

Junior cheerleaders score monster hit



This year's annual junior cheer clinic was hailed as a big success by organizers. The clinic, sponsored by Heppner High School cheerleaders, was held on Oct. 27, 28 and 29. Girls ranging from three-year-old preschoolers to fourth grade learned cheers and a dance. They then performed in full Halloween costumes to "Monster Mash" during the halftime of the football game on Halloween night. Participants were (front row) Hailey McDaniel, Brooklyn Hendericks, Sophie Grant, Cloe Rodriguez, Addie Coe, Ashli Paullus, McKenzie Maben, Lily Nichols, Faith Jones, (back row) Cara Arbogast, Brook Wilson, Keelie Narins, Sage Jensen, Emily Cecil, Faith Futter, KC Anderson, Meranda Lemmon, Sophie Rodriguez and Macy Gibbs. —Contributed photo

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—Continued from PAGE ONE building. In addition to public health the new facility will house the county court offices, accounting (which is currently located in the Annex building near to the health clinic), veteran's services and the juvenile department.

Tallman said the new building will also free up space for the circuit court.

"The jury room barely holds 12 people," Tallman explained. "There is now no place when introducing evidence or witness testimony."

He said the current facility did not lend itself well for the courts. In contacting all the judges who use the historic courthouse for trials, he found none of them wanted to leave.

Asked if the \$4.1 million figure might change when the actual bids come in, Scott said he felt good the building costs "should not come in over that." He said no one knows what the costs will be until bids are

actually opened but his firm has looked at similar buildings around the area and the actual costs are similar to the square-footage estimate made on the Morrow County project.

Just as planned with the smaller estimate at the beginning of the project, Tallman says the county plans to use SIP (Strategic Investment Program) money from windmill projects in the county to pay for the new building. He said there are an estimated 217 wind towers located in the county, for which county government will receive \$10,500 each for the next 15 years.

The county had received preliminary financing for the project through a local bank; however, Tallman said he will be seeking additional funding now that the project cost has increased. Construction on the new county office building is expected to be completed within one year.

School district announces Heppner schools rate high on state report card

By April Sykes

Heppner Elementary School and Heppner Junior/Senior High School were the only schools in the Morrow County School District to receive a score of four in the Oregon schools report card, Morrow County School District Superintendent Dirk Dirksen announced at the regular school board meeting Monday night at Irrigon Junior/Senior High School.

HES and HJSHS also received a four in last year's report card.

A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon; Irrigon Junior Senior High School; Riverside Junior/Senior High School, Boardman; Sam Boardman Elementary School, Boardman; and Windy River Elementary School, Boardman, all received scores of three. Windy River received a score of four last year, while the others received threes.

Irrigon Elementary School received a score of two both this year and last.

Ione Community School, which is not in the MCSD, also received a four.

Schools are rated from one to five, based on weighted percentages, in academic

achievement, academic growth and "subgroup growth." The top score of five goes to schools achieving averaged percentages of 87 or above; level four—70 to 86.9 percent; level three—47 to 69.9 percent; level two—26.5-46.9 percent; and level one—less than 26.5 percent.

Dirksen announced that Beth O'Hanlon, with the InterMountain ESD, is taking over the fiscal operations of the district, following the resignation of Andy Fletcher. Fletcher left the district to accept a job with Columbia Basin Electric in Heppner, but is still providing some services to the district.

Dirksen said that the job search to find another business manager has been suspended for the time being.

Also during the meeting, the board heard a presentation concerning a new class at Irrigon High School, which provides hands-on-learning opportunities for students in computer science, including setting up a secure network, assembling computers and installing operating systems, among other computer-related skills.

In other business, the

board: —learned from Dirksen that the district's enrollment figures are holding steady with enrollment up around 90 students "across the board." Enrollment as of November is as follows: A.C. Houghton Elementary-292; Sam Boardman Elementary-356; Heppner Elementary-186; Irrigon Elementary-174; Windy River Elementary-201; Heppner Jr./Sr. High School-162; Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School-403; Riverside Jr./Sr. High School-397; Morrow Education Center, Irrigon-30; total-2,201.

