

SCHOOL BOARD HONORS TEAM

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 sic teacher to Heppner K-12 music teacher; extra duty contract-Jason Whitbeck, IJSH assistant track coach for 2011-12.

-approved extra-duty coaching contracts (Heppner listed only) for:

Heppner Junior High-Chad Doherty, head football coach; Mindy Wilson, head volleyball coach; Luke Swanson, head boys' basketball; Mike Ehrsam, assistant boys' basketball; Anna Wedding, assistant girls' basketball; Larry Palmer, head wrestling, assistant track; John Qualls, head track coach, vacant assistant football, assistant volleyball, head girls' basketball;

Heppner High School-Greg Grant, athletic director, head football, head golf; Les Payne, assistant football; Kevin Payne, assistant football; Jeremy Rosenbalm, assistant football, head boys' basketball; Pam Dowdy, head volleyball; Dieter Waite, assistant volleyball; Ken Grieb, assistant boys' basketball; Jeromy Wilson, head girls' basketball; Melissa Lindsay, assistant girls' basketball; Mark Lemmon, head wrestling; Jerry Gentry, assistant baseball; Laura Browne, head track; Amber Steinhoff, assistant track; Petra Payne, head softball, Janelle Ellis, assistant softball; vacant-head baseball.

-approved extra-duty non coaching positions (Heppner listed only):
 Heppner Elementary-Melissa Coiner, head teacher; Jannie Allen, Talented and Gifted coordinator; Karen Smith-Griffith, DART, Mary Ann Elguezabal, English Language Learner site coordinator;

Heppner High-Greg Grant, head teacher, Jeremy Rosenbalm, annual advisor; Rick Drake, band; Virginia Grant, half-time rally advisor; Jolene Stensland, drama (one play only); John Flaherty, TAG and DART.

-approved numerous organizational details.

-approved a 2012-13 agreement with the Morrow County Unified recreation district to provide "cultural and recreational activities" for the people of Morrow County, with two payments of \$158,700 to the school

district to subsidize school athletics and other activities for the 2012-13 school year.

-approved a pay raise for substitute teachers to \$161.48 per day.

-accepted \$1,900 in unanticipated revenue from Mid Columbia Bus Company for four scholarships to graduating seniors and \$150 to support district libraries.

-held a budget hearing and adopted the 2012-13 budget.

-adopted the following 2012-13 board calendar: July 2012-no meeting, August 13-district office, Lexington, September 10-Irrigon High School, October 8-Heppner High School, November 13-Sam Boardman Elementary, December 10-Morrow Education Center, Irrigon, January 14-Irrigon Elementary, February 11-Heppner Elementary, March 11-Riverside High School, Boardman, April 8-A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon, May 13-Windy River Elementary, Boardman, June 10-district office.

-approved the rescinding of numerous old special education policies and adopted new policies.

-adopted new policy on the district's honors diploma as follows: four language arts credits, three science, three math, four social science, one each for health, PE, career education, technology and fine arts, two foreign language and five electives for Riverside and Irrigon junior-senior high schools for a total of 26 and 10 electives for Heppner Junior-Senior High School for a total of 30 credits (eight-period day), a 3.5 GPA or a 3.25 GPA with a 1650 SAT or 23 ACT score; have received no Ds or Fs, pass 11th grade benchmarks and complete and pass all writing samples, three color; Jolene Stensland, drama (one play only); John Flaherty, TAG and DART.

-approved allowing the food service committee to name the new food service vendor for 2012-13, following the final report to be received by June 12.

-in a related issue,



Top: The Mustang state softball champions were honored with a reception at the school board meeting. Bottom: Mustang softball coaches (L-R): Madison Rosenbalm, head coach Petra Payne, Kevin Payne, Shelley McCabe. Not pictured are Janelle Ellis and Marissa Turner. -Photos by April Sykes

approved the K-12/ESD Achievement compact for 2012-13 required by the new governmental policy. The district's compact priorities include graduation rates for the class of 2013 (ninth graders in 2009-10) as follows: four-year graduation rate-74 percent/68 percent for disadvantaged students; five-year graduation rate-79 percent with 73 for disadvantaged; five year completion rate-82 percent/76 percent disadvantaged; post-secondary enrollment-75 percent/63 percent disadvantaged; students earning nine-plus college credits-15 percent/24 percent disadvantaged.

-received the following attendance report for June: ACH-273, HES-190, HHS-184, IES-220, IHS-332, RHS-396, SBE-306, WRE-196, Morrow Education Center-MCSD students-39, MEC Umatilla School Dis-

trict students-11 for a total of 2,147.

-learned from Mendoza that he has received definitive information that the district will not be responsible for lone students' education plans, but rather it is charter schools' responsibility to take care of their own students.

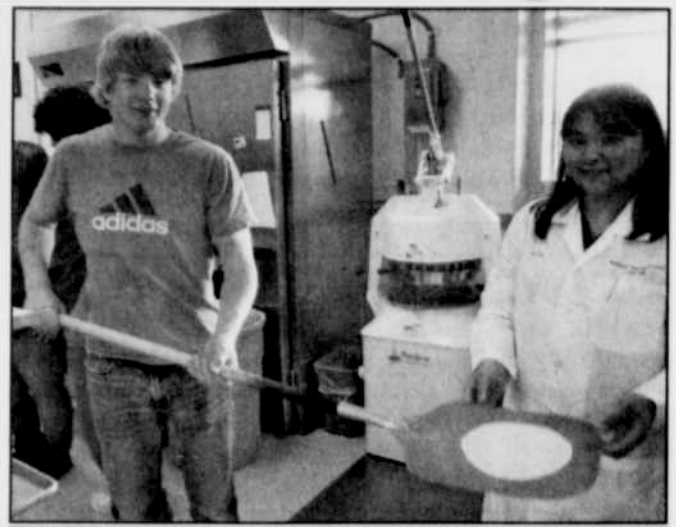
-held an executive session concerning student expulsion.

