

# Morrow County school superintendent announces retirement June 30

By April Sykes

Morrow County School District Superintendent Mark Burrows has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current school year. Burrows, who has been superintendent for the past seven years, said that he is proud

of his accomplishments and is leaving the district in much better shape than when he started.

He gave no specific reasons for his retirement other than he felt it was "just time". He did say that retirement would allow for more personal and family time and added he may consider part-time work in education or for an education service district.

Burrows had earlier said that MCSD's financial outlook remains good for the current school year, however, as many Oregon school districts, is expected to face shortfalls the next school year and perhaps over the next several years because of state cutbacks due to a poor economy.

Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Danielson has also announced her upcoming retirement. Danielson's retirement is effective on December 31, however she will also complete the school year through June 30.

Danielson was previously a principal within the district, including at Heppner Elementary School, prior to accepting the assistant superintendent position.

The school board held a work session on October 28 to discuss the options for her replacement and opted to open the position immediately, posting internally within the district

and externally. The position will begin July 1 with a December 1 deadline for applications.

Also at the meeting, the board appointed a committee to study the declining enrollment in Heppner schools. "We have demographics that are working against us," said Burrows. He said that the district will examine the funding formula in terms of staffing in Heppner schools to plan for the future. Burrows said that the question is, "How can we plan for the future so we don't have to make drastic cuts (to Heppner schools)." He said that technology and having teachers double-certified may help alleviate the problem.

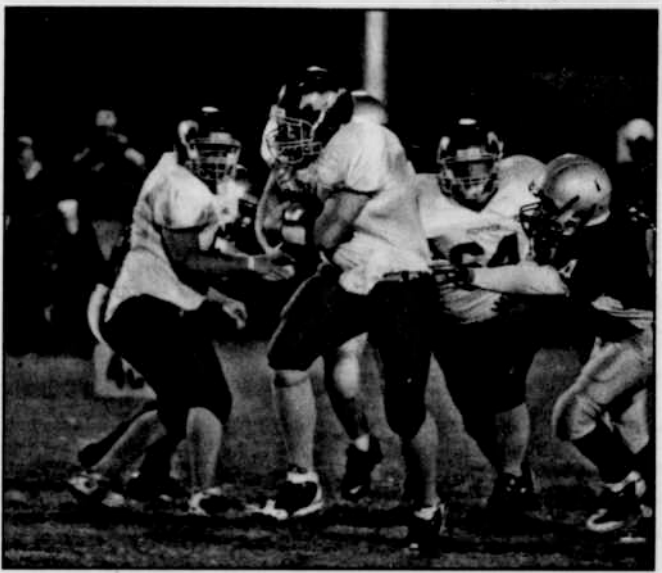
Newly appointed committee members include: school board member Bill Kuhn, school board Chair Barney Lindsay, Morrow County Commissioner Ken Grieb, Amy Kollman, Community Bank Heppner branch manager, Heppner Chamber director Sheryl Bates, Heppner High School Principal Daye Stone and HHS math teacher Troy Morgan.

In other business, the board:

-granted a request from a student for an early graduation with approval from Stone.

-approved a cooperative sponsorship for  
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## Mustangs advance to state playoffs



Senior Donald Matthews #78 makes a first down in the Mustang game. The Mustangs will play Lost River in the first round of state playoffs on Saturday, November 13. The game will be at Lost River at 1 p.m. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

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## Write-in votes determine Lexington mayor's race and council positions

### Brazell wins Lexington mayor with write-in campaign

By David Sykes

People of the town of Lexington had to wait awhile to find out who their next mayor and one town councilor were going to be, as a write-in campaign ended up determining who won.

Dwyla Yocom and Gary Kemp were on the ballot and received 31 and 27 votes respectively. But it was Jean Brazell who staged a write-in campaign to end up winning with 53 votes. The only other person receiving votes was Shirley McCarl with one vote.

Brazell said there were people in town who told her they were going to write her in, and one even went door to door to 40

homes in Lexington working on behalf of Brazell's write-in effort.

Brazell cited her experience with the city as an asset in her newly-elected position. "If they (the voters) think I can do a good job, then I will try to get us back on track. I will do my best."



Jean Brazell

No one's name was on the ballot for council position four in Lexington and Will Lemmon won that with 63 write-in votes. The other people receiving votes were John Edwards - 14, Charlie Sumner - 2, Jean Brazell - 1, Ed Baker - 2, Marcia Kemp - 1, Sue Piper - 1, and Shelia Miller - 2 votes.

### Parrott and Sherman win Ione /council positions

In Ione no one had filed for two council positions and both were won with write-in votes. Floyd Parrott won position four with 12 write-in votes. In all 27 other people received between one and seven write-ins for that position.

Ione council position six was won by Fred Sherman, who garnered five write-ins to second place finishers Floyd Parrott, Ed Rollins and Betty Gray who each had four votes. In all 19 people received write-in votes.

