

Allens named 2013 Spray Rodeo grand marshals

Dick and Jannie Allen of Ione have always used the line that they ran the Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon so they didn't have to run in the Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon. They must

have done something right, though. The city of Spray has honored their involvement by naming them the 2013 Spray Rodeo Grand Marshals, along with fellow long-time volunteer Lyle Rilling.

Dick and Jannie grew up in Kinzua and Fossil, respectively, taught in Fossil and moved to Spray from Fossil in the fall of 1979.

The rodeo weekend in 1980 was their first Spray Rodeo, and Dick and Jannie quickly joined the excitement of Memorial Day weekend in Spray. The Allen children, Steve and Elizabeth, rode their decorated bikes in the parade, Dick ran the Hut, the popular school hamburger stand, and Jannie helped in a variety of ways.

They took over the "running" of the half-marathon in the early 1980s and continued until they moved from Spray to Ione in 1985. In Ione, Dick was principal/superintendent for six years, retiring in 2002. In 2003, he came out of retirement and for



Dick and Jannie Allen

five years was involved in administration in Heppner, Ione and Condon, retiring for good in 2008.

In 1988 Jannie started teaching fifth and sixth grades in Heppner and has been there ever since, with her retirement taking place at the end of this school year.

In 2004, Dick and Jannie joined up with Rilling and once again were involved in being directors for the Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon. Spray resi-

dents say they've made a great team, with Rilling being in charge of the course, the T-shirts, water stations and timing. Dick arranged busing, highway forms and timing. Jannie made the prizes, entered runners, made certificates and, with several friends helping, did the time sheets.

"It has been so much fun, and we have made many wonderful friends over the years," Jannie says. -See ALLENS GRAND MARSHALS/PAGE TWO

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Riverside parents voice concern over students' 'school experience'

By April Sykes

A Riverside High School parent, who said she was speaking on behalf of other parents who have children in the school, voiced a vague dissatisfaction concerning their children's high school experience at RHS during a Morrow County School Board meeting Monday night at Windy River Elementary School in Boardman.

Maria Lomas told the board that parents are concerned about the number of students transferring away from the school and commented that feelings of insecurity may be part of the concern. Lomas, who said she has children attending college who graduated from RHS and also children still in school, said that perhaps some students do not have anyone they trust at the school and have no one to

confide in. However, she stressed that she still thinks the school is "great."

Board Chair Thad Killingbeck, a past MCSD administrator, countered, saying that if the parents are not happy with the school, they must not be considering academics, because, he maintains, RHS is one of the best academically. Riverside High School was recently named one of the U.S. News and World Report's best high schools for the fourth year in a row and it also came in second out of 13 schools for the Eastern Oregon University's regional math contest, with Irrigon High School, third, and Heppner High School, first.

After the initial public comment period, Killingbeck shut down audience -See SCHOOL TRANSFER CONCERNS/PAGE FIVE

City projects moving along

Local street projects are moving along according to Heppner City Manager Kim Cutsforth.

Cutsforth said that Water Street and Riverside paving will be complete this week and that stairs on Water Street will be installed next week. The Lover's Lane bridge should be started and in full swing the following week. The

Barratt project is on track, and retaining walls should be started next week.

The beautification project that includes Quaid Street is going out for bid. The project should be awarded by the end of the month. Cutsforth said that the city is hopeful that this project will be started in June.

Ione ranchers meet with Walden



U.S. Rep. Greg Walden met with Ione ranchers Clint and Maureen Krebs in Washington, D.C. last week. Clint Krebs is currently serving as the president of the American Sheep Industry Association, promoting the industry around the country. He's a fourth-generation sheep producer and has been running sheep his entire life. -Contributed photo

City of Boardman named Enterprise Zone 'fiscal agent'

City to handle \$millions coming into new government entity

By David Sykes

The city of Boardman has been named the "fiscal agent" for the newly reorganized Columbia River Enterprise Zone (CREZ), and its new job will be to handle the millions of dollars expected to roll in from businesses locating in the zone paying fees instead of taxes.

At a meeting Monday, the Enterprise Zone Board

of Directors appointed Thomas A. Kligel, finance director for the City of Boardman, as the person who will accept, hold and distribute funds collected under financial agreements between the zone and businesses locating there.

So far, the businesses that have signed agreements with the CREZ are Rackspace, Columbia River Technologies, Columbia

Plywood and ZeaChem. The businesses have negotiated deals with the Enterprise Zone to pay "fees" instead of county taxes on new manufacturing and service facilities. These fees are based on the amount of development the company does within the Enterprise Zone, a 12-square-mile area encompassing mainly the Port of Morrow Industrial park near Boardman.

So far the CREZ has long-term funding coming in over the next 15 years in excess of \$21 million, and board members said this could be just the beginning of many such deals. Monday it was announced that there are three more company agreements waiting to be negotiated and approved by the board.

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Local mans wants Indian memorial on ballot; city denies the request

Local man: 'Let citizens decide'; City: 'Doesn't meet standards'

By David Sykes

A local man working to put an Indian statue memorial at Heritage Plaza in Heppner is not giving up on the effort, even after the Heppner City Council last month voted to end the debate and remove the cement pedestals upon which the Indian statue would have been placed.

At Monday's city council meeting, former City Manager Dave DeMayo

sent a request asking the city to place the issue on the ballot for voter approval. Tuesday, however, present City Manager Kim Cutsforth gave the effort a set-back by denying the ballot request.

Citizens can apparently present ballot initiatives to the city for placement before voters; however, the city manager must deem the initiatives valid before the city will sponsor, and

pay for, the measure. In this case Cutsforth said no, the request was not valid.

The proposed ballot would have read: "The Heppner City Council, in behalf of its citizens, shall consult and coordinate with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) to install a memorial at Heritage park commemorating the fact that Heppner and the surrounding areas, are places

where these tribes hunted and gathered the resources necessary to maintain their way of life." Voters would vote yes or no on this.

DeMayo had been pushing for over a year to have an American Indian statue placed in Heritage Plaza in Heppner, and that effort had caused "strong feelings" in the community, with some people opposed. -See DEBATE CONTINUES/PAGE FIVE

Telestroke success story

New technology helps local woman survive stroke

Information provided by Morrow County Health District Director of Nursing Molly Rhea, RN and Laura Klink, Public Relations Coordinator at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center.

Hinton Creek cattle rancher, 83-year-old Jean Bennett, usually spends her days hauling hay and traveling in her red pick-up truck for her state job as a part-time brand inspector. So, when she had trouble reading the telephone bill last month, her husband Don knew something wasn't right.

"I could see the information on the bill, but it just didn't register—I couldn't comprehend what it was," says Jean.

Don suspected Jean was having a stroke and, despite Jean's requests to go lay down, Don insisted they go to the hospital. Don's keen eye for recognizing the signs of a stroke was

critical to Jean's survival. According to health care professionals, more than 90 percent of Americans don't know the signs of a stroke.

When they arrived at Pioneer Memorial Hospital (PMH), Emergency Medical Services Director Rusty Estes was the first to greet the couple. Rusty was well known by Jean, as he was a classmate of her youngest daughter. When she didn't recognize him, Rusty went through the hospital door, announcing, "It looks like

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Jean Bennett sits opposite the Telestroke robot at Pioneer Memorial that helped doctors in Heppner and Portland work together to save her life during a stroke last month. -Contributed photo

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