-accepted the canvass results for the renewal of the district's local option tax as follows per precincts: Heppner/Hardman precinct #5-443 yes/205 no; Lexington #3-100 yes/77 no; Irrigon #2-293 yes/287 no; Boardman #1-265 yes/184 no; total-1101 yes/753 no.

-received the following board meeting, August 13, 7 p.m., district office (no meeting in July); teachers begin school, August 20; district-wide in-service, August 20, RHS, work/in-service days-August 21-23; students begin school, August 27.

-in a related issue,

Ione students learn wheat marketing



Top: Kirk Haguewood, a junior at Ione High School, makes unleavened bread with one of the food development scientists at the Oregon Wheat Marketing Center in Portland. Bottom: Ione High School freshmen Joe Doherty and Daniel Holtz taste noodles they made hot off the press at the Oregon Wheat Marketing Center. This visit was part of a two-day immersion into the transportation and development of Oregon wheat and its products. Thirty students in Erin Heideman's Ag business class were generously sponsored by the Ione Education Foundation to participate in visiting the Wheat Marketing Center, the Port of Portland, Portland French Bakery and Columbia Grain. -Photos by Erin Heideman

Heppner FFA holds recruitment BBQ

By Lilly Sandford

The room is full of current members of the Heppner FFA chapter, as well as students entering the eighth and ninth grades who are interested in FFA. In Heppner, OR on June 5, at 6:30 p.m., the Heppner FFA chapter held a barbecue and meeting to show kids who are interested what it's like to be in FFA and what opportunities can come from being involved. This was also the first meeting run by the newly-initiated 2012-2013 officers.

The food was provided

by the officers and cooked by Craig Miles, a member of the Friends of Heppner FFA Alumni and the father of newly-initiated treasurer Shane Miles.

The interested students got a look at how a meeting is run, what officers say and what activities the Heppner FFA engages in.

"The Heppner FFA chapter is proud to have students interested in expanding their opportunities and making new friends from other FFA chapters," said a chapter spokesperson.

Grant program funds park project

Cutsforth Park will be looking a little better soon, thanks to efforts by Morrow County Public Works.

In the spring of 2011, the Morrow County Public Works Department (MCPW) applied for the Local Government Grant (LG) available through Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. To aid in meeting the county-required match for the grant, MCPW solicited help from the Oregon National Guard through Innovative Readiness Training construction assistance.

The project assistance request consists of site upgrades (electrical and power) to a few campsites, new water storage system, new ADA sidewalks, and a foot bridge at Cutsforth Park. No local funds are available to complete this project work without the assistance of the National Guard.

In August of 2011, MCPW was notified that they could begin construction of the project. Later that month, Burke O'Brien met with the Army National Guard to see if they could assist with the project. Sergeant Dearth indicated that it was a project the Guard could aid in completing during one of their trainings. Discussions continued over the next few months, finalizing details of the project with several agencies and businesses.

In May of 2012, the Morrow County Road Crew

began cutting and prepping for the sidewalk that the National Guard unit would complete.

The National Guard unit will arrive on June 14 and start setting up for their work, with plans to be at the park until June 29. The Tri-County 4-H Camp will also take place during that time, June 25-29, but campers and their families are assured that's not a problem.

"MCPW has had numerous discussions with both the 4-H camp leaders as well as the National Guard personnel to insure everyone's safety," said a MCPW spokesperson.

During the month of June, a large area of the park will be unavailable to the public due to construction. Once the project is completed, the area will once again be open to the public for use. It is estimated that the project will be completed by the end of July 2012, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

"We hope that the public can understand and work with us during this development upgrade to the park," says the MCPW spokesperson. "The MCPW wishes to thank the park patrons and all those involved with this project for understanding and cooperation while we complete this project."

Local contractors who have questions or opposition to the National Guard assistance in this project may call Morrow County Public Works at 989-9500.

Community Bank raffle winners



Community Bank customer appreciation raffle winners (L-R) Corey Sweeney and Gibson McCurry with Community Bank branch manager Nikki Worden. Sweeney won the barbecue and McCurry won the kids' basket. -Contributed photo

MORROW COUNTY WHEAT LEAGUE SOCIAL

Eric Orem's Place—
 72028 Blackhorse Canyon, Lexington

Friday, June 15th

Social Begins at 5:00 PM
 Dinner Served at 6:00 PM

Music By: Eric Jepsen and John Wambeke

POTLUCK Steaks Provided!!!
 Please contribute to potluck:
 A-M: Salad or Side; N-Z: Dessert

For more info, contact Larry Lutchter (Wheat Agent; OSU Extension); 541-571-4454

REMEMBER DAD!

Father's Day is THIS SUNDAY June 17th

Cards - Candy - BBQ - Coffee Cards



CHECK OUT OUR NEW YO CREAM TOPPINGS!

Gummy bears • Reese's • Peanut Butter Cups • Reese's Peanut Butter • Chips • M & M's • Oreo Cookie • Sprinkles • Mini Chocolate Chips • Coconut • Strawberry Topping • Blackberry Topping • Nuts • Chocolate • White Chocolate • Bananas



Summer Fun Supplies!

Check out our Tuesday lunch Special- CARNE ASADA

LIVE PLANTS * GIFT BASKETS

DRINK WHITE CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY MOCHA \$3.75
 SPECIALS HUCKLEBERRY SPRITZER \$2.25
 FRESH LEMONADE

Wedding Table
 Kyle Carlson & Brenda Gleason
 Wedding: June 16, 2012

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