Pratt wins Boardman Council position

In Boardman Mark Pratt won the third position on the city council, which no one had filed for, -See WRITE-INS/Page SIX

## Ione School Board to create new charter council

By April Sykes

Ione School District Superintendent Mark Mulvihill, of the newly formed Intermountain ESD, told the Ione Community School Board, at their regular meeting October 26, that they must appoint a charter council to fulfill Oregon Department of Education requirements. He said that

the council must be appointed and not elected, could be a group of three, five or seven and is intended to be a school-focused group.

He said that the council will have specific duties, one of which is to be in charge of the district's budget, while the board will be in charge of personnel,

hiring and firing, contract negotiations, enrollment and some budgeting. The council will also replace the school's site council.

Mulvihill and Principal Jerry Archer told the board that while the majority of the charter's policies are solid, the board needs

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## MCGG program donates money to schools

By David Sykes

The new Morrow County Grain Growers' program "Fueling The Future" has so far resulted in \$700 going to local schools in the first month, MCGG Manager John Ripple told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce last week.



MCGG Manager John Ripple tells about Fueling the Future.

Under the program, for each fuel delivery stop in a community, MCGG will donate \$1 to the local school to help fund education for the

kids in that community, Ripple says.

He said the co-op is offering the program in Monument, Spray, Fossil, Condon, Arlington, Irrigon, Boardman, Heppner, Lexington and Ione.

Ripple said people can go onto the company web site, mcfgg.net, and keep track of where the money is going, and the public is welcome to match the co-op's donation if they so desire.

"The employees of the company have a growing concern with the shortfall of funding for education. Our new promotion will donate money to the schools in our communities that the company serves. Every MCGG fuel delivery means more money for our schools," stated a flyer promoting the program.

"I can't think of a more good cause than our schools," school board member Bill Kuhn told Ripple and the Chamber. "The district really thanks you."

## Ione American Legion and Auxiliary to host Veteran's Day tribute

The Ione American Legion Post 95 and Auxiliary will host a Veteran's Day tribute on Thursday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the Ione School flag pole. The event will conclude at the Ione Legion Hall. A Veteran's Day program will be presented and refreshments will be served.

## Schools closed for Veteran's Day

Schools in the Morrow County and Ione School Districts will be closed on Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day. Schools will be back in session on Friday, November 12.

## Local man initiates plan to increase pheasant population

By David Sykes

Local man Sam Hornbeck always seems to have a lot of ideas about many different projects, and now one of his ideas is becoming a reality. Hornbeck came up with a plan to build predator protection structures for pheasant chicks, and therefore increase the adult pheasant population for hunting in the south Morrow County area.

With the help of the Fish and Wildlife Department, Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders Supply and local Scout Troop 691, Hornbeck is building three plywood shelters on Wellcome to Hunt properties in south county to protect young pheasant chicks from predators. Hornbeck plans to purchase 300 pheasant chicks in the spring to put in the shelters where they will be protected from hawks and owls, giving the young birds a better chance of survival to reach adulthood.



Left to right: back row-Dennis Newman, John Waite of Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders Supply, Steve Cherry of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Front row-Scouts Ayan Smith, Daichi Walters and Jeremiah Petzoldt of the Blue Mountain Council Troop 691, and Sam Hornbeck who thought up the project. -Photo by David Sykes

"The birds will go in at five to six weeks old and that gives them all summer to grow up," Hornbeck says. He also said when the chicks get placed outdoors at a young age they will not have yet become domesticated, will fly more and are better for hunting.

The protection structures are low-slung plywood structures with fencing wire placed over the top. The birds can get into the structures to avoid birds of prey. All three will be placed on public access Wellcome to Hunt property. -See PHEASANT POPULATION/PAGE SIX

## Heppner High School to honor veterans

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Heppner High School's Veterans Day program. All veterans and military personnel, past and present, are invited to attend a ceremony in their honor at Heppner High

School's gymnasium on November 12 at 10:30 a.m. Lunch for veterans and their spouses will follow. If you are a veteran or are presently serving in the military, and you have not received an invitation, please call

Heppner High School at 676-9138. You do not need an invitation to attend; all veterans and servicemen are welcome. The public is also encouraged to attend this program to honor our local heroes.

## Quaid Street may be getting upgrade

By David Sykes

Quaid Street in Heppner may be in for improvements, including new sidewalks all the way up to where Quaid joins Elder Street near the grade school.

Under a special city allotment program from the Oregon Department of Transportation, the city

could receive funding to put storm drains, sidewalks and gutters on Quaid Street to Elder. A lot of kids use the street to walk to school and it will be a welcomed upgrade, City Manager Dave DeMayo told the Heppner City Council Monday night.

In other business at the meeting it was an-

nounced that the Chase Street apartments had been purchased by someone who plans on doing upgrades to the dilapidated structure. The city had been discussing buying the apartments and turning the area into a parking lot. "It was bought by someone who will do something good," DeMayo -See UPGRADE/Page SIX

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