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Paving Rock Street a 'business decision' says city manager

New two-inch overlay draws attention

By David Sykes

Giving Rock Street a new two-inch asphalt overlay was a good business decision that will ultimately save the city money, even though the street was not high on the priority repair list, City Manager Kim Cutsforth told the Heppner

City Council Monday night. Cutsforth admitted there are other streets in town in worse shape, but said the Rock Street deal was just too good to pass up. She said even though the city had to come up with \$24,000 now, the decision in the long run saved "over

\$25,000."

"It was a business decision, not a political one," she twice told the council.

Rock Street is located on the east side of Heppner up on the hill, and dead ends on both ends. Earlier Columbia Basin Electric

Ione celebrates graduation



Ione seniors (L-R) Emily Holland, August Peterson and Charlette Burghard beam with pride during the Ione Community School graduation June 6. Eighteen graduates participated in commencement ceremonies at the school last Friday. -Photo by David Sykes

Courthouse dome, clock tower set to return



The Morrow County Courthouse has seemed barren to area residents used to seeing the familiar dome. The dome, bell and clock faces are set to return later this month. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

The Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner is in the final phases of its "facelift."

The courthouse clock tower and dome were removed from the

Ione selects new superintendent

IONE—The Ione has contracted with the Community School Board InterMountain Education Service District for superintendent services. The IMESD and its superintendent, Dr. Mark Mulvihill, opted not to renew the superintendent services contract with Ione after the current school year, so the Ione board conducted a search for a superintendent.



Phil Starkey

This superintendent role will be a part-time position in Ione.

"The superintendent and principal positions are very different, and it is difficult for a small school district like Ione to afford two separate full-time positions," said Ione School Board Chair Bill Jepsen. "Four years ago our board decided to try something new by using a part-time superintendent service

through Mark Mulvihill and the InterMountain ESD. The model that Mark provided worked so well that we decided to continue it, even though the ESD was no longer able to implement it. We are truly going to miss Mark and the expertise he provided for us. However, we are excited to bring Phil Starkey on board for that position. His credentials and

-See IONE SUPERINTENDENT/PAGE FOUR

Fire endangers rural Ione home

Hundreds of acres burn in brush fire on Morter Lane



Fire crews from Ione, Heppner and Butter Creek worked for around three hours to control a fire on Morter Lane outside Ione last week; an estimated 300-400 acres burned. -Contributed photo

By Andrea Di Salvo Heppner and Boardman's Fire crews from Ione, Station 7 responded to a

brush fire on Morter Lane outside of Ione last Tuesday.

Ione Fire Chief Virgil Morgan said it was a busy day for the fire crews; Heppner and Ione crews were already en route to a motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 207 when he received the call regarding the Morter Lane fire.

Nine Ione crew members responded to the fire, which started about half a mile to the east of Perry Morter's house. Their tender and three brush rigs were joined later by several

trucks from Heppner and Station 7.

"Lots of fuel, lots of smoke, wind at 20 or 30 miles an hour," Morgan recalled.

Though the fire started only a half mile from Morters', Morgan said it was Darren Padberg's home that was threatened as the fire was fueled by ample brush and strong winds that drove the flames right toward the house.

Padbergs brought out a -See MORTER LANE FIRE/PAGE TWO

MCS D approves \$30 million-plus budget for upcoming year

Board hears update on Lexington property

By April Sykes

Morrow County School District Business Monday night at Heppner Elementary School, that

told the school board, the district has completed the asbestos abatement at the Lexington School. He said that the building is now

asbestos-free.

The district is now looking for a buyer for the property, but if no buyer is found, the district says they "may be forced to look at demolition" considering the "significant amount of structural work that needs to be completed on the property."

Fletcher said that in that event, the district would try to salvage as much as "economically possible from the building." He also said that the district will work with the city of Lexington to -See MCS D BUDGET/PAGE FIVE

Area troopers selected for OSP honor

OSP Fish & Wildlife Division's Columbia Basin Team selected as "Team of the Year" for 2013

The Oregon State Police office when Captain Jeff (OSP) Fish and Wildlife Division recognized the outstanding work of troopers from the Columbia Basin Team based out of the Pendleton Area Command

Samuels announced last week that the team was the recipient of the Division's "Team of the Year" award -See AREA TROOPERS HONORED/PAGE TWO

Ann Murray meets with Senator Wyden



Local woman Ann Murray met with Sen. Wyden in Condon recently to discuss pharmacy issues. -Contributed photo

Editor's note: Local pharmacist Ann Murray, a 1987 Oregon State University College of Pharmacy graduate, was featured in the college's alumni publication, BEAVERx, after meeting with Sen. Wyden in Condon. Following is a reprint of the article.

April 16th was a big day at Murray, OR pharmacy in Condon, OR. Storeowner and OSU College of Pharmacy alumna Ann Murray ('87) had the opportunity to talk one-on-one with Senator Ron Wyden. Senator Wyden had called as he came through

Celebrate Heppner Event Schedule

June 13, 2014

- 9 a.m. - close: Merchant Sidewalk Sale - make sure to check inside for special sales
- All Day : Free cup of Hometown Coffee - Heppner Family Foods
- 9 a.m. - close: Community Flea Market and Craft Fair on Main Street (see list below)
- 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.: Special treat from Murray's Espresso Bar - Murray's Drug
- 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.: Mini Carnival for kids and a prize wheel for adults - Community Bank
- 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.: Community barbecue sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon - AmeriTitle parking lot
- 12-5 p.m.: Heppner Library will be open; stop by and sign up for summer reading program.
- 1-5 p.m.: Morrow County Heritage and Agricultural Museums open
- All Children's Games and Small Dog Races will be at the City Park
- 1:30 p.m.: Children's Games
- Tricycle race: 3-5 years old
- Water Balloon Toss: 6-10 & 11-18 years old
- Egg Toss: 6-10 & 11-18 years old
- 2:30 p.m.: Small dog races at City Park
- Vendors: Community Flea Market/Craft Fair/Fundraisers:
Beth Dickenson/Not 2 Shabby: Craft, vintage, upcycle - home décor, furniture and gifts - located inside Dickenson Chiropractic Clinic
Heppner FFA: Bake Sale Fundraiser - in front of Heppner Family Foods
Nancy Gochbauer: Video sale - in front of John's Place
Carolyn Kight: Jewellery, Shawls and Children's Quilts - in front of the tree by the Post Office
Carol Klein: Rings and Things (Jewelry)/Tie dyed shirts, bandanas - in front of Heritage Land Co.
Petra Payne: Scentsy products - in front of Willow Creek Realty

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