

## CITY COUNCIL

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underwent a major rehabilitation project, including new curbs and gutters. Engineers put in driveway entrances through the new curbs to all houses, except for McDaniel's. City Manager Kim Cutsforth at the time told councilmembers that engineers had gone down Water Street during the project planning stage and talked to all the home owners about their driveway entrances, but for some reason had missed McDaniel's home. Therefore when the curbs and gutters were put in, no driveway entrance was installed at her residence, thus keeping her from accessing her driveway.

McDaniel says she was originally told it was her problem and she would just have to live with it. However, after she attended an October 2013 council meeting to complain, Mitch Ferguson of Ferguson Engineering showed up the next morning, spray painted the curb in front of house and told her the problem would be fixed and a driveway installed. Only one problem...since then nothing has been done.

"Obfuscation and dissembling have been the response, when there has been any response at all," she told the city manager, mayor and council. Mc-

Daniel said no explanation has been given to her except Cutsforth twice said weather was the reason the work had not been done. "Not only is the work not completed, no scheduling has been arranged for the work here. No contracts have been arranged. No company hired," she told the council Monday.

The 72 year-old also said she is in poor health and having a hard time getting her groceries and other items into her home without the driveway.

After hearing her complaints at Monday's council meeting, and taking her letter spelling out the difficulties, none of the council, mayor nor city manager had any comment, but turned the matter over to Public Works Director Chad Doherty. Doherty told McDaniel he would have the mistake fixed by August 25.

In other business related to Water Street, Cutsforth said there "have been lots of problems at the bottom of Water Street" following the construction project. She said there are drainage problems that have not been fixed by the contractor and that she will ask for the company's bond in 60 days if they are not fixed.

Cutsforth gave the following city manager's report for the past month:

Frank and Al Osmin brought in and placed nine rocks for the talking rock project. JoAnn Bureson, Charles Ferguson and Cutsforth followed them through town. It is hoped to have some of the plaques in place in the next few weeks. With a goal for all of them by Labor Day Weekend.

She applied for a Healthy Community Grant from Good Shepherd Hospital; if the city receives the grant the money will be used to purchase Water Bottle Fillers (water fountains) for city parks and several bike racks for Main Street.

Cutsforth said she attended the mayor manager meeting in Lexington, where there was an additional discussion about the marijuana moratorium and related land-use issues.

Reported that Hager Street was crack and chip sealed—JAL Construction will be striping and finishing up the last small details of the POM beautification project before the end of this week.

She met with the Army Corp of Engineers for a preliminary lease inspection. The city was given written permission to replace the plywood handicapped ramp at the Hager Park Restroom with a concrete ramp. Public Works is scheduled to do this.

Said she continued to work on nuisance abatement issues and has had above-average success with problem properties this summer.

Cutsforth said she will be attending a FEMA training for flood plain management in Eugene from September 8-12 and would not be in attendance at the September council meeting.

The council heard a report from Fire Chief Rusty Estes who reported the following for the month of July: four rural wildland fires, two false alarms, four times secured the helicopter landing zone, responded to three motor vehicle accidents, responded to one structure fire, one tractor fire, on lift assist, one mutual aid to lone and two mutual aid to Gilliam County.

In other business the council signed a letter not in opposition to the Osmin Ranch on Balm Fork using a well within five miles of two city wells to be used for irrigation. The state of Oregon requires that any well within five miles of a city domestic water well be tested to see if the water comes from a different aquifer before the well can be used for irrigation. It was determined that the Osmin well came from a different aquifer than either city well three or five.



## Students grow 'em to show 'em at the Morrow County Fair

Heppner member of the Grow 'Em and Show 'Em 4-H club, Shayna Osmin, will be showing her 4-H hog at the Morrow County Fair. Also in her group is her brother Kael Osmin. They say they hope to "see ya all there." —Contributed photo



## NEOJGA wraps up 2014 season

The Northeast Oregon Junior Golf Association recently wrapped up their seven-tournament summer series season. The tournaments were held at Pendleton Country Club, Big River Golf Course, Echo Hills, La Grande Country Club and Wine Valley, and two held at Wildhorse Golf Course. More than 50 golfers participated in the summer series this year. They came from local towns such as Pendleton, Hermiston, Heppner, Echo and Lone. Golfers also came from as far away as Arlington, Wallowa, Enterprise, La Grande and Baker.

Points were awarded at each tournament to the top three medalist in each division. Wildhorse results for Aug. 5 were as follows: Pee Wee Girls: First, Sasha Keown, 61; second, Lily Volger, 62

Intermediate Girls: First, Trinity McCarthy, 95; second, Nicole Prophet, 102; third, Tori Suto, 111

Girls: First, Taunie Brock, 97; second, Anna Seymour, 101; third, Emily Rea, 106; fourth, Claire Wellens, 118.

Pee Wee Boys: First, Andrew Rienhardt, 42; second, Devin Bell, 50; third, Tyce Helmick, 58; fourth, Blade Suto, 80; fifth, Derek Whitaker, 82.

Intermediate Boys: First, Jared Geier, 83; second, Braden Bell, 94; third, Cruz Gallegos, 108; fourth, Andrew Lackey, 110.

Boys: First, Reilly Hegarty, 74; second, Anders Lind, 91; third, Jensen Kemble, 93; fourth, Kayden Mecham, 95; fifth, Kai Oliver, 97; sixth, Noah Chamberlain, 110; seventh, Ross Leavitt, 162.

