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Benefit planned for HHS graduate in need of bone marrow transplant

A Mexican dinner and auction benefit will be held for Roy Proctor on Saturday, April 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall. Roy was diagnosed with Fanconi Anemia and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. The transplant is scheduled to happen in New York. The cost for the dinner is \$5 per person. Roy's 2006 HHS

classmates and community members are organizing this event. MaryAnn Elguezabal, Roberta Lutcher, and Dora Collins are organizing the dinner.

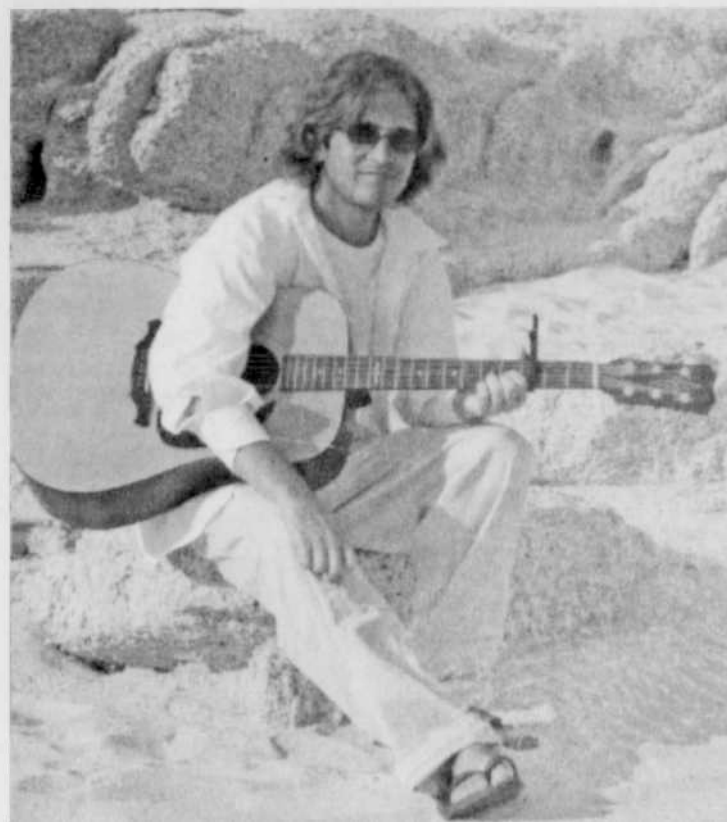
Anyone unable to attend who would like to make a donation to the Proctor family, an account has been set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon under "The Proctor Family Medical Fund."

For more information about the dinner and auction contact Shelli Britt at 676-5478 or Reica Herbison at 676-5343.

Roy, 19, was taking pre-nursing classes during the fall term at Portland State University. Due to his immune system worsening, he was not able to attend winter or spring terms, but is taking a chemistry class online through PSU. He is currently living in Portland now to be close to his doctors.

Roy's sister, Josie Proctor Keyes, of Portland also has Fanconi's Anemia, which is stable at the current time. She is not preleukemic. Roy's other sister, Julie Proctor, does not have FA.

Roy lived in Heppner all of his life and graduated from Heppner High School in 2006. He was a past 4-H member for market hogs, photography and cooking; a Cub Scout; fished and hunted; and participated in football,



Roy Proctor, a 2006 HHS graduate will be having a bone marrow transplant in May. An account has been set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon under the name "The Proctor Family Medical Fund."

track, baseball and basketball until his immune system began to fail. He is a member and past altar server at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He worked part-time as a lifeguard the past two summers at the Willow Creek Water Park where he helped with fundraisers for the swimming pool as a youth. Roy also worked at Oregon Hay/Frederickson Farming in Boardman.

During a routine office visit at Pioneer Memorial Clinic, Dr. Ed Berretta believed Roy, then

age 12, looked a little pale and ordered blood work. Labs were done on January 14, 2000 and showed that Roy's blood counts were about half of normal. He was immediately sent to Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland. Fanconi Anemia was diagnosed in March of 2000.

Fanconi Anemia is a rare genetic disease where the body's DNA cannot repair itself. Even though a bone marrow transplant should prevent leukemia, the

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School board discusses funding for Irrigon football field lights; raises school lunch prices

The Morrow County School District Superintendent Mark Burrows told the board that he would return to the board at next month's meeting with a plan and a budget for installing lights and other amenities on the new Irrigon High School football field.

