

## Shared Ministry celebrates Peru well project

On Sunday, June 25, the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church will celebrate the completion of their latest well project, constructed in Peru through Living Water International. The community is invited to join them for a potluck from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the All Saints parish hall; the potluck will feature foods popular in Peru. There will also be photos to share, along with information about the community in which this well was drilled. This celebration continues an immersion in the culture of Peru that will begin with the multi-church "Passport to Peru" vacation Bible school being held at Hope June 19-22.

The location of this well, in a remote area of the Amazon rain forest, made construction twice as expensive as the prior five wells funded by the Shared Ministry, because the drilling equipment and workers needed to be transported by boat up a narrow stream. According to Living Water's project report, the 18 families who live in Sol Naciente, Peru, had been using a nearby stream as their only water source, and the water was not potable. Waterborne illnesses like cholera and dysentery were common, in addition to the water-related risks of malaria and respiratory infections.

Living Water's drill

team reached an aquifer at 65 meters, and a community hand pump was installed. The residents of Sol Naciente organized a four-person water committee who worked with the field team to learn how to properly maintain the hand pump and care for the well site so that it would work for many years to come. Residents also committed to giving a small monthly monetary contribution that will be kept in a fund to cover any well maintenance costs that might arise.

be eradicated and positive habits that should be implemented. The causes and effects of diarrhea were discussed, and attendees were encouraged to use safe drinking water to combat dehydration. Residents also learned how to care for the new hand pump and keep water that they collected from the well in clean containers to prevent contamination until they were ready to drink it.

The Shared Ministry says it is grateful for contributions from its members



A group of young girls in Sol Naciente, Peru, enjoy water from the new pump installed through the work of Living Water International and Heppner's Shared Ministry. -Contributed photo

In addition to drilling the well, the field team organized classes for the residents on a variety of hygiene-related topics, and taught proper hand washing techniques as a way to help prevent the spread of disease. They also identified negative habits that should

and from Valby Lutheran Church, and for the community's participation in support of fundraisers like the food booth at Music in the Park concerts. More information about Shared Ministry activities is available by calling the church office at 541-676-9970.

## Elks host mother-daughter tea for HHS seniors



The Heppner Lady Elks hosted their annual mother-daughter tea for Heppner High School seniors on Monday, May 22. The seniors and their guests were treated to a tea luncheon prepared by Melissa Lindsay and Carrie Grieb, as well as entertainment by Doris Brosnan and Sharon Harrison. Back (L-R): Mothers Jennifer Cecil, Ruth Eadler, Julie DeLoach, Rhonda Hamby, Jacque Dompier, Tonja Lemmon, Deanna Camp and Michelle McCurry with Doris Brosnan and Sharon Harrison. Front (L-R): HHS graduating seniors Emily Cecil, Kellie Eadler, Onna DeLoach, Taylor Hamby, Riane Dompier, Meranda Lemmon, Mathilda Camp and Taylor Nelson. -Contributed photo

## MCSD

-Continued from PAGE ONE will improve the quality of instruction students receive at home as well as increase opportunities for students to get engaged with their neighborhood/community schools. They can participate in taking courses at home for part of the day and they may be able to participate in coming to school and register for classes they need or desire such as elective courses, CTE, art, PE, music, etc. They can also join our sports, clubs, etc., as they are enrolled as a MCSD student.

"We are excited about the future and its potential impact," the district continued.

In other business, the board:

-adopted rescinded, new or revised policies on: evaluation of the superintendent, a local wellness program, staff-student-parent relations, whistleblower, family medical leave.

-learned from Dirksen that due to a technology grant the district will gain 426 more Chromebooks, 17 large TVs and a 3D printer. He said they are anticipating that they will have more Chromebooks than they will have students next year.

-adopted new, revised or rescinded administrative rules on: local wellness program, federal family and medical leave, state family medical leave, request for family and medical leave, certification of health care provided, military family medical leave, FMLA-OFLA eligibility notice to employee and sample designation letter to employee.

-approved the following: a Mid-Columbia Bus agreement, school based counseling agreement, annual organizational details, a leave of absence request, a raise in substitute teacher pay up to \$200.64

per day, authorization of district funds, committed fund balance, and the superintendent's contract for 2017-2020.

-received the following enrollment report: A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon-275; Sam Boardman Elementary, Boardman-328; Heppner Elementary-170; Irrigon Elementary-201, Windy River Elementary-225, Heppner Jr./Sr. High School-160; Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School-366; Riverside Jr./Sr. High School, Boardman-424; Morrow Education Center, Irrigon-53; total-2,202.

