

# SCHOOL DISTRICT CITY TO RAISE WATER/SEWER FEES CALENDAR APPROVED

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through N.W. Nazarene University. She is working toward her doctorate in educational leadership.

The board also heard a request from A.C. Houghton Elementary Principal John Sebastian for \$5,000 from the district to assist in fund raising for a recreational park in Irrigon. Sebastian said that the educational and recreational opportunities would benefit Irrigon children. The board indicated interest in the proposal and requested additional information from Sebastian.

In other business, the board:

- heard an update on the Riverside High School's newly installed heating, ventilating and air conditioning system, which was finished close to the deadline and under budget. Burrows said that he anticipates "a lot" of energy savings with the new system.

- adopted a revised policy on employee attendance which defines satisfactory attendance for employees as no more than an average of one day of absence for illness or injury per month, except in cases of major surgery, recovery from a serious or life threatening accident or illness or as a result of a documented mental or physical disability. The revised policy states that unauthorized leave could "result in the initiation of dismissal procedures as deemed appropriate by the administration and will be carried out in accordance with current collective bargaining agree-

ments." Burrows said that the policy's new wording was formulated following a meeting he had with the Morrow County Education Association.

- heard a request from board Chair Barney Lindsay to start school earlier in August to better coincide with OAKS (Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) testing. Burrows said that one of the issues in moving up the start date is the Morrow County Fair held in mid-August in Heppner. OAKS is a statewide student assessment program.

- appointed Brian Kollman of Heppner to the budget committee.

- adopted a Spanish-language textbook.

- received the following enrollment figures: A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon, (kindergarten through third grade)-254; Heppner Elementary (K-sixth grade)-186; Heppner High School (seventh-12th grade)-206; Irrigon Elementary (fourth-sixth grade)-227; Irrigon High School (seventh-12th grade)-307; Riverside High School, Boardman (seventh-12th grade)-386; Sam Boardman Elementary (K-third grade)-318; Windy River Elementary, Boardman (fourth-sixth grade)-218; Morrow Education Center, Irrigon, (Morrow County School District students)-66; Morrow Education Center (Umatilla School District students)-28; Morrow Education Center (Ione students)-0; total-2196.

- approved the following employment action: resignations-Maribel Jimenez, half-time RHS rally advisor; Dirk Dirksen, RHS head girls' basketball coach, Heather Miller Irrigon Junior/Senior High School science teacher; retirements-Wanda Dixon, IJSHS ed assistant position, Ray Couchman, ACH assistant custodian, Renee Couchman, IJSHS assistant cook, Toni Witt, ACH kindergarten teacher; employment-Emily Holden, temporary Heppner High School vo-ag teacher, replacing Beth Dickenson who is on parental leave.

- received the following announcements: May 2-first budget meeting, district office, 7 p.m.; May 9-next board meeting, Irrigon High School, 7 p.m.; May 9-second budget meeting, if needed, Irrigon High School.

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"we need to increase, but I think we need to go through our budget first," he urged. Other council members did not agree. "We need to bite the bullet and pass this," Joanne Burleson said. The council voted three to one in favor of the increase with Burleson, Keith Lewis and Cindy Doherty voting in favor and High voting against. Council members Judy Buschke and John Bowles were absent, and Mayor Les Paustian is not required to vote.

### Trade of HUD property discussed

In other business the council discussed a possible property trade with local businessman Alvin Liu.

The city is in the process of acquiring a repossessed Housing and Urban Development home at 160 S. Court St. in Heppner. The house had been on the market for sale, however, according to HUD rules, if a repossessed home does not sell in a certain amount of time, local public entities, such as the city government, may purchase the home for \$1. The city must use the home, or proceeds from the home, to enhance low income housing or for the betterment of the community.

Monday night the city discussed trading the home to Liu for another piece of property on North Chase St. the city wants to turn into a parking lot. Liu and his wife Linda Crane, who also own the Northwestern Motel and RV Park, and Cornerstone Gallery, had purchased the Chase St. property, which includes some dilapidated apartments, wanting to restore the property. He later found out the property had been condemned and he would not be able to complete the renovation.

"It is our intention to put people to work (restoring the HUD house)," Liu told the council. "This would be a good project and when we get done it will be nice like the Motel and the Cornerstone Gallery," he said. The HUD house has been vacant for some time and is in need of repairs. Liu was not sure what would be done with the HUD home but assured it would conform to the R1 zoning of the property.

"What kind of trade are you talking about?" Mayor Les Paustian asked. "Trade straight across,"

Liu said. The city wants the Chase St. property to be used as a parking lot for RVs during hunting season and other times when large crowds are in town. Paustian indicated the trade would be beneficial. "This would benefit our intent and your intent," he told Liu. "Merchants want it to be a parking lot," Paustian said. He said the county also wants the extra parking it would provide across the street and creek from the courthouse. "I think this would be beneficial to the community," said community member Tom Wolff who was in attendance at the council meeting. He said the city needs more temporary RV parking off Main Street.

