

MCGG starts new 'Fueling the Future' program

\$1 donation to the schools for each fuel delivery



Left Photo: Pictured are Heppner Elementary School students Kaden Combe, Sydney Wilson, Jordan Sweeney, Gavin Hanna, Dylan Rill, Jacee Currin, Madison Combe, Claire Grieb, Morgan Correa, Kane Sweeney, Logan Grieb, Kolby Currin, and Meranda Lemmon, along with Kami Combe and MCGG employees Doug Holland, Corey Sweeney, and Mike Correa. Right Photo: Pictured are Ione Community School students Kevin LaRue, Steven Holland, Julie Carson, Jacqueline Juarez, Joe Doherty, Ann Rietmann, Bobali Peterson, Syd Stefani, Jake Heideman, Cameron Crum, Grace Ogden and Bryce Rollins, along with Principal Jerry Archer and MCGG employees Doug Holland, Corey Sweeney and Mike Correa. The logo was designed by Chrlene Houweling of Heppner. -Photos by David Sykes

Morrow County Grain Growers Inc. of Lexington, Oregon has unveiled a new campaign to help support local schools. The employees of the company have a growing concern with the shortfall of funding for education and they have collaborated to come up with a promotion to do-

nate money to the schools in the communities that the company serves.

Look for the bright yellow "Fueling the Future" propane delivery truck serving your community and promoting education in your local school. For each delivery stop in your community, Morrow County

Grain Growers will donate \$1 to the local school to help fund education for the kids in that community.

Morrow County Grain Growers Inc. is a farmer owned supply and marketing cooperative, established in 1930. The company serves seven counties in North Central Oregon

and Klickitat County in Washington. The company is very diverse. The company operates seven grain elevators including a barge loading facility on the Columbia River. The retail side of the company includes two full service CaseIH and Polaris sales, parts and service facilities,

two full service Agronomy facilities, a farm supply store, Feed Store, Napa Auto Parts, bulk fuel and heating oil, and propane sales, equipment, and service.

The company provides employment to 65 employees in its trade area. The company is proud of

its employees and the volunteer work they do in the communities they live in. The company has always been a good neighbor in each community it serves, annually donating over \$30,000 for activities such as 4H, FFA, school athletics, little league and other youth sports activities.

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DeMayo to place a statue on an empty cement pad in the park.

"We do intend to take action on your kind offer as Heppner area continues to be an important cultural area to our tribes," Susan Sheoships of Tamastlikt wrote in an email to the city last month. It was unclear at that time what kind of statue or monument would be placed there.

Monday some council members said they had heard from members of the public who were opposed to putting the statue or monument in the park. The council also received a letter from Heppner resident Tom Wolff which read in part:

"I recently read where the City was considering the installation of a Native American Indian statue or honorary item on the cement blocks in the Heritage Plaza Park.

Please do not allow this.

Heppner and the Willow Creek Valley have a long and deep heritage of Irish culture and sheep influence, dating from before the turn-of-the-century. Let's stick to that theme and marketing agenda.

Let Pendleton have the blessings and influences of the Native American culture. It was very rare and had little influence on Heppner's development. We don't need to promote those issues here in Heppner.

I urge you to vote against this concept / idea," Wolff wrote.

The council agreed and decided not to proceed with the planned Indian monument.

Heard August police report

In other business the council heard the following report on police action in Heppner:

A person was reported as possibly being suicidal.

A citizen reported a possible prowler outside a residence. It was the caller's neighbors walking around.

There were eight juvenile complaints.

A person reported a child screaming. It was determined the child wanted a toy from another child. A child was playing inside a vehicle and knocked it into gear, causing it to roll out of a driveway. A small child was reported to be riding a bicycle in the roadway. A juvenile was warned to wear a helmet and to have a light on the bicycle at night. Juveniles at the library ran from a Deputy. A juvenile was being punished by parents, and called 911 to report the incident. It was determined to be legal punishment.

A citizen reported receiving prank phone calls.

A person reported being locked out of a residence by her boyfriend, and their child was inside the residence. A Deputy

responded and determined it was a civil matter.

A person reported a vacant rental had its front door forced open. Nothing was missing from the residence.

Traffic

There were sixteen traffic stops resulting in five traffic citations.

One motor vehicle crash was reported, which resulted in property damage. One was unfounded and three resulted in minor property damage.

A drunk driver was reported leaving a bar. The vehicle was not located.

Code Enforcement

Eighteen animal complaints were reported. Seven animals were transported to Pet Rescue. Six barking dog complaints were received.

Thirteen code enforcement contacts were initiated, mostly concerning weeds, garbage and other debris.

Theft Complaints

A bicycle was reported stolen, and later returned to the victim. Cash was reported to have been taken from a residence. Two ID theft cases were reported.

A theft of fuel from the Chevron was reported.

A business was broken into and items were taken.

All Other

Two different suspicious vehicle reports were investigated. One was regarding vehicles by the Dam and another regarding a vehicle at the park at the same time for a few consecutive days.

In other business the council decided not to pursue a plan to purchase advertising in the Oregonian Newspaper promoting the town. The purchase was found to be too expensive.

