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**School Board** - continued from page 1

pnor High School-184/181; Irrigon Elementary-216/210; Riverside High School-424/424; Sam Boardman Elementary-317/301; Windy River Elementary-205/200; Morrow Education Center (Morrow County School District students)-39/39; MEC (other students)-6/6; total 2207/2135.

-heard a report from Dave Melville, Morrow Education Center coordinator, and Stone concerning an arrangement whereby Heppner High School "highly qualified" teachers partner with MEC in providing instruction to MEC students. Stone said that the cooperative agreement, linking Heppner High School and MEC, may help HHS, with a declining enrollment, maintain staff and curriculum. HHS teachers Jolene Stensland, language arts, John Flaherty, history, Jason Palmer, math, Jeremy Rosenbalm, business and Greg Grant, health, would offer up to 12 sections of instruction to MEC students. "We're committed to making this work," stated Stone. "This is another option for students who don't maybe fit into the old of a traditional classroom." "It's going to be a huge asset to our program," commented Melville. The course is on-line, but has teacher support. The program is proficiency based, meaning that the students move at their own pace, and take exams to prove their knowledge of the subject, rather than being graded on homework or classroom participation.

-learned that the district food service program got off to a "rough start," in terms of new requirements but, added Andy Fletcher, MCSD business manager, reported that the "Kids were full, happy and headed off to class."

-learned that Dave Krumbain, Hermiston, is running for reelection to an Oregon School Board Association spot. The board nominated board Chair Thad Killingbeck to run for election to an OSBA Legislative Policy Committee position.

-heard a report from George Mendoza, assistant superintendent, on two web-based programs that were designed to help special education and low performing students realize improvement. He said that the Success Maker program, a math and reading intervention program designed for elementary level students purchased by the district for \$79,000, is working well, but reported numerous problems with Read 180, a reading program for secondary level students purchased at a cost of \$109,000 by the district. He said that the district and tech support are working to resolve the problems. The programs were purchased through a \$442,500 federal stimulus grant. Mendoza said that the funds would have reverted back to the federal government if they had not been used by the district.

-approved appointment of Janet Dezellem to the MCSD Budget Committee Position #4, replacing Becky Kindle who was elected to the board.

-approved a successor contract with MidCo Bus Company for transportation services. Dirksen said that the successor contract was the same as the previous contract.

-rescinded a policy on attendance boundaries, transfer students and eligibility and approved the first reading of policy on transfers, transportation boundaries and eligibility.

-approved the following employment action: resignations-LeAnn Wright HHS department secretary, Ellen Hendergart, IES library tech, Jose DeLoera, IES assistant custodian; extra duty resignations-Lisa Connell, RHS assistant volleyball coach, Cindy Ayala, RHS assistant girls' soccer coach, Tom Grimes, RJH assistant football coach; employment-Heather Stephens, ACH kindergarten-first grade teacher, Heather Hancock, SBE special education assistant, Stephanie Swindler, SBE special ed assistant, Mark Rouska, MEC alternative ed assistant; Michelle Osborne, IJSHS assistant cook, Kevin Toms, RHS assistant custodian, Rosa Salazar, WRE English language learner ed assistant, Jeremy LaFramboise, WRE special ed assistant, Yadira Gonzalez, SBE half-time counselor; promotions-Tracie Bunch, from special ed assistant to HHS department secretary, Anita Donovan, from general ed assistant to IES half-time library tech and half-time ed assistant; extra duty contracts-Jose Romero, IJSHS head soccer coach, Javier Garcia, HJH head girls' basketball coach, Anna Conklin, HJH assistant girls' basketball coach, Ken Grieb, HHS assistant boys' basketball coach, Luke Swanson, HJH assistant boys' basketball coach, Brandi Verley, IJSHS rally advisor, Kristi Richmond, IJH assistant volleyball coach, Kyle Carpenter, RJH assistant football coach, Kristin Anderson, RJH head volleyball coach.

-approved the 2011-12 board goals.

-accepted and appropriated unanticipated revenues: a \$2,000 donation from Target to an ASB art club account and a \$5,000 donation from Community Grant 101 for an ASB leadership class in the form of mini-grants throughout the community to non-profit organizations.

-heard the following announcements: OSBA fall regional meeting, Sept. 26, BMCC, Pendleton, 6 p.m.; Oregon Department of Education meeting with Brad Victor, Sept. 28, RHS, Boardman, 6 p.m.; next board meeting, Oct. 10, SBE, Boardman, 7 p.m.; end of the first nine weeks, Oct. 27.

-held an executive session concerning personnel and legal issues.

**Obituaries**

**Gerald A. Bergstrom**

Gerald A. Bergstrom, 79, a life-long Morrow County resident, died Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at his home. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Valby Lutheran Church near Lone.



Gerald A. Bergstrom

He was born June 5, 1932, at Heppner, the son of John and Ruth Babcock Bergstrom. He was raised and attended school in the Eightmile area, then completed high school in Heppner and college at Oregon State University. Mr. Bergstrom was also a veteran of the United States Navy.