-approved the following employment action: resignations/non-renewals-Susan Booher, SBE fifth-grade teacher through the end of the school year, Timur Gaston IJSHS special education teacher, end of school year, Larissa Maddern, HJSHS ed assistant, end of school year, George Mendoza, assistant superintendent, June 30, Christine Moore, WRE sixth-grade teacher; retirements-Clair Costello, PERS retiree, June 30, returning for the 2017-18 school year, Rogena Loving, RJSJS custodian, June 30; employment/promotions/transfers-Elvia Ayala, RJSJS head secretary 2017-18, Jessa Bigsby, WRE sixth grade teacher, 2017-18, Catherine Bose, SBE ed assistant, Jennifer Flores, SBE temporary ed assistant, Tiffanie Greenup, HJSHS head secretary 2017-18, Jack Johns, Director of Special Education 2017-18, Gary Klinger, IJSHS head custodian 2017-18, Venesa Lopez, RJSJS ed assistant 2017-18, David Norton, RJSJS principal 2017-18, Gina Patterson, Boardman summer temporary custodian 2017, Darcy Robinson, Heppner Elementary head

secretary 2017-18, Nancy Rodriguez, RJSJS department secretary 2017-18, Marie Shimer, director of educational services, district office 2017-18, Anna Sohl Taylor, RJSJS English Language Learner/Spanish teacher 2017-18, Erin Stocker, executive director of human resources, district office/Irrigon Elementary principal 2017-18, Dieter Waite, HES principal 2017-18; extra duty contracts-David Boor, RJSJS head football coach, Sam Cornelius, RJSJS head cross country coach.

-accepted and appropriated unanticipated revenues in the amounts of \$5,000 from the Boardman Kiwanis Club, \$10,000 from Umatilla Electric and \$500 from Boardman Foods, all toward the RJSJS track project.

-learned from an emotional Thad Killingbeck, long-time board member and board chair, that he anticipates moving out of the district to locate in Hermiston next year. He said he would continue to serve on the board until his move. The district will proceed in seeking applicants.

-learned from Dirksen about a full-scale, district-wide training on security, which will "move beyond talking." "Preparation will help us prevent harm down the road," he commented.

-thanked Mark Pratt for his "dedicated years of service as a board member."

-heard the following announcements: summer school for Irrigon and Heppner, June 13-30, and June 12-30 and July 31-Aug. 5 for Boardman; Oregon School Board Association summer conference, July 14-16; administration returns Aug. 1; staff in-service, Aug. 21-24; students begin Aug. 28; next board meeting, Aug. 14, RJSJS.

## Sheriff's Report

**March 12 (cont.):** -An RP in Irrigon reported that their neighbors are attaching their trailer to theirs and stealing electricity that way. They requested a deputy that speaks Spanish to make contact.

-MCSD was advised the Curry County arrested Derek S Jones, 35, on an MCSD warrant for Failure to Appear on Theft II and Failure to Present II. Subject also was cited by Curry Co. for Theft III.

-MCSD was advised of a Honda Civic on I-84, Boardman, all over the road, crossing the

center line and failing to maintain lane. MCSD issued a warning for reckless driving.

**March 13:** -A Morrow County Sheriff's Office officer reported being out with a vehicle at the Sinclair station in Boardman. The vehicle was stolen out of Walla Walla. Walla Walla was advised and reported

they will contact the owner. Vehicle was towed.

-A female in Irrigon asked to speak to an MCSD deputy about her adult son, his wife and children who have not returned home. She advised they went to Heppner in her vehicle on Saturday to help a friend move, and were supposed to be back that night, but that they were not answering their phones.

-The School Resource Officer was advised of a fight at Irrigon High School.

-MCSD was advised of two white pit bulls with brown spots in Irrigon, fighting another dog through a fence.

-MCSD was advised of a possible intoxicated driver that left Love's Travel Stop and went eastbound on I-84. The called advised the vehicle left, and was in the incorrect lane leaving Love's, then got onto the freeway in the correct direction.

-MCSD received report from a male in Irrigon that a female and a male busted his fence at the storage unit last night. A deputy contacted the caller and the subjects made arrangements to fix the damage.

-A caller in Heppner advised of a large black and brown dog with an orange collar that was wandering around the area. It was just following another lady who was out walking her dog. MCSD was unable to locate.

-MCSD received a complaint regarding a Toyota on I-84 west, Boardman, with no headlights or taillights. MCSD was unable to locate.

**March 14:** -Boardman ambulance responded to a call regarding an elementary student who collided with another student, complaining of rib pain and chest pain, not very coherent, denied hitting head when he fell to the ground. Patient was transported.

-Heppner ambulance and MCSD responded to a possible suicidal subject in Heppner. Unfounded.

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Oscar Miguel Mejia, 31, was convicted of one count of Assaulting a Public Safety Officer, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to 15 months prison time with credit for time served. The defendant also received two years' post-prison su-

pervision. Mejia was also convicted of one count of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to six months' jail time with credit for time served and to run concurrent with the previous count. The defendant also received one year post-prison supervision. Fees and assessments were waived by the court.

## Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be this Thursday, June 15, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room.

Portland General Electric representatives Brad Jenkins and Wendy Veliz will give an update on PGE.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Bucknum's will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Tuesday before to guarantee a lunch.

A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.



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676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH**

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**Annual Youth Night  
Flag Day Ceremony  
& Ladies Night Dinner**  
*All kids and their families invited*  
**Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm**  
*Veterans and kids eat FREE*  
*All others \$5 each*  
**Lodge 7pm.**  
*Raffle prizes to follow including a .243 rifle*

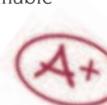


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