

May 16 special election results

With a Morrow County voter turnout of less than 24 percent, the Morrow County Clerk's office has announced the unofficial results in the May 16 Special Election. Several positions were decided by write-in ballots, as indicated below; names of winners will be released upon their acceptance of the positions. Other local winners are:

Ione School District: Director Position 3—Ed Rietmann; Position 4—Rob Crum; Position 5—Lisa Rietmann.

Morrow County School District: Director Position 2—William "Thad" Killingbeck; Position 6—Barney Lindsay; Position 7—Andy Fletcher.

Boardman Rural Fire Protection District: Director at Large (vote for three)—Steven Myren, Don Russell and Ken Browne.

Heppner Rural Fire Protection District: Director at Large (vote for three)—Brian Thompson, Lyle Peck and Michael Mahoney.

Ione Rural Fire Protection District: Director at Large (vote for three)—Joe Rietmann, Vester "Wayne" Hams and Stephen Hill.

Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District: Director Position 3—Robert "Bob" Vandecar; Position 4—Danny H. Young; Position 5—Burrell L. Cooley.

Pilot Rock Fire District 7-401: Director, Position 1—Timothy C. Weinke; Position 5—Patrick A. Doherty.

South R.F.P.D.: Position 3, Four Year Term—Doug Potter; Position 4, Four Year Term—Jeff P. Kersey; Position 5, Four Year Term—Roger K. Lyda.

Heppner Water Control District: Director, At Large (Vote For 2)—results
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Heppner alum to hold La Grande art exhibit



Andrew Sykes

Pendleton artist and Heppner alumnus Andrew Sykes will have an exhibition of his work "Figments," at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande.

The show will open with a reception on June 9 from 6-8 p.m. and will run through July 28. Regular hours at the art center are

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G-T closed Memorial Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times office will be closed Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day holiday.

All news and ad deadlines will be Friday, May 26, by 5 p.m.

The newspaper office will reopen on Tuesday, May 30.

Zone changes affect farm & forest use

'Will create economic opportunity in the areas of agritourism, guest ranches, and other development opportunities'



Morrow County Planning Director Carla McLane prepares to present a revised Farm and Forest Use zoning code to the public next Tuesday. The new codes will affect how farm and forest land can be used in Morrow County. -Photo by David Sykes

By David Sykes

The public will have the opportunity to comment next Tuesday on proposed changes to farm and forest land uses in Morrow County.

Among other things the changes will significantly clarify and ease the development of agritourism-type businesses within the county, says Morrow County

Health district board tours PMH, hears needs for expansion



Morrow County Health District CEO Bob Houser (right) leads a tour of Pioneer Memorial Hospital facilities to illustrate the necessity of remodeling to allow the district to provide up-to-date tests and procedures. Pictured left to right are board members John Murray, Jill Parker and Leann Rea. -Photo by April Sykes

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Morris retires as HES kindergarten teacher



Sharon Morris of Heppner reads with her last kindergarten class at Heppner Elementary. Morris will retire next month after 30 years as a teacher. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

By Andrea Di Salvo

When veteran kindergarten teacher Sharon Morris says goodbye to this year's Heppner Elementary kindergarten class June 8, it will be her final farewell as kindergarten teacher at HES. Morris, 58, officially retired last November; finishing out this school year

puts her at 30 years teaching with Morrow County School District.

Morris, the daughter of Morris and Shirley McCarl of Lexington, has an even longer history with Heppner schools. She was born in Pendleton and raised in

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Heppner, Ione to hold commencements

Baccalaureates planned for next Wednesday

It's that time of year again, and both Ione and Heppner high schools are planning commencement ceremonies for their graduating classes next week.

Ione baccalaureate will take place May 31 at 7 p.m. at Ione Community Church. Graduation ceremonies will

take place Friday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at Ione High School.

