at the auction, there is always the raffle with a long list of items to win.

Tickets for the dinner will remain at \$10 and can be purchased ahead of time at Holloman's, Heppner Hardware and MCGG.

This traditional event has supported many extra-curricular activities at HHS and this is a grand way to do that. So mark that calendar and we'll see you on Oct. 15.

Noise Parade start-time changed

The time for the start of the Heppner High School Homecoming Noise Parade has been changed to 2 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 22. The parade will still run from HHS to the Shamrock in the center of Main Street.

Everyone is invited to attend and be a part of this Homecoming event.

Principal's Corner

By Daye Stone, Heppner Jr/Sr High Principal

Wow. The start of the school year is off and running and I, along with all of our staff are taking it in stride. As the new Principal of Heppner Jr/Sr High School, I am pleased to be able to write as to what is going on at our school.

Our enrollment is up and we have been working on scheduling and staffing items diligently. At this time, our enrollment is nearing the 230 mark and we are excited with this influx of new students. We have increased our staffing to meet the needs of this new population by shifting some classes around along with adding another .5 full time equivalency teacher to our scheduling. This teacher was gained by increasing Jeanne Collins to a full time instructor rather than half time.

This summer, Intermountain Technology has worked really hard in addressing our technology needs. We have multiple new upgrades with both our computer hardware and software programs. Our staff is elated to get a new lap top lab with 24 machines. We have installed wireless routers throughout our building so we can use this lab in all of the classrooms when desired. This will enable us as a school in taking state assessment tests along with common curriculum demands for students.

Along with our new technology, our school district has adopted new Social Studies textbooks and MCSD will be implementing them this year for all grades. We are on a seven-year rotation with adopting new curriculum and the new Social Studies books are the same manufacturer as our old- just updated to better meet the state standards.

Our fall sports schedules have started and I encourage all community members to take full advantage of watching our sports programs and our communities' kids. Both football and volleyball are off to good starts and I for one look forward to watching our students perform and compete on game night.

The quality of our kids is shown in part through athletic contests and our school pride is becoming even more evident by singing the school song. I encourage each of you to stay through the end of a contest and be heard as our teams and student-body sing the school song. We are working on improving our spirit as a school community and ask your help with this as patrons that come to school contests.

Lastly, I would like to report on our track renovation project that our community and school have been working on for the past couple of years. Our school is taking the final steps for completion and we have placed a work order with Atlas Track Inc. out of Portland to finish the rubberizing process to this new facility. The process will take approximately seven days to finish as to meet the requirements of all seven layers drying. Once completed, Atlas will return later to do the striping.

The track will be open to the public to use as a walking/running facility in the early mornings and evenings. There will be a notice in the newspaper as to when this will happen. We will continue to fundraise for track equipment (i.e. hurdles, etc) over the next year, so we can completely finish what we have started.

Being new to the project I have been enlightened to say the least due to the amount of financial support combined with the time and efforts of many people. It has been absolutely overwhelming to see what a great community of believers we have. The vision of this project was put out there and Susan Hisler, along with many others, has dedicated a tremendous amount of time and effort in completing this vision. These leaders have found the funds and garnered the support needed to complete this phase of the project.

Whether it was time or financial on your part, our kids and school appreciate the support and we look forward to the future of having a facility that is able to host an array of opportunities for kids.

As the school year progresses, it is our vision to increase opportunities for kids within the context of what we currently offer. We appreciate all of your efforts in expanding these opportunities for our community's youth through the track project and making Heppner High School a place of pride and fun.

Area fire departments support Heppner



The Hermiston Fire Department fire truck sits in front of the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department building in case of emergency while members of the HVFD are in Unity at the funeral of Darren Bradford.

The fire departments of Boardman, Hermiston and Stanfield helped pick up the slack Saturday, Sept. 17, while the Heppner Fire Department took the day to honor one of their own, said Heppner Fire Chief Rusty Estes.

With the recent passing of Heppner Volunteer Firefighter Darren Bradford, the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department was in charge of performing the Fireman's Burial. However, Bradford had requested to be buried in Unity, so the department had to be out of town. Want-

ing to help Heppner be able to honor Bradford and not wanting the area to be without fire coverage, the three departments each sent a truck and two firefighters to keep watch over Heppner from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In recognition of their kindness to Heppner, many local businesses and community members helped support the stand-in firefighters. Howe's About Pizza donated pizza for the crew's lunch, Red Apple donated food and one local even brought down some homemade cookies.

Over the Tee Cup

Nine ladies gathered Sept. 13 at Willow Creek Country Club for ladies' play.

The final playday will be held Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Pat Edmundson took low gross of the field. Luvilla Sonstegard and Virginia Grant tied for low net of the field. Lynnea Sargent and Betty Christman tied for least putts of the field.

In flight A, Corol Mitchell took low gross, Janice Paustian took low net and Loa Henderson took least putts.

In flight C, Pat Dougherty took low gross.

Christman had a chip-in on hole #15.

Flag football to begin

Third and fourth grade boys and girls are being invited to join Flag Football. Signups will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m., at the lower field from the Heppner Elementary gym below the tennis courts. Or you may call Terry Corbin at 676-5270, Missy Cutsforth at 989-8104 or Sandi Putnam at 989-8469. There is a \$10 sign up fee for insurance, however, waivers are available.

If any parents are interested in coaching please let one of the above people know.

Games will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays after school at the lower field, starting on Sept. 26.

Heppner's SMART Program seeks volunteers

Many of you may already be familiar with the Start Making a Reader Today (SMART) program. For those who are new to our area, it's a wonderful book and reading program that pairs adult volunteers from the community with children in kindergarten through third grade who are in need of a reading boost.

The program is so successful, in fact, that the Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy, sponsored by the Council for Excellence in Government, has recently recognized SMART as one of five national K-12 intervention programs yielding positive results in well-designed, randomized, controlled trials. That's pretty impressive for a program that at the moment is only offered in the state of Oregon.

Volunteers are the heart of SMART. They read one on one with students for at least one hour each week during school hours. And each one goes through a background check and orientation before their first session. Heppner Elementary's goal is to serve 36 students. We could sure use your help. The only skill you need is to know how to read.

We will hold a volunteer kickoff event on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. It will last an hour and provide an introduction to the program and a chance to have questions answered. Refreshments will also be available. We start the reading program the week of Oct. 17.

For more information on this program, please call Barb Moore at 676-5272, or at the school at 676-9128, ext. 2630.

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