

## \$3 million in city projects awaits petition gathering and voter outcome

By David Sykes

Three million dollars in funding from the State of Oregon for seven street and sidewalk projects in the city of Heppner has been put on hold pending the outcome of a petition

drive, and if that is successful, an election in November, the Heppner city council learned Monday night.

Opponents of the State of Oregon Transportation Bill SB 2001 that authorized the Heppner expenditure as part of many other state-wide funding projects, have begun collecting signatures to put a repeal of the bill on the ballot for voter approval in the November general election.

The opponents are against the tax and fees increases that are part of the bill. The bill would increase car registration fees by \$16 a year, increase title fee by \$22, increase the cost of replacement and vanity plates and increase Oregon's gas tax by six cents per gallon, from 24 cents per gallon to

30 cents in January, 2011, or after two straight quarters of economic growth.

The ballot title for the initiative that would require this bill and all future tax increases to be voted on by the people, was cleared by the Oregon Supreme Court March 25 and signature gathering to put the measure on the ballot in November started last month. Petitioners need slightly more than 110,000 signatures by July 2.

The city received the unexpected \$3 million for the projects in May, 2009 when state Representative Greg Smith, R-Heppner, contacted DeMayo near the end of the legislative session about money that had become available after another city had turned it down. Heppner came up with projects in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour

and was awarded funds for the following projects:

1. A rebuild of Barratt Blvd, including a complete reconstruction from the sub grade up, including curbs, gutters, and a drainage system and sidewalks (\$1.48 million)

2. Completion of Riverside Ave. consisting of installing curbs and gutters, installing sidewalk along the south east side and completing the installation of the storm drainage system (cost: \$512,000).

3. Replacement and repair of "Lover's Lane" pedestrian bridge crossing Willow Creek behind the Bowling Alley, including replacement of superstructure and sidewalk approaches (cost: \$149,570).

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### Annual Fishing Derby to be held May 22

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife along with Morrow County Parks are sponsoring the fifth annual fishing derby on Saturday May 22, at Cutsforth Park Fishing Pond from 8:30-11 a.m.

This free fishing derby is for children up to 14 years of age. The Elks Lodge #358 of Heppner

will provide lunch.

Cutsforth Park is located 22 miles southeast of Heppner on the Blue Mountain Scenic By-Way.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Department will have bait and tackle for this event, as well as some donor fishing rods for kids that need

them.

ODFW, Umatilla District Fish Biologist and the Morrow County Parks Board is sponsoring this event. For more information contact Betty Gray at Morrow County Public Works Department at 541-989-8214 or by e-mail at bgray@co.morrow.or.us.

### Heppner City Hall hosts history of Indian tribes display



A display depicting the history of Indian tribes in Oregon is currently set up at Heppner City Hall. The display, which is sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society, can be viewed through May 25. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

## South Morrow County Scholarship Trust announces recipients

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust announces the recipients of the 2010 scholarships in the amount of \$750 each. The recipients are Lane Wright, Emily Thompson, Sarah Stillman, Eric Jepsen, Alex Carlson, and Ashley Wolff.

The six students were selected out of 22 applicants on the basis of academic achievement, chosen field of study, financial need, school participation, degree of effort the student has made in seeking sources for college, and personal characteristics for success and school citizenship.

Lane Wright is the son of Tim and LeAnn Wright. He attends Heppner High School and his interest is in the field of medicine. Lane plans on attending Oregon State Honors College and after

four years will apply to a medical school where he will major in surgery. Lane is very active in school with varsity letters in football, and golf. He is a member of National Honor Society and student body treasurer in 2009 and 2010. Lane is very active in FFA, serving as chapter president and attended the National FFA Convention, State Convention, and FFA Leadership camps. Lane has participated in many community activities, serving on Cycle Oregon, MS Walk and helping with Bingo at the assisted living facility. He received awards for excellence in geometry, language arts and the Gold Presidential Education Award as well as many other awards.

Emily Thompson

is the daughter of Brian and Susan Thompson of Heppner. She is considering University Honors College at OSU, Linfield College or Pacific University. Emily will be studying

pre-medicine and plans on becoming a doctor. She is a member of National Honor Society and has served as National Honor Society president and parliamentarian, Heppner FFA Chapter president and secretary. She has been very involved in 4-H as well. She is a three sport participant and lettered in golf, basketball, academics and cheerleading. She was awarded outstanding achievement in social studies, and Spanish III. Emily is very active in community events volunteering at the Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living facility, participating in Mustang Mop-up, and helping with the Forest Service Firewood drive.

Sarah Stillman is the daughter of Beryl and Susana Stillman of Lexington. She attends Ione Community School. Sarah plans on attending the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA. She is planning on majoring in history or communications. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as secretary. Sarah is a three sport participant and a member of a three member group of violin players who meet once a week to practice and perform for the community when asked.

She is president of her class and a member of the speech and debate team. Sarah is active in community activities, working on the school carnival, canned food drive, coat drive youth track meet and SMART reading volunteer.

