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~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT 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.

Water main break affects some Lexington families

To the Editor:
Ongoing saga of Lexington-

Many of you are not aware there was a serious break in the new water main in one portion of town last week. It left at least two families and the road department without water for two days. Our mayor did not answer her phone and not one council member had the courtesy to contact them (at least one of them) to see if they could help them find an alternate source of water

or help fix the problem. Thanks to friends they were supplied with water and managed to get by. It would have been nice if they would have been offered a night in a motel since the town's liability insurance probably would have paid for it. They were given a few bottles of water by the maintenance man that the town had purchased for town employees to drink.

The council should have a little more concern and compassion for the residents of their town.

By the way, we were not the family that had no water.
(s) Shirley McCarl
Lexington

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SPRUCE LANE TO BE ONE WAY STREET ONLY

This is to notify you that as of September 28, 2006, Spruce Lane in Heppner will no longer be a two way street. After due consideration of several traffic issues with this street including road width, guard rail and drainage which were brought to our attention at the spring Morrow County Road Committee meeting that was held May 1, 2006, we have concluded that the best and most affordable correction to the problems is a re-designation of Spruce Lane as a one way street. This plan was reviewed and approved by the Morrow County Court at its August 16 meeting in Heppner. Spruce Lane will upon posting on September 28, 2006, be a one way street going north or down the hill from the Heppner High School.

We sincerely hope that any inconvenience to the motoring public will be offset by the increased safety. This will allow a pedestrian and bike lane as well as the installation of a new guard rail.

We encourage people to begin planning on the re-designation now in order to minimize any confusion on September 28, 2006 when it is officially posted.

Burke O'Brien
Morrow County Public Works

Ione Pool leaking water

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activities for the 06-07 school year, the same as the last three previous years. "Thank goodness we have MCURD," commented board member Anne Morter.

-approved an additional \$9,671 for funding for an introduction to keyboarding class for ninth-graders, and increasing the contract with new teacher Jerry Cronin. Ninth-grade students, who had been previously scheduled for PE, will now be placed in keyboarding. They can still satisfy their PE requirements in the 10th or 11th grade. While board member Anne Morter approved the funding, she added that she did so with "budget reservations". Board Chair Joe McElligott also approved the funding with reservations. "We might have to pay the piper later by making cuts," said McElligott.

-approved a contract with the Umatilla-Morrow ESD to fund a one-on-one autism aide. The aide selected was an UMESD employee.

-approved a contract with UMESD for services for the 2006-07 school year for \$142,425 to be billed in two payments semi-annually. The breakdown is as follows: business office- \$25,000; human resources- \$6,000; special education- \$4,875; ESL programs- \$9,550; counseling services- \$500; instructional staff development- \$4,000; board services- \$4,500; and operation and maintenance services- \$88,000. This agreement does not include funds for the autism aide.

-learned that the district has three new teachers this year:

Jerry Cronin will be the new Spanish/technology teacher. He has been the librarian at the Adams Public Library for the past two years, has taught a Blue Mountain Community College Spanish ESL class, high school Spanish and technology in California where he also worked in curriculum development, teacher training and technology integration for over 15 years.

Karl Blaeuer will be the new part-time music teacher. He has taught music and French for the past 17 years in Oregon, Tennessee and Colorado. He is an accomplished "Principal Bass" performer and has performed with both national and international symphonies. He also

Correction

In last week's article regarding the Morrow County School District, published Aug. 16, it was misstated that A.C. Houghton in Irrigon had not met the AYP standards, however, A.C. Houghton, did meet the standards. A.C. Houghton has met the AYP requirements since 2002 when reporting began. For the past two year, A.C. Houghton has also received an Oregon Department of Education School Report Card rating of strong.

provides private lessons in the Suzuki violin method and strings, including violin, viola, cello, bass and fiddle.

Erin Hansell-Heideman from Condon High School will be the middle school and high school general science and elective science teacher. She has taught agriculture education at Pendleton High School and is a former FFA advisor for Condon, Helix and Pendleton.

-approved the following staff recommendations: Jerry Cronin-Spanish; Karl Blaeuer-music; Dean Robinson-athletic director, head middle school football coach, Talented and Gifted program coordinator, middle school track coach, Outdoor school; Ryan Rudolf-head high school girls' basketball coach, head high school track coach; Jim Raible, DART program coordinator; Karen Holland, English Language Learner program director; Steve Schaber, assistant middle school football coach; Dennis Stefani, head high school football coach; Josh Browning, assistant high school football coach; Brandi Orem, head high school volleyball coach; Jill Martin, assistant high school volleyball coach; Lynn Dee Ramos, middle school volleyball coach; Jim Raible, extra duty concessions director.

-accepted a resignation from Melissa LaRue as instructional aide and pool manager.

-tabled a decision to elect a board chair, vice chair and appointment of members to standing committees until the next meeting when the entire board will be in attendance.

-reviewed the financial update, including state school support, journal entries and check register.

-approved the second reading and adopted the support services policy and the facilities development policy.

-approved a local public contract review board resolution.

