

# CITY COUNCIL

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 the city council, which was handed out at its monthly meeting Monday night. "Our St. Patrick's Day celebration has become our trademark. Throughout the entire Northwest, people have learned to associate Heppner with the Irish and St. Patrick's Day. Let's stick to that theme and marketing agenda," Wolff said. He added that he would be willing to contribute to a fund to "have an Irish-themed statue or honorary item in our Heritage Plaza."

In July of 2012, at the urging of then city manager DeMayo, the council had considered the Indian statue idea, but the effort had not gone anywhere. Working with DeMayo at the time was John Chess, Tamastlikt Development Officer of the Umatilla Tribes, who DeMayo had invited to become involved in the project. Chess, who since died, had emphasized that the statue work needs to be done by a Native American, and that the tribes would like to have input on any displays and designs, and review any grant applications for funding, telling the committee that would ensure accuracy.

Parks Committee member Merle Cowett had suggested to Chess at the time that whoever did the statue work might consider visiting the local museum to look at photographs of our area, which could be used as a reference. Parks Committee Chairman Joann Burlison also then suggested to Chess that the artist who developed the statue come to Heppner and visit the museum. Chess said at the time that he would first ensure that the material in the Heppner museum is relative, and then discuss the Heppner park statue

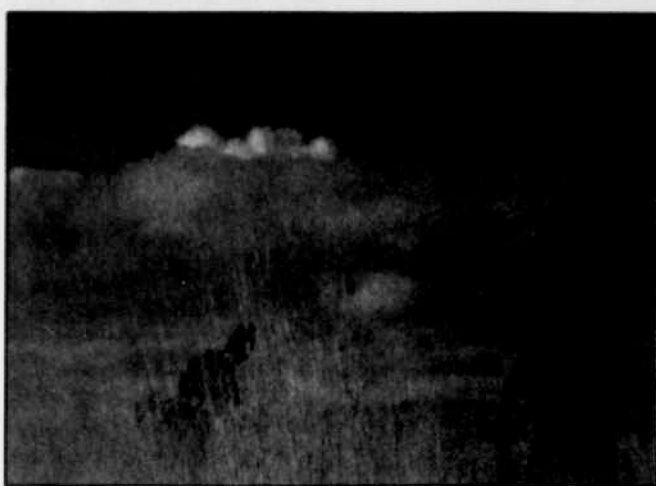
project with his staff and come up with a proposal.

In the latest effort, no process to decide what type of statue will go into the park has yet been announced by the city; however, Burlison said the committee will be discussing six proposals submitted by Heppner resident John Edmundson at its next meeting, Thursday, Feb. 14, at 8 a.m. at city hall. Edmundson's proposals included to 1) do nothing, 2) remove concrete blocks and plant grass, 3) continue "digger" Indian statues with CTUIR, 4) consider deer statues like the cow/cowboy statues on the entry to Pendleton, 5) consider brass deer statues, or 6) some other statue type. Burlison said the committee would choose two proposals and then hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed statues with the public.

In other business, the council upheld a city planning commission decision to allow Alvin and Linda Liu to use a house they own as a short-term bed and breakfast facility. The house is located at 175 W. Baltimore St. and will be used "to allow a boarding house/bed and breakfast to provide additional lodging accommodations for guests and visitors." The Lius also own the Northwestern Motel across the street. Also located across the street is an 11-unit apartment complex not owned by the Lius.

City Manager Kim Cutsforth said adequate parking had been addressed and that, since the city code did not have provisions for a bed and breakfast, the facility was classified as a boarding house, which she said was in the code and had the same definition as a bed and breakfast.

Regarding parking,



The city council had last year considered a "digger" silhouette type design such as above for the Indian sculptures proposed for Heritage Plaza Park.

Alvin Liu said there was a double garage and additional off-street parking outside the property. He said they had a housekeeper living on the property and that there would be four bedrooms, which will be used for temporary lodging of one to two nights. There are five beds total.

In other business, Cutsforth announced that Tapani Inc. of Battle Ground, WA was low bidder on the Barratt Blvd. rehab project. The bid came in at \$1.2 million, she said.

Cutsforth told the council that the city is having new doors put in to better accommodate disabled persons and that the city received a grant from Wildhorse Foundation to fund the project.

She said the wall partition project at the city is completed and that JD Wright contractors from Hermiston, who did the project, "have been great to work with."

Cutsforth said she and Judy Healy would be attending a CIS conference in Portland Feb. 14 and 25, and that she would be attending a budget seminar in late February in preparation for starting the city budget process in March.

The council also ap-

pointed former Mayor Les Paustian to the city police commission.

### Sheriff's Report for January 2013

#### Traffic-

There were 17 traffic stops, resulting in one citation. There was one driving complaint.

Deputies investigated two motor vehicle crashes.

A person reported a motor vehicle crash that occurred in Hermiston. They were advised to contact HPD.