Burrows said the district earmarked \$25,000 last year for improvements to the field. At that time, however, the Irrigon High School Booster Club opted to build a fence with the funds. Another \$25,000 was budgeted for Irrigon improvements this year. It is estimated that installing lights would take around \$50,000.

"We would like to see a commitment," said board member Ken Matlack, Irrigon. "It does take time," said Burrows, referring to transitioning the former Irrigon Middle School into a high school.

Board Chair Craig Miles replied that booster clubs and community members in Boardman and Heppner have assisted with monetary and in-kind contributions to build up their football, track and other fields. Irrigon Booster members said that they were willing to do likewise.

Other items on the Irrigon football field priority list include installing electricity and a scoreboard, a crow's nest, permanent restroom facilities and increased visitor seating.

In a separate issue, Burrows reported that Heppner Elementary School Principal Jack Thompson and Irrigon High School Principal Tom Crane have announced their resignations to accept positions elsewhere. Burrows said that the district is in the process of appointing screening committees and setting interview dates.

Also at the meeting, the board voted to raise lunch and breakfast prices 25 cents, due, according to administration, to increased food, fuel and payroll costs and to maintain a reserve to replace older equipment. Breakfast prices for students in grades seven-12 will go up from \$1 to \$1.25 and adults' breakfast prices will go up from \$1.50 to \$1.75. Lunch prices for children in kindergarten through sixth grade will go up from \$1.50 to \$1.75; children's lunches in grades seven through 12 will raise from \$1.75 to \$2; and adult lunches will raise from \$2.50 to \$2.75. Chief Financial Officer Rhonda Lorenz said that the program had been losing money and added that meal prices had not been raised since the 1998-99 school year. Burrows said that other area districts were already charging what MCSD had proposed.

Board member Bill Kuhn brought up the issue of closed campuses as a means to increase district meal participation.

In other business, the board voted to accept school calendar Option B for the 2007-08 school year, which calls for a post-Labor Day start with teachers beginning August 27, students beginning September 4, a one week-plus Christmas holiday from December 21 to January 2, students ending June 5 and teachers ending June 9. In going against a majority of teachers, classified, confidential, administrative and confidential staff with 106 votes, the board rejected Option A, which called for a post-Labor Day start, a two-week Christmas break, students ending June 11 and teachers ending June 13. Option B garnered 65 votes from teachers, classified, administrative and confidential staff.

Board member and farmer Barney Lindsay told the board that a long Christmas break puts a financial hardship on working parents and that continuing school into mid-June disrupted farmers'

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Heppner Council tables request to support county road levy; takes no action on street closure request, nuisance cat ordinance

The Heppner City Council Monday took no action on a request by Burke O'Brien of the Morrow County Road Department that the city publicly support a proposed \$10 million road levy to be on the ballot next month.

O'Brien has been visiting all the city councils in the county asking for support of the levy, and told the Heppner council the city would receive \$36,384 per year for five years if the levy is approved. Under state law each city in the county would receive a portion of the levy for use on city roads.



Morrow County Public Works Director Burke O'Brien talks to Heppner City Council Monday night about proposed road levy.

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Pheasants Forever receive no till drill

The Columbia Plateau Chapter of Pheasants Forever received a no till drill this week. The drill was made possible from an \$18,000 donation from the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation. The O.W.H.F. is a conservation group dedicated to the development of wildlife habitat. The no till drill is designed specifically for seeding wildlife food plots directly into existing C.R.P. grass stands. Farmers can take this drill and seed grain or alfalfa plots into current C.R.P. fields. Over the years the C.R.P. fields can become somewhat sterile for deer and especially pheasant, which depend on grain for part of their diet. Bob Keerins, an O.W.H.F.



Pheasants Forever received this no till drill from a donation by the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation.

spokesman said that this drill fits perfectly into the kind of projects that the group is trying to install. In cases where there is public access allowed for hunting, the pheasants forever group will

install the feed plots at no cost to the farmer. Projects can also be done on ranches with non public access, but there will be some cost to the farmer. The group also has a

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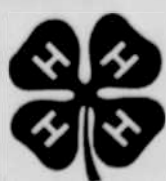
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Emily Smith, 2, and her sister Cheyenne Smith, 5, spend some time with the Easter Bunny after Heppner's annual Easter Egg Hunt. They are the daughters of Wade and Marianne Smith.

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