DeMayo said the city would continue to work with HUD to acquire the property for a possible trade.

### Sheriffs Report for March 2011 Traffic-

There were 20 traffic stops; one resulted in a citation.

A citizen reported high school students were speeding. A juvenile was contacted and warned about speeding.

A motor vehicle hit and run crash was reported.

A motor vehicle crash occurred when a person drove over a concrete wall.

Juveniles were warned for not wearing a helmet while skateboarding.

### Code Enforcement-

Twenty-two animal complaints were reported, resulting in one citation being issued.

A deputy warned person about littering. The person picked up the litter.

Twenty-five code enforcement contacts were initiated, mostly for old tires, trash and vehicles.

### Theft Complaints-

A person called MCSO and reported their satellite T.V. dish was removed from their house by the company while they were not home.

A person reported fraudulent charges on a debit card.

A person reported a mail scam.

A business reported theft of cigarettes.

A citizen reported a theft of coins.

### All Other-

MCSO responded to two 911 hang up complaints, which were unfounded. MCSO Deputies

investigated two assault calls.

A deputy assisted a motorist.

A person reported to MCSO they were having issues with their landlord. The issues were resolved.

A vehicle was damaged by someone keying it.

A window was broken out of a residence. An adult suspect was subsequently arrested for criminal mischief.

A deputy dispersed several people were involved in an argument. Deputies responded to three intoxicated person calls.

Twice deputies responded to a business where a minor was attempting to acquire alcohol.

A deputy responded to a business regarding new syringes that were found among donated items. The syringes were disposed of.

A citizen reported being harassed by another person. The complainant did not want to pursue charges.

A deputy received a report of a person being harassed on-line.

A detective contacted a person about posting sexually-related information of a minor online.

A person reported their adult friend was missing after a night of drinking. The person reported missing was contacted and everything was fine.

A deputy located a person who was reported as missing from Utah. The person was turned over to Community Counseling.

Deputies found two business doors open.

Two items were found and turned over to MCSO. A wallet and keys were reported missing, to MCSO.

A person called and reported a small child was at a residence alone. A deputy investigated and found the child was being supervised by adults.

A person reported the lights were out on the cross, but they could see other lights flashing at the cross. A deputy responded and everything was fine.

A person reported another person was pounding on a neighbor's door yelling, and then crawled through a window. A deputy responded and it was determined the person who crawled through the window lived at the residence.

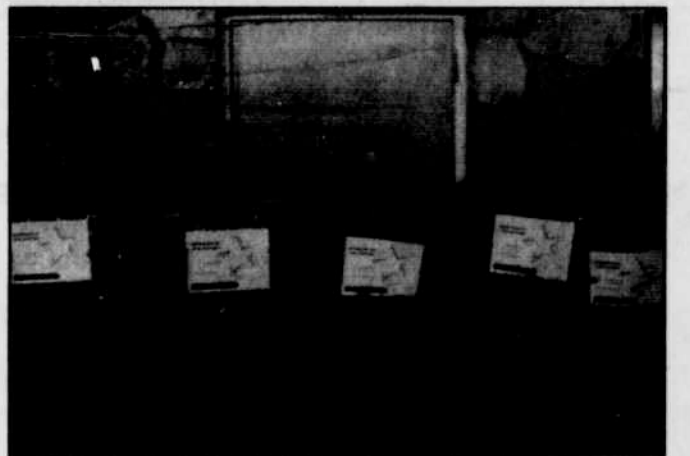
A person called MCSO and reported a person was advertising to charge people for parking at a party. A deputy responded and nothing was wrong.

A person contacted a deputy regarding a welfare check on an elderly person. The deputy made contact and referred the matter to DHS.

A person misdialled a telephone number and, after speaking to the person, requested MCSO make contact with that person because the person did not sound well. A deputy did make contact and all was fine.

Two people were arrested on outstanding warrants.

## Heppner High School announces March Students of the Month



Heppner High School recently announced the students of the month for March. The character trait for March was citizenship. Pictured L-R: Justin Bailey, Lacey Davison, Blake Greenup, Alex Smith and Joe Schmidt. Not pictured: Rylee Kollman. -Contributed photo

## DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office has released the following report:

-Elisha Walter Baker, 56, was convicted of Violation of Wildlife Laws with Culpable Mental State, a Class A Misdemeanor reduced to a Class A Violation. Baker was also convicted of Violation of Rules and Restrictions Associated with Hunting from a Motor-Propelled Vehicle, a Class A Misdemeanor reduced to a Class A Violation. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$1,374.

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