—approved the following employment action: resignations—Vern Gumbert, IJSHS junior high boys' basketball, David Johnson, IJSHS ed assistant; retirements—Barbara Harrison, ACH first-grade teacher, as of January 1, 2015; employment/promotions/transfers—Jennah Miltelsdorf, SBE ed assistant; extra duty contracts—Shayne Arndt, RJSH head softball coach, Al Phillips, IJSHS junior high head boys' basketball coach, David Salas, IJSHS JV boys' basketball coach, Eric Solis, IJSHS junior high assistant boys' basketball coach, Dieter

Waite, HJSHS junior high wrestling coach.

—approved the first reading of the following rescinded, new or revised policies on integrated pest management, student transportation services, district nutrition and food services, electronic communications system, local wellness program, non-prescription medication and prescription medication.

—tabled a resolution to amend the Oregon School Boards Constitution to allow appointment of OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee members from a contiguous region if certain conditions are met.

—adopted a resolution to amend the OSBA Constitution to modify the process for the adoption of OSBA legislative policies.

—adopted a resolution to adopt the 2015 OSBA legislative priorities and policies as recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee.

—received the following announcements: Veteran's Day holiday, Tuesday, Nov. 11; OSBA 68th annual conference, Portland, Nov. 13-16; Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 26-28; next board meeting, HJSHS, Dec. 8.

County health district and public health prepared for Ebola

Editor's note: The following information was provided jointly by the Morrow County Health District and Morrow County Public Health.

Morrow County health professionals say this is a unique time, with flu season beginning and other diseases in circulation in our country that all start with flu-like symptoms. For instance:

—Enteroviruses are actually common but usually cause no or mild symptoms in most people. This year Enterovirus D68 has led to severe respiratory illness primarily in young people with asthma. This virus is more common in the summer and fall and is expected to decrease as winter begins.

—Regular influenza (flu) has begun in Oregon but currently the disease level is minimal. Flu activity is expected to increase with the peak of the flu season usually occurring in January and sometimes later. They say the best way to prevent the flu is to get an annual flu shot.

—Ebola is a severe viral illness that has spread to the U.S., but health profes-

sionals say your risk is low. People leaving West Africa are being screened. Anyone arriving in the U.S. from the impacted African countries must enter at one of five airports, where they are also being screened. These persons' names and destinations are being collected and given to state and local health departments. Health departments are monitoring these people for 21 days. There are six persons being monitored in western Oregon, but so far none in eastern Oregon. If one of these people becomes ill, they will be isolated and their close contacts will be identified and monitored.

Morrow County Health Department and Pioneer Memorial Hospital, which is part of Morrow County Health District, say they are closely monitoring the local, state and national recommendations for treating anyone who may be exposed to Ebola. Pioneer Memorial Hospital recently held a table-top exercise to identify Ebola signs and symptoms, along with appropriate precautions. Follow-up training has occurred with all of the medical providers and

nursing staff. Protective equipment is being secured, and policies and practices are being implemented to ensure anyone suspected of coming in contact with the disease is treated according to the most current guidelines and that caregivers and other patients are safe and protected.

That said, the health district and public health department say there are things you can do to protect yourself and your family members during this time of year with colds, flu and other viruses in circulation:

—You and your family members should get a flu shot. Call your doctor or public the health department to arrange this.

—Wash your hands frequently, or use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

—Cover your cough. Enterovirus D68, flu and colds are spread through the

respiratory system.

—If you are ill, stay home until you are symptom-free and no longer taking fever-reducing medications.

—Clean commonly-touched or used items in your household, e.g., door-knobs, TV remotes, refrigerator handle, sink faucets, telephones, toilet handles and computers.

—Do not share cups or eating utensils, especially if you have ill family members.

—Call your doctor if you or a family member has been ill and are having difficulty breathing.

—Stay informed. While there is no preventive vaccine for Enterovirus or Ebola, you can make informed decisions about how to take care of yourself and where/where not to travel. Ebola vaccine is currently being tested and may be available soon.

Get orders in for FBLA's homemade pie sale

Orders for the Heppner FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) pies are due Nov. 18 for delivery Nov. 25-27. Pies available are: apple, pecan, cherry, pumpkin, berry, peach and Oreo; cost is \$15. To order, contact Mrs. Collins at 541-676-9138.

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