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Planning commissions approve Heppner subdivision plans

By David Sykes

Both Morrow County and City of Heppner's Planning Commissions approved plans last Wednesday for a new subdivision to be located in Heppner above Rock Street.

The two planning commissions met for a second time to discuss the proposed subdivision, and, as in the previous meeting, heard public comment.

Kyle Robinson, who owns the property, testified in favor of granting the

subdivision saying the water runoff issues and other concerns voiced at the first hearing would be addressed in construction of the road and other developments in the area.

Robinson presented a letter from Ferguson Engineering which said "...there has been some concern regarding the effects of

drainage resulting from the construction of a roadway for the service of a proposed mental health facility and the site development of that facility. At this point no design work has been accomplished in regard to either the proposed roadway or the site development; however, drainage laws are in place which provide for a design

which will not cause harm to the downstream owner," Ferguson wrote.

The portion of the property to be initially developed lies within the city limits, so the city planning commission put conditions on the approval. Those conditions were:

1. Dedicate the internal street as a city street at a width of 52 feet and build certain components (curbs, sidewalks and utility strips) in phases as agreed upon with the city.

2. Streets, water lines, sewer lines and storm water catchment basins will be built to City of Heppner standards.

City staff was also instructed to meet later with Robinson to work out details of the road construction and maintenance responsibilities on the subdivision. A gravel road will initially be allowed in to service development in the area, with road upgrades to come later.

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Ione, Boardman City Council positions filled

Open positions the Boardman City Council and Boardman City Council were filled in the November 4 election.

Mark Bruno won the Ione City Council position with 11 write-in votes. Bruno has yet been announced by the Morrow County Clerk's Office.



Mark Bruno

the Boardman City Council position with 35 write-in votes. Pambrun has accepted the position.

The City of Irrigon also had open positions on the ballot. Winners of those positions have not yet been announced by the Morrow County Clerk's Office.

Open house held for UPS driver Jim Barton



Top Photo: Gerry Lloyd (Barton's supervisor) presents Jim Barton with a plaque recognizing Barton for his years of service. -Contributed Photo

Jim Barton shakes hands with Jeff and Chris Bailey. -Photo by David Sykes

An open house for Jim Barton, the local UPS man, was held on Friday, November 14 at City Hall.

Barton retired from his job with UPS after 30 years of service. Community members stopped by City Hall throughout the afternoon to say their farewells to him.

Barton's replacement will be Robbie Espinosa.

HHS Civics Club raising money for Presidential Inauguration trip

The Heppner High School Civics Club is raffling off two halves of a steer to raise money for their trip to attend the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. in January.

Each half weighs approximately 300 pounds.

The tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20. The winners will be drawn on January 10 at the home basketball game.

Contact one of the following Civics Club members if you wish to support their trip: Maggie Armato,

Sarah Ballard, Curtis Harper, Jordan Hatfield, Drew Johnson, Dillon Lutchter, Catherine McElligott, Frank Meyer, Katie Moore, Spencer Palmer, Sherilyn Peck, Emily Thompson, Ashley Wolff, Matt Holland, or Luisa Horsten.

HHS commemorates cancer awareness week

Heppner High School commemorated Cancer Awareness Week November 3-6. An assembly was held on Wednesday to recognize the event. Jordan Shepherd and Maggie Armato made a PowerPoint slide show, while Cherisse Lemmon and Sarah Ballard presented the information to the HHS student body.

Each day, students dressed in colors that represented different kinds of cancer. Monday, students wore pink for breast cancer awareness; Tuesday was light blue for prostate cancer awareness; Wednesday was black for melanoma awareness; and Thursday was lavender for cancer survivors.

Farewell open house to be held for Bogart

A farewell open house will be held for Steve Bogart, Heppner interim city manager, on Tuesday, November 25, from 3-5 p.m. at Heppner City Hall. The community is invited to attend.

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Heppner Christmas activities event schedule announced

Remember to mark December 18 on your calendar and plan on taking part in the Celebrate Heppner Christmas event.

The schedule will be as follows:

-Light Parade down Main Street (6 p.m.)

-Dinner for the whole family prepared by the Elks Lodge (6:30-8 p.m.; the cost to be announced at a later date)

-Have pictures taken with Santa (5-6 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.)

-Winners will be drawn for Chamber Christmas Raffle Baskets and redemption of Christmas Rewards Card prizes at the Elks Club (7:30-9 p.m.). You must be present to win. Bring a new toy for the Elks Toy Drive and be entered into a special drawing.

The Heppner Rewards Card program began on Friday, November 14, have you started collecting yours? Each time you make a purchase at a participating

local merchant, you will receive a "Heppner Rewards Card" (based on amount of purchase), to collect and save for our Celebrate Heppner Christmas community event on December 18. This program is replacing the Santa Cash Auction.

The Rewards Card will be given out in increments of \$10, \$20, and \$50, depending on the amount of purchase. It does not count if you make payment against your local account, it must be a purchase.

Don't forget to get your rewards card at time of purchase. You will need to keep these cards and bring them with you to the Celebrate Christmas community event and place them in the box of the prize of your choice for a chance to win at the Elks club immediately following the Parade of Lights.

This year's Parade of Lights will kick off our Celebrate Heppner Christ-

mas event on at 6 p.m. Completed entry form needs to be turned into the Chamber Office no later than December 15. Entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber Office.

Celebrate Heppner Christmas and Customer Appreciation Day will be held on December 18. Stroll Heppner during the day, visit businesses and take in the customer appreciation day celebrations, view gingerbread houses made and displayed by local merchants. Shop local and increase your chances to win great prizes, which have been donated by local merchants. Come out and enjoy the Parade of Lights and plan to stay and participate in our Celebrate Heppner Christmas event at the Elk's Lodge immediately following the light parade for an evening of community fun.

Call the Chamber Office at 676-5536 if you have any questions.

HES students perform at Veteran's Day Program



Students from Michelle Stone's 5th and 6th grade classes sang a patriotic medley during the Veteran's Day Program held annually at Heppner High School. More photos of Heppner High School's Veteran's Day Program and Ione's Veteran's Day Celebration can be found on Page THREE -Photo by Sandy Matthews.

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28.

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