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Local man gathers relics of Heppner's past

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Youth participate in fishing derby at Cutsforth Park

Youth gather at the bank and hope to catch the biggest fish.

Youth, from toddlers to 14 year olds, prepare for the fishing derby sponsored by ODFW and Morrow County Parks on May 6.

Lexington hears cable TV proposal from WindWave

The Lexington Town Council, at their regular meeting May 9, heard a proposal from WindWave Technologies, Inc., to offer cable television services for the town. Nate Arbogast and Tom Rawlins of WindWave presented a package which would offer Lexington residents the first 25 channels from the current Heppner TV system for $25.50 per month. Arbogast said that Lexington residents could receive HBO for an additional $11 monthly fee. According to WindWave, "channels over 25 will not perform satisfactorily on the Lexington system because of bandwidth restriction issues."

Currently, Heppner subscribers can receive 34 channels for $37.50.

The 25 channels include 2-KATU (ABC-Portland); 3-public access; 4-KEPR-19 (CBS Washington); 5-Spike; 6-KOIN (CBS-Portland); 14-Sci-Fi; 15-TNT; 16-VH1; 17-UPN (Portland); 18-CNN; 19-WGN; 20-Discovery; 21-A&E; 22-WTBS; 7-HBO; 8- KGW (NBC-Portland); 9-Disney; 10-KOPB (PBS-Portland); 11-ABC Family; 12-FOX 12 (Portland; they don't receive FOX 49 from the Tri-Cities); 13-ESPN; 23-USA; 24-KVEW-42 (ABC-Washington); and 15-KNDU-25 (NBC-Washington).

Twelve of the proposed channels were not available on the current system, which offered 12 channels for $15 with an additional cost for HBO.

The Lexington proposal also offers 15 local FM stations and the Emergency Alert System to Lexington customers at no additional cost.

WindWave's proposal also stipulated that they take over all assets associated with the abandonment of the plant of the city of Lexington but would not take on any liability on the open line system and asks that the city of Lexington remove those facilities within 12 months. WindWave would reserve a 12-month option on the return of the TV plant in total to the city of Lexington.

Arbogast said that WindWave was "willing to

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Ione School Board discusses foundation grants

The Ione School Board, at their regular Monday night meeting, discussed creating a formal policy in order to request Ione Education Foundation grants, while still considering Ione School District staffing and ending fund and balance expectations. The board decided to let the foundation go through their cycle for a year and revisit the issue at a later date.

The board also discussed an April 29 car fire at the school, which blew out six windows, causing an estimated $1,600 in damage, and scorched the sidewalk. Administrator Bryn Browning commented that it was fortunate that the fire didn't break through into the school. The car owner was uninsured and the district will have to cover the cost of the repairs. Browning said that there is a $1,000 insurance deductible.

Despite several remedies, the sidewalk concrete still appears damaged with soot and may have to be rechiseled or completely replaced.

In other business, the board:

-heard from Browning about several maintenance projects which need to be accomplished as time and finances permit, including replacing the school's double doors, replacing double ovens

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MCSO scrap metal and vehicle cleanup closing

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office scrap metal and broken-down vehicle cleanup for South Morrow County is drawing to a close. The final day to drop off items is Sunday, May 21.

Collection times will be between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday hours will be between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

If you have a vehicle or scrap metal to drop off, call Sgt. Rayburn or Deputy Lehman at Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 676-5317 to make arrangements.

Victor and Nancy Vander Does, with Blane Mahoney and his fish.

Primary Election Results

Tuesday, May 16, 2006 - Morrow County Only

CONTESTED RACES - MEASURES

Preliminary, unofficial results only

		HEPPNER	HARDMAN	LEXINGTON	IONE	IRRIGON	BOARDMAN	TOTALS
County Commissioner, Position No. 2								
Loyal Russell Burns, Jr.								289
Ken A. Grieb								**736**
Judge of the Circuit Court, 6th District, Position 5								
Christopher R. Brauer								655
Steven Fogelson								331
Annetta L. Spicer								1210
District Attorney, Morrow County								
Elizabeth Ballard ***GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF***								**1156**
John L. Ballard								274
Valerie B. Doherty ***GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF***								**811**
25-45: Speedway District Excise Tax to support Speedway Development	Yes							**1809**
	No							533
25-46: Ione Three Year Option Tax for General Operating Expenses	Yes							60
	No							**80**

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