More doggie bag stands

The council learned that the city has set up four more doggie doo-doo bag stands around town. There had been complaints from the little league that the dog feces at the little league field beneath the dam was getting so bad kids were stepping in it while playing. The city put one of the stands at the field in hopes of cutting down on the problem. There was also one placed on Main Street near the Post Office, and one by Heppner Family Foods. Heppner has an ordinance requiring people to clean up after their dogs on public property.

Volunteer needed

The council is asking for a volunteer to serve on a recently established committee to improve health care in the county.

The group is made up of local health care providers and local government, community organizations and businesses. The group's goal is to improve health and increase access to care for residents in Morrow County.

The council was asked by Andrea Fletcher to come up with a committee member to serve. Anyone that is interested should contact city hall or council member Cindi Doherty.

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reasons may be appealed by the board and appeals should be directed to the superintendent's office and will be acted upon at the next regular board meeting after their receipt.

The superintendent told the board that enrollment is down around 35 students this year compared to last, with the majority, around 25 students, down from Heppner Schools. Enrollment, as of September 7, is as follows: Heppner Junior/Senior High School (grades seven-12)-215, Heppner Elementary School (grades kindergarten-six)-183, A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irri-grades K-three)-251, Irri-grades seven-12)-331, Irri-grades four-six)-219, Riverside Junior Senior High School, Boardman (seven-12)-409, Sam Boardman Elementary (K-three)-305, Windy River Elementary, Boardman (four-six)-222, Morrow Education Center-Morrow County School District students-39, MEC-other students-16, total-2190.

The attendance on September 7 was down 73 students from the enrollment as follows: HHS-212, HES-179, ACH-243, IJSHS-310, IES-217, RJSHS-395, SBE-291, WRE-215, MEC-MCSD-39, MEC-other-16, total-2117.

In other business, the board:

-agreed by consensus to direct the superintendent to have a resolution drawn up by the district's lawyer to eliminate Community Education Committees due to lack of interest and a lack of candidates for election. "I think it has run its course," said board member Thad Killingbeck. "I don't believe there's a real function for these committees." Burrows said that the site councils, in place at each school and with elected representatives, in essence replace the need for the committees. Burrows also said that CEC elections had cost the district around \$1,000 each time, but that amount was expected to go up substantially.

-accepted and approved \$25,000 in un-anticipated revenues for the Title 1C Migrant Program.

-accepted and appropriated an additional \$25,620 from the State of Oregon University System for instruction and staff development at Irri-grades High School for the GEAR Up Program.

-approved the following employment action: resignations-Minerva DeLoera, RHS English Language Learner program assistant, Ivan Dike, IJH assistant football coach, Joy Hearn, IJSHS ed assistant, IJH head volleyball coach, IJSHS assistant girls' basketball coach; employment-Autumn Morgan, district office half-time fiscal services/administration, Tim Beatty, IJSHS temporary science contract for teacher on parental leave, Ashley Smith, SBE kindergarten teacher, Gloria Schmidt, RHS ELL ed assistant, replacing Minerva DeLoera, Mary Kay Holmquist, WRE assistant cook, replacing Alicia Hearn; transfer/promotion-Bonnie Matlack from SBE assistant cook to WRE head cook, temporary one-year position for employee on approved leave; extra duty contracts-Stormy Botefuhr, IJH assistant volleyball coach, Jessica Lehmann, IJSH head soccer coach, Jeremy Rosenbalm, HHS head boys' basketball coach, HHS half-time assistant football coach, Cheryl Costello/Maribel Torres, RHS rally advisors, Cindy Ayala, RHS girls' soccer coach, Randal Olsen, RHS assistant football coach, Clair Costello, RHS assistant football coach, Dieter Waite, HHS assistant volleyball coach, Stefanie Sweeney, HJHS assistant boys' basketball coach.

-heard the following announcements: Oregon School Board Association fall regional meeting, Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton, 6 p.m., September 28; next board meeting, SBE, 7 p.m., October 11; OSBA fall convention, Portland, November 11-14.

-held an executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Community Lunch Menu

Nazarene/7th Day Adventist members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, September 22, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu will include chicken casserole, green salad, sliced peaches, hot rolls, and apple crisp.

Marriage Licenses

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report as of August 31:
-September 9: Aaron Dean McCormick, 21, Heppner and Ashley Micheala Zimmerman, 22, Heppner.



FALL CROP INSURANCE MEETING
To Discuss Changes for Crop Year 2011
Thursday, September 23rd, 7:00 PM
Ione Grange Hall
541-422-7410

Homecoming Flowers!

-Order by Thursday-

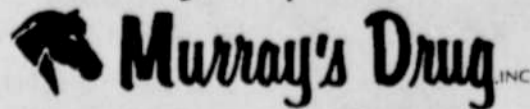
DRINK SPECIALS!

Large Red Velvet Latte - \$3.00 Hot or Iced
Wild Berry Chai \$3.00 Hot or Iced

Wedding Tables

Danielle McDowell & Brian Burnside

Saturday, September 18th



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