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Mustang Mop Up Day scheduled for May 22

Heppner High School will hold the annual Mustang Mop Up on May 22. Heppner High School students and staff will volunteer for service projects throughout the community. Community and civic projects will be the focus of this day.

Mustang Mop Up first began in 2007. Some of the projects included cleaning and painting at the daycare center in Heppner, sending work crew to fairgrounds,

Students from grades 7-12 and the entire staff, about 175 in all, volunteer

for the day.

For questions or more information please contact

Greg Grant at Heppner High School, 541-676-9138.



HHS students and staff have been volunteering to help with service projects in and around Heppner since 2007
File Photo

Pavers will be busy in Heppner this next week

Paving will begin in Heppner on Thursday and Friday. All of Water Street should be finished by Friday afternoon. Residents on Water Street and all drivers should expect Water Street to be closed to any traffic during this time. This should be the last inconven-

ience before all residents can enjoy the new sidewalks and streets. Barratt Boulevard will remain under construction. The contractor expects to begin Phase II early next week. This will close the Eastern end of Barratt Blvd. Construction of the Bridge known as

Lover's Lane is underway, footings are being poured. The Sperry Street bridge removal project will not begin until August but the City is working toward getting the Sidewalk/Beautification projects out for bid and started before the end of June.

Community Pride volunteers find pipe bomb on side of road

By Patty Nance

Volunteers got a little more than they bargained for in Boardman on Saturday during the town's Community Pride Day.

According to Boardman Police Chief Rick Stokoe, volunteers were picking up litter and debris along Oregon Trail Drive when they discovered a suspicious device about five feet off the road. The device turned out to be a pipe bomb filled with gunpowder and nails, Stokoe said. Had it

detonated, Stokoe said, it would likely have caused injury.

While Oregon Train Drive is not very populated, Stokoe said there is a lot of vehicle traffic as well as foot traffic.

"This device was designed to kill someone," he said. "It was made from powder and nails and someone had to have a little bit of experience to make it."

Stokoe said volunteers called police when the device was found. The Oregon

State Police, Morrow County Sheriff's Department and Morrow County Ambulance service all provided assistance to the Boardman department.

The Boardman Police Department will remain the lead agency in the investigation.

Currently, there are no suspects and the incident is still under investigation.

Stokoe said anyone who observes suspicious articles or subjects should call 911.

Ione hires special education director as new principal

The Ione School District has hired Sarah Crane-Simpson of Pendleton as its new principal, beginning July 1. Crane-Simpson will replace Jerry Archer who will retire June 30 after three years in Ione.

Crane-Simpson is currently a special education zone director for the InterMountain Education Service District, overseeing special education services in the Morrow County and Umatilla regions. She started at the IMESD in 2009 as a special education coordinator.

"After a lengthy process, Sarah clearly emerged as the top candidate," said Ione Superintendent Dr. Mark Mulvihill, who is also the superintendent of the



Sarah Crane-Simpson

IMESD. "It's obvious Sarah has the passion, skills and commitment to serve as our principal. We're excited to have her start in Ione."

Ione School Board Chairman Anne Morter said she is thrilled with the selection. "We had two good final candidates and we were impressed with her enthusiasm and knowledge of curriculum,"

she said.

Crane-Simpson has a bachelor's of education degree in special education and a master's in curriculum and instruction from the University of Idaho. She is currently working on her doctorate degree in educational leadership at Lewis and Clark College. Crane-Simpson said she's looking forward to her new role in Ione.

"I can't wait to start this next adventure as an Ione Cardinal," said Crane-Simpson. "It has been a wonderful opportunity to work with the IMESD. I'm happy our relationship will continue while I'm in Ione." Crane-Simpson will move to Ione with her daughter, who will be a 4th grader next year, and son, who will be a first grade student.



New discus ring in place

Through generous donations from many supporters, the Heppner Track and Field Complex has a new discus ring. All the concrete was donated by Miller and Sons, Labor was done by Vince and Don Alleman, and help from Mike Dougherty and Fowler family. The track team is grateful for the service and generous donations to help better the complex. - Contributed photo

New CEO will join Morrow County Health District May 15

By April Sykes

The Morrow County Health District Board has selected Daniel Grigg, from the Salem area, as the new CEO for the district.

Grigg, currently the director of the Center for Patient Safety and Clinical Effectiveness at Salem Hospital, accepted the offer on Monday, said board Chair Larry Mills. Mills said that Grigg said he plans to take over the helm of the district on May 15 and will move his family to Heppner sometime in June after school is out in Salem. Grigg and his wife have seven children, with five still at home.

Employment terms include a \$120,000 per year salary with three weeks paid vacation and up to \$3,500 in moving expenses. According to Mills, Grigg and his family plan to move into the four-bedroom house owned by the district, at least for the time being. The house is currently occupied by interim CEO Victor Vander

Does, who did much to renovate the house himself during his stint as CEO. Vander Does was CEO

prior to Michael Blauer, who recently resigned to take a position in Seaside.

Vander Does reported on planned repairs to the house, including painting, insulation, plastering and sealing and re-cementing the chimney. Vander Does said it has been problematic trying to find a plasterer.

At the meeting Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14 which anticipates \$10,358,738 in total resources and \$10,475,758 in total expenditures, leaving a negative \$117,020, which will be made up from cash on hand.

Mahoney said that the district does not plan to take

out any operating, capital, long and short term loans for that fiscal year.

Proposed resources include: Hospital-\$5,730,728; Home Health and Hospice-\$562,373; Boardman Ambulance-\$283,022; Irrigon Ambulance-\$224,363; Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner-\$1,004,270; Irrigon Clinic-

\$433,999; Other Revenue-\$155,900; Donations and Grants-\$41,000; Interest Income-\$47,000; Capital Leases-\$200,000; Operating, Capital, Long & Short Term Loans-0; Community Service Fees-\$74,460; Electronic Health Record Reimbursements-\$319,552; Property Taxes (including a local option tax levy, if applicable)-\$1,282,071. Proposed total resources excluding taxes are estimated at \$9,076,667. With taxes proposed resources are estimated at \$10,358,738.



Daniel Grigg

Proposed expenditures include: Hospital-\$5,692,217; Home Health and Hospice-\$639,020; Boardman Ambulance-\$303,542; Irrigon Ambulance-\$183,587; Pioneer Memorial Clinic, Heppner-\$1,054,528; Irrigon Clinic-\$365,762; Emergency Medical Services (Lexington and Ione)-\$16,937; Boardman Clinic Donations and Community Benefit Grants-\$50,000; Revenue Deductions and Bad Debt-\$1,301,401; Capital Purchases-\$607,340; Capital Lease Principal Reduction-\$80,000; Long & Short Term Debt Principal

Reduction-\$181,424; Total Expenditures-\$10,475,758; Net Decrease in Cash-(\$117,020).

Heppner Ambulance resources and expenditures are included in the hospital budget.

Mahoney said that the budget includes a five percent increase to service rates for all departments, effective July 1.

She added that she left a \$50,000 community benefit grant to Columbia River Community Health Services in Boardman in the budget, however it had not yet been applied for.

Mahoney presented the

board a draft of large capital purchases and projects that have been requested for the fiscal years 2015-19. The wish list for 2015 includes: a cardiac monitor system for PMH for \$148,000; a backup colonoscope for PMH for \$35,000; a car replacement for Home Health and Hospice-\$25,000; a PMH HVAC system to complete remaining zones -\$162,550; Pioneer Memorial Clinic, Heppner, building siding, windows and paint-\$29,000; hospital window replacement-

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