In Heppner, baccalaureate will take place May 31 at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Graduation ceremonies will be held

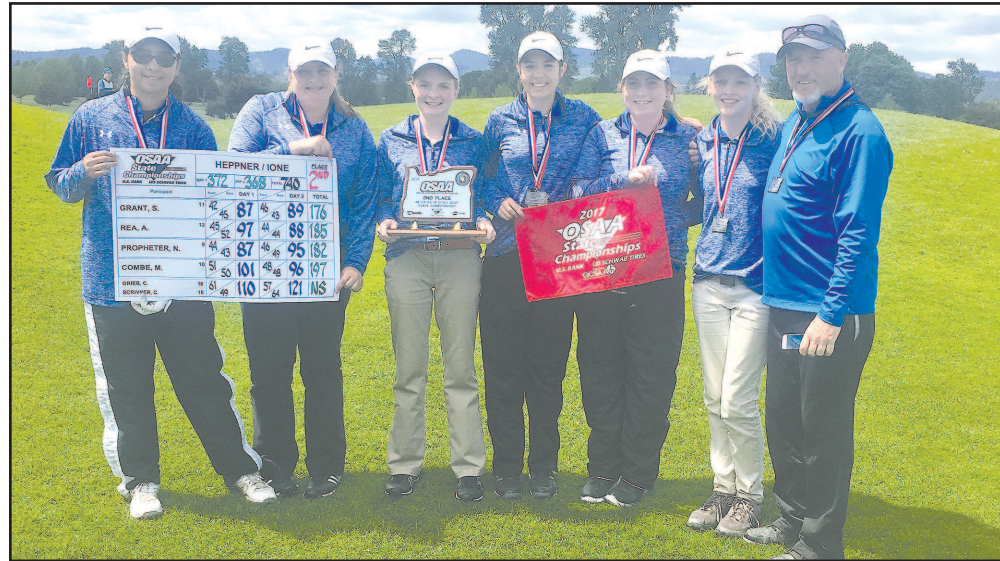
Saturday, June 3, at 2 p.m. in the Heppner Jr./Sr. High School gym.

Ione celebrates prom



Ione High School gave one last big bash before graduation when it celebrated prom recently. Pictured are Ione prom king and queen, Sergio Marin-Faris and Yaniva Garcia. -Photo by Erin Heideman

Mustang girls' golf takes second at state



The Mustang girls' golf team (L-R): Nicole Propheter, Madison Combe, Amanda Rea, Sophie Grant, Claire Grieb, Caitlyn Scrivner and Coach Greg Grant. -Contributed photo

The Heppner Mustang girls' golf team came home with a trophy from the OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A State Golf Championship Tournament. The event was held

at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis. The Heppner team finished in second place out of the nine teams that competed. Heppner was the only 2A team that qualified this year, and they had to go up against four 3A and four 4A teams.

The Mustangs had a score of 372 on the first day of the tournament. That put them 21 strokes behind St. Mary's and 13 strokes ahead of Blanchet Catholic, who was in third.

Leading the way for Heppner on day one were Sophie Grant and Nicole Propheter, who both shot an 87. Amanda Rea came in with a 97 and Madison Combe finished with a 101. Claire Grieb fired a 110 for the team on day one.

Planning Director Carla McLane, who spoke to the Gazette-Times Monday.

McLane and the planning commission have been working on the new code over a year and are now ready to present the changes at a public hearing next Tuesday. The hearing starts at 7 p.m. at the Bartholomew Building in Heppner, and public testimony for and against will be taken at that time.

McLane said the new rules are needed to both bring the county code into compliance with state law, but also to reflect the newly updated county comprehensive plan, and the changing economy in the county. The planning commission recently completed an update of the economic portion of the comprehensive plan, with a new element

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Day two saw the Heppner team improve their scores despite a steady rainfall. The girls shot a 368 as a team to solidify their second-place standing. Amanda shot the low round of the day for the Mustangs with an 88. Sophie was close behind with an 89. Nicole fired a 95 and Madison came in with a 96. Caitlyn Scrivner played through the rain and shot a 121.

With her total of 176, Sophie medaled for the

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