Eric Jepsen attends Ione Community High School and is the son of William and Nancy Jepsen. Eric is considering attending Whitworth University in Spokane, WA or Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

He wants to pursue a bachelor's and eventually a master's degree in elementary education. He also enjoys studying the Spanish language and plans to study abroad in order to become proficient in Spanish. His real passion is flying and he has his private pilot license. He would like to get additional flight training after college. Eric is a National Honor Society member, student body president and on All-Northwest High School Honors Orchestra. He was on the Heppner/Ione varsity golf team, varsity football and a member of the Oregon East Symphony. Eric is an active volunteer in his community, active in his church and in 4-H. He worked on the canned food drive, youth track meet, SMART volunteer reader, organized and helped paint the football bleachers.

Alexander Carlson attends Ione Community High School. He is the son of Clint and Sarah Carlson. Alex plans on attending Point Loma Nazarene University next year. His plans are to study biology-chemistry to then enter the field of psychopharmacology.

Alex is very interested in medicine research and development. He has completed writing 121,122 123, college algebra, and psychology 201, 201 from Blue Mountain and Eastern Oregon University.

He is a member of the Inland Northwest Symphony, Youth Violin Project as program creator, and teacher. He is active in 4-H and President of the North Lexington Literary Society. Alex is a member of National Honor Society, National Forensic League, Yearbook and Spanish club. Alex was awarded excellence in physics, excellence in calculus, excellence in advanced Spanish and Coca-Cola Regional scholar award. He is also active in community events and in his church.

Ashley Wolff attends Heppner High School and is the daughter of Thomas and Karen Wolff of Heppner. She plans on enrolling at Oregon State University as a business management major and to explore the requirements of double majoring in the Spanish language. She is very involved in future business Leaders of America since her freshman year, and has completed

and placed at the state level every year. She has been FBLA Chapter president, treasurer and FBLA student of the year. She is a member of National Honor Society and a member of the Talented and Gifted Program. Ashley is a varsity Track member. She was on the Knowledge Master Team, the Knowledge Bowl Team, and the Science Bowl Team. Ashley is very active in the community, her church, and 4-H. Ashley has studied AP English, AP calculus, AP biology, AP biology extension and AP government.

The board of di-

rectors of the scholarship trust include Bill Rietmann, president; Ginger Bowman, vice-president; Del LaRue, treasurer; Sharon Harrison, secretary; Missy Cutsforth, Martha Munkers and Carri Grieb. The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust was established several years ago with the mission to grow funds to provide scholarships to graduating senior from Heppner and Ione High schools and to eventually take the place of the Troedson Scholarship fund, which will be discontinued in the year 2023.



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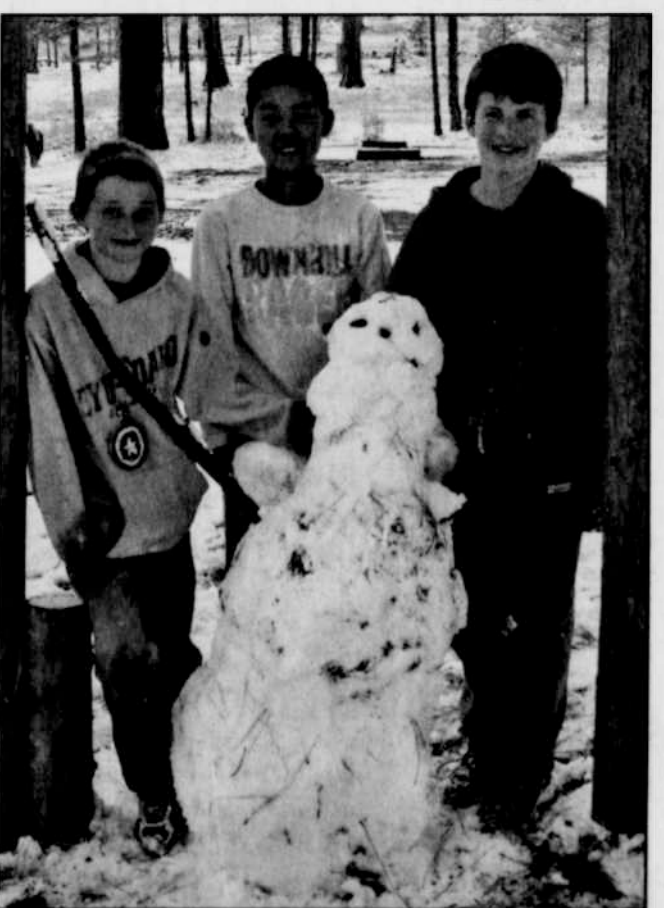


Sarah Stillman



Ashley Wolff

### Snow falls on Tupper



Pictured (L-R) are Heppner Elementary School students Ryan Smith, Daichi Walters and Tommy Bredfield with a snowman they made at Tupper last week. -Contributed Photo

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