On September 24, 1966 he married Catherine

Rose Donahue at the Valby Lutheran Church. The couple resided in Heppner for a time before moving out to the family ranch near Eightmile where he resided up until the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Bergstrom of Heppner, his son Michael Bergstrom and his wife Darcy, also of Heppner and a sister, Carolyn Bergstrom of Pendleton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Ione Education Foundation fundraising dinner, auction Sept. 24.**

The Ione Education Foundation Fundraising Dinner and Auction will be held Saturday, September 24, at the Ione American Legion Hall starting with a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. A live auction and raffle will follow.

The dinner includes prime rib, salmon, salad, baked potato, bread, dessert and two drinks (beer, wine or

soft drinks). The evening will also feature musical performances by the Ione Community School music program.

Cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children seven-12 years. Children six and under are admitted free.

Tickets are available at the Bank of Eastern Oregon or may be reserved by calling 541-422-7435.

**Eric Jepsen wins Slottee Scholarship; Stephanie Cutsforth wins Lexington award**

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust announces that Eric Jepsen is the winner of the Elizabeth Slottee Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The Elizabeth Slottee Memorial Scholarship is given to recognize and remember the enthusiasm, spirit and dedication that Elizabeth inspired in her students. Elizabeth loved music. This scholarship is given annually, in order of priority to: first, a student working for a major or minor in music, and second, a student who has been

accepted into a school of education. Eric meets these requirements for the 2011-2012 school year.

He is the son of Nancy and William Jepsen.

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust announces that Stephanie Cutsforth is the recipient of the 2011 Lexington Voting Precinct Award in the amount of \$500.

Stephanie is the daughter of Jeff and Missy Cutsforth of Lexington. She is a junior at Western Oregon University, majoring in business.

**Chamber Chatter**

Wednesday, September 21st - 7 p.m. Jim Huffman, constitutional law professor at Lewis & Clark College will speak on "Learn about your Constitutional Rights" during a Heppner town hall meeting. The meeting will be held at Heppner City Hall and is sponsored by the Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots.

Homecoming is this week for Heppner High School Students - check and the schedule and participate if you can. On Wednesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. will be the Mud Tug-O-War with the bonfire to follow.

Saturday, September 24: Ione Education Foundation Dinner and Auction with the social at 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 25: The fair will be having a wrap up meeting on September 25 at 4 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Everyone is invited to attend the potluck dinner meeting. Those attending are asked to RSVP by 11 a.m. on Sept. 23.

Those whose last names begin with A-L are asked to bring a salad; those with last names beginning with M-Z are asked to bring a dessert.

Tuesday, October 4: Susan Crow from Saga City, the designer for Eastern Oregon Visitors Guide, will be here to talk about 2012's publication and opportunity to advertise in a publication that distributes over 100,000 copies. Alice Trindle from Eastern Oregon Visitors Association will be here to present Eastern Oregon's new brand logo and promotion and EOVA's website. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. at Heppner City Hall. Refreshments will be served. Businesses and individuals are welcome to attend.

Starting, October 1: Jim Smeroglio, a taxidermist from Baker will be coming to Heppner to offer his services for mounting domestic game birds.

**Engagement**  
**Ashley Mund and Scott Jones**  
**announce engagement**



Ashley Mund and Scott Jones

Ashley Mund, OSU Extension Service in Heppner, and Scott Jones, Butteville, OR, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Ashley is the daughter of Mitch and Jennie Mund of Monument. She is a 2005 graduate of Monument High School and a 2009 graduate of the Oregon State University agricultural program at Eastern Oregon University. She is a current MBA student. She is employed with the Morrow County

OSU Extension Service in Heppner.

Scott is the son of Doug and Wendy Jones, Butteville. He is a 2003 graduate of North Marion High School, Aloha, OR, and a 2011 graduate of Eastern Oregon University. He is employed with L&S Custom Homes in Butteville.

The couple plans an October 1, 2011, wedding at the Faith, Hope and Charity Vineyard and Event Center at Terrebonne, OR.

**Justice Court Report**

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following report:

-Scott Louis Sullivan, 41, Lexington, maintaining a dog as a public nuisance, \$250 fine.

**Marriage Licenses**

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report:

-September 15: Fernando Pena Ramos, 23, Boardman, and Dulce Maria Rizo, 19, Boardman.

-September 20: Leland Richard Robison, 70, Heppner, and Joan Else Basile, 70, Heppner.

**Welcome Hunters!**

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**Wedding Tables**

Anna Conklin &

Brandon Wedding

Saturday, October 1st

Marcy Miller &

Jimmy Walton

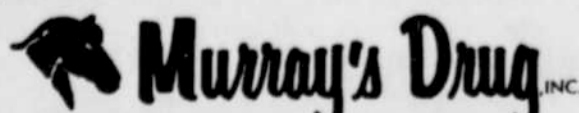
Saturday, October 22nd

Coffee Toffee Mocha

\$3.25

Cherry Vanilla Italian Soda

\$2.25



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
Thursday 9/22/11 - DD Visitation & Prime Rib Dinner  
Saturday 9/24/11 - NE District Golf Tournament Willow Cr. Country Club  
Thursday 9/29/11 - Hunters Night Rib Dinner and Prizes

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If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.  
If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:  
Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175  
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161  
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)