-approved various housekeeping resolutions.

-approved the 2006-07 meeting schedule with meetings schedules on the third Monday of each month with work sessions planned for 6 p.m. and meetings at 7 p.m. except for some exceptions as follows: Monday, Aug. 21, Monday, Sept. 18, Monday, Oct. 16, Monday, Nov. 20, Monday, Dec. 18, Tuesday, Jan. 16, Tuesday, Feb. 20, Monday, March 19, Monday, April 16, Monday May 21, and second Monday, June 11.

-learned that the final deed for the teacherage is being

processed and should be available this fall.

-learned that preliminary Average Yearly Progress reports for the federal No Child Left Behind Act indicate that Ione Community School has met all criteria areas.

-learned that preliminary state test scores have been received from the Oregon Department of Education.

-learned from Browning that a meeting with Mid-Columbia Bus could result in a reduction of the maximum time students will have to ride the bus from one and a half hours to one hour and five minutes. Regular routes will be run the first day to determine how many students will be riding and which stops need to be made. Mid Columbia increased its base rate (50 miles minimum) to \$238.46, up \$8.46; excess miles over 50 to \$1.31 per mile, up five cents per mile; and the activity per mile rate to \$1.88, up seven cents per mile.

-heard the maintenance report as follows: new double ovens have been installed in the kitchen; one high school classroom has been painted; the high school gym floors have been resealed; a new drinking fountain has been installed in the cafeteria hallway; a shop dumpster has been delivered; water and boiler systems and the kitchen cooler and freezer have been serviced; a plumber was unable to find converter kits for the high school sinks, but instead drilled larger holes in the sinks to avoid hard water build-up and clogging issues; Mark Bruno has been contracted to do repairs on the Crow's Nest and install the new doors; new double doors for the front and back of the cafeteria hall are almost ready to install, awaiting parts that had to be specially ordered; Keith Morter will tear up concrete around the stage steps to fix a broken drain.

-learned that Ione Community School will host one female exchange student from Russia this year.

-learned that in September the staff will begin work on refining the Education Profile Plan that each student completes.

-learned that the 2005-06 full-color yearbooks are now on sale for \$25 each.

-heard the following announcements: Aug. 28- first day of school; Sept. 7- Booster Club barbecue, 6 p.m.; Sept. 18-next board meeting; Sept. 23-Ione Education Foundation, 6:30 p.m.; Nov. 10-12-Oregon School Boards Association annual conference, Portland.

OTPR results

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Moro, \$351.98 each; and 7th- Chris McKoen, Terrebonne, \$108.30.

Team Roping: 1st- Mike Fuller, Clarkston and Shane Crossley, Hermiston, \$1201.75 each; 2nd- Trevor McCoin, Condon and Jared McFarlane, Adrian, \$1045 each; 3rd- Rick Copher, Molalla and Shane Erickson, Terrebonne, \$888.25 each; 4th- Mario Eldridge, Ely, ID and Chad McDaniel, Caldwell, ID, \$731.50 each; 5th- Del Foley, Roseburg and Rusty Thompson, Yoncalla, \$574.75 each; 6th tied- Cody Laumb, Heppner and Justin Matteson, Heppner, Matt Erb, Roy, WA and Cody Corey, Chimacum, WA and Rob Black, Meridian, ID and Mark Black, Hammond, WA, \$261.25 each.

Breakaway: 1st- Samantha Gallagher, Merrill, \$1311; 2nd- Mindi Primley, Battle Ground, WA, \$1140; 3rd tied- Scotti Fuller, Lewiston, ID and Kelsey Johnson, Redmond, \$883.50 each; 4th- Regan Lawson, Nampa, ID, \$627; 5th- Jenna Johnson, Warm Springs, \$456; 6th- Monica Willis, \$285; 7th tied- Jenna Goodwin, Eltopia, WA and Kari Dell, Hermiston, \$57 each.

Barrel Racing: 1st- Jaymie Leach, Roseburg, \$1119.10; 2nd- Kelli Jensen, Redmond, \$1001.30; 3rd- Janice Davis, Hermiston, \$883.50; 4th- Lucy Schnabele, Prineville, 4765.70; 5th- Rayanne Currin, Pendleton, \$647.90; 6th- Sammee Green, Madras, \$530.10; 7th- Katie VanBeek, Nampa, ID, \$412.30; 8th- Marris Black, Meridian, ID, \$294.50; 9th- Jennifer Storts, Coquille, \$176.70; and 10th- Sammy Jo Willis, Terrebonne, \$58.90.

Gail Papineau Memorial Barrel Racing Buckle: Jaymie Leach.

All-Around Cowboy and Mike Currin Calf Roping Buckle: Shane Erickson.

Spray, Fossil, Heppner Gun Series: Bareback- Ryan Schmeizer; **Saddle Bronc-** Ty Wilkins, Arlington; and **Bull Riding-** Dan Morse.

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(L-R): Princess Josie Miller, All-Around Cowboy and Mike Currin Calf Roping Buckle winner Shane Erickson, Queen Heather Yocom and Ken Bailey. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

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