#### Code Enforcement-

Eleven animal calls were reported, resulting in three citations. A deputy is working on a building code violation.

A deputy left a notice of an expiration of a temporary use permit. There were two noise complaints.

A deputy made contact with the owner of a vehicle that was parked on property. The vehicle was to be moved.

A deputy mailed three letters for unregistered vehicles.

#### Theft Complaints-

A deputy arrested an adult for theft.

A person called MCSO and reported kids were banging on her windows, and the complainant reported items were missing from her house, and other items, silver and platinum, which were stolen before, were returned.

Three fuel drive-offs were reported. All were determined to be accidental. A vending machine was broken into.

A person reported he moved out of his parent's residence month ago, now they won't give him his property. The deputy advised him it was a civil matter.

A deputy investigated a burglary at a church.

#### All Other-

A deputy arrested an adult on an outstanding warrant. There were three welfare checks conducted.

A deputy investigated a threat complaint at the high school.

Two suspicious vehicles were reported to MCSO. Both were unfounded.

A person called MCSO and reported a suspicious item on his computer. A deputy recommended the computer be checked for viruses.

A person reported a person possibly furnish-

ing alcohol to minors days before, no witnesses. The deputy advised the complainant to call immediately next time.

MCSO is investigating a sex crime.

A set of keys were turned into MCSO.

A deputy investigated possible intoxicated minors.

MCSO investigated a report of a person videotaping people in a locker room. It was unfounded.

Deputies investigated two harassing phone calls/texts complaints.

Deputies investigated a domestic dispute. It was determined to be only verbal. Deputies investigated two disputes.

A person reported their ex-spouse was not following a divorce decree. A deputy advised the complainant of his options.

A female called MCSO and wanted her adult son's address/phone number to contact him. The female was advised MCSO could not release that information.

The council adopted the following goals for the coming year:

- 1) City tour for the councilors.
- 2) Complete personnel manual.
- 3) Establish a Nuisance Ordinance as suggested by Morrow County Undersheriff Steve Myren.
- 4) Continue clean-up program for problem properties/correct UGB code discrepancies.
- 5) Sell surplus vehicles.
- 6) Promote a J-turn blitz coordinated with the

MCSO.

7) Develop an Emergency Action Plan. Involve the hospital, HVFD, MCSO, etc.

8) Budget for and procure a GIS system to aid in mapping and maintaining our water system.

9) Work with the county to develop a solution to the sewer problem at the dairy.

10) Complete the repairs of Well 4.

11) Certify Well 5 with the Oregon Water Resources Department.

12) Address/correct easement problem at Reservoir 2, after procuring easement to enhance roadway to reservoir.

13) Seek improvements at the wastewater treatment site. 1) Clear the contaminated gravel in the rear of the facility, 2) Build a vehicle plug-in/storage shelter.

14) Design/engineer a way to correct those areas of the city with chronic low problems.

15) Develop and fund a plan for replacing those water mains not replaced during the Water Project, to include the Aiken street loop to the elementary school.

16) Acquire a utility vehicle for the public works department.

17) Continue to emphasize the improvement and maintenance of city streets.

18) Determine a solution for the undersized sewer lines at Lakeview Heights. Include Community Counseling in this discussion.

## Heppner FBLA qualifies for state



Top: Austin Roberts (L) and Austin Gutierrez placed first in Entrepreneurship and second in Marketing. Bottom: Heppner FBLA participants (L-R) Austin Roberts, Patrick Collins, Ryan Smith, Austin Gutierrez, Tessa Gould, Ashlie Hanson and Caitlynn Bailey. -Contributed photos

Seven Heppner FBLA students competed in La Grande Thursday at the regional competitions held on the Eastern Oregon University campus for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Schools from

all over the Blue Mountain Region competed in events such as business math, cyber security, job interview and many more.

According to FBLA advisor Jeannie Collins, the competition was fierce. "Most of these schools have classes specifically designed with FBLA in mind; however, in Heppner these kids have to study and learn on their own time. I am immensely proud of them for what they have accomplished."

Austin Roberts and Austin Gutierrez placed first in Entrepreneurship and second in Marketing; Ashlie Hanson placed second in Public Speaking II; Tessa Gould placed seventh in Job Interview; and Caitlynn Bailey, Patrick Collins and Ryan Smith did well in their respective competitions but did not place. Those who placed in the top 10 qualify to compete at the state level in Portland in April.



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## Oregon State University Ag Workshop

Thursday, February 21st  
 9:00 a.m.- 12 Noon

Discussions and training related to fertilizer use (dry versus liquid), application rate recommendations, and the production of dryland winter wheat, winter canola, and irrigated winter canola and field corn.

Seating is limited so please RSVP (541-676-9642)

Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) Polycom Marketing Meeting- 8:00 am  
 Contact Larry Lutchter (541)-571-4454 or Larry.Lutchter@oregonstate.edu if you have questions.