Junior Boys: First, JD Thacker, 77; second, Karl Wellens, 88; third, John Prophet, 112.

The highly-coveted season point awards were given out at the last NEOJGA tournament.

In the Pee Wee Girls division, 8-11 year olds, first went to Sasha Keown from Arlington, second to Sage Ferguson of Lexington and third to Lily Volger from Echo.

For the Intermediate Girls, 12-14 year olds, first was won by Sophie Grant from Heppner, second by Trinity McCarthy from La Grande and third place went to Nicole Prophet of Heppner.

In the girls' 15-18 division, first place went to Emily Rea of Lone, second was awarded to Anna Seymour from La Grande and third place went to Amanda Rea from Lone.

In the Pee Wee Boys division, first place went to Hunter Greenup of Lexington, second to Cody Adams from Hermiston and third was won by Kaden Combe from Heppner.

The Intermediate Boys division was won by Jared Geier of Pendleton, while second went to Braden Bell of La Grande and in third place was Cruz Gallegos from La Grande.

In the boys' 14-15 age group, first place went to Reilly Hegarty of Pendleton, second was won by Anders Lind from Hermiston and in third place was Brayden Pulver from Pendleton.

In the Junior Boys division, first place went to Zac Adams of Hermiston, second to JD Thacker from Hermiston and in third was Rylee Gassin from Baker City.

Major sponsors for the NEOJGA summer series were the Wildhorse Foundation, Tom Denchel Ford, Bank of Eastern Oregon and Les Schwab of La Grande.

## Ione students chosen as 'ambassadors of music'

Ione Community School musicians Austin Morter, Oskar Peterson and Miranda Taylor performed last week at the Umatilla County Fair with other members of the 2015 Oregon Ambassadors of Music. More than 300 honor band and choir members will represent Oregon as they perform 8-10 concerts throughout Europe in the summer of 2015.

The local group working together to raise money and awareness also includes Lexi Bray of Heppner and, from north Morrow County and Hermiston, Paul Surber,

Amanda Gutierrez, Brianne Holden, Zach Chapman, Tanner Smith, Audrey Martinez, Jacob Winnett and Andrea Madrid-Lezama.

In addition to performing, the local group has been busy raising money, and they are preparing for a massive yard sale Sept. 6 in Hermiston. They have also been recording a CD that will soon be on sale.

Local businesses interested in corporate sponsorship should contact the fundraising chairwoman, Marlene Prather, at 541-571-3202. To make donations to individual students, please contact them directly.



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## Sheriff's Report

**April 25:** Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report from an Irrigon subject who said another female had come to the residence and threw pots at his daughter. He requested deputy contact.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner subject that three subjects had stolen some of her belongings. She said she went to that location to collect the belongings, but they would not open the door.

-MCSO received request from a subject to run a VIN on a generator to make sure it was not stolen.

-MCSO cited Daniel Phillip Sellars, 24, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 85 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her son was missing and last seen two days earlier. The son was returned to his parents' house.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that someone threw a raw egg on his front door around midnight. A deputy responded and took the report.

-MCSO Deputy reported three vehicles at a location on Bombing Range Road with two vehicles parked on the side of the road and the other parked off the road. It was determined to be college students from Michigan State doing a squirrel study.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman

## BEO Snack Shack crew ready for the challenge



This is the sixth year that Bank of Eastern Oregon's employees stand ready to take charge of Morrow County Fair's 4-H Snack Shack on Thursday of fair week. Volunteering to grill and serve (from the left) are: Anna Wedding, Mark Lemmon, Joe Perry, Caliene Smith, Jeremy Arbogast, Jill Martin, Gary Prophet, Anita Orem, Becky Kindle, Tobey Garrett and Brianna Smith. Team members not in the photo include Russell Seewald, Teresa Bedortha and Hanna Lovgren. —Contributed photo

that someone had filled condoms with hand cream and splattered them in front of the lawyer's office, the Post Office and city hall. The caller located the bottle of hand cream in front of her residence that morning.

-MCSO received report from an Ione woman that her landlord had sent her a 30-day eviction notice via certified letter. She said that she was told that if she is not out within 30 days, the landlord would call the

sheriff's office, who would respond and throw all her stuff out.

-MCSO received report from a subject at Buttermilk Canyon who said he was driving on a road outside Lonerock and located a place with two residences that had two dogs tied up with no food and another dog locked in a horse trailer. He said he entered the residence to find some dog food and left \$20 because he took some fuel.

-Boardman Ambulance received report of a 66-year-old male who was light-headed and had low blood pressure, 89/57.

-Boardman Ambulance received report of a 66-year-old female who had wrenched her hip and couldn't move her right leg. Boardman Ambulance responded. She was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

-MCSO cited Samantha

## Heppner schools plan registration Aug. 19-20

Heppner High School student registration will be held August 19-20.

New student registration will be Aug. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. HHS Student Body Officers will be available for school tours during new student registration on Aug. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Returning students in grades seven through 12 may register, pay fees and

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pick up schedules on Aug. 19 from noon to 4 p.m. and Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Heppner Elementary School new student registration will be held on Aug. 19 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Returning students may pay their student body fee at that time. Please contact the HES office at 541-676-9128 with any questions.

that there was a blue mountain bike left behind her husband's pickup that morning when he left for work. MCSO responded.