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# Joann Burleson to celebrate birthday

Heppner resident Joann Burleson will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 14. She was born in Colorado in 1931 and spent her working years in Canby, OR. She moved to Heppner in the late 90's and has been active in the community ever since. A relative told the Gazette-Times, "She loves Heppner."



Joann Burleson

No party is planned due to Covid, but her family intends to visit and help her celebrate.

# IOOF holds annual Hardman cemetery cleanup

On a recent blustery Tuesday on Hardman Ridge, several members of the Willow Odd Fellows Lodge held a work party at the historic Hardman Cemetery in preparation of Memorial Day weekend. Lawn mowers, weed eaters, and tractors with bush-hog mowers moved in and in short order had the cemetery looking ship shape. Lodge members donating their time, equipment and



Jim Swanson helped out at the cemetery cleanup day in Hardman.

fuel were Frank Osmin, Al Osmin, Steve Puntenny, Joe Perry, Jim Swanson, Roger Britt, Kelwayne Haguewood and Tommy Wolf.

The IOOF Hardman Cemetery is under the care and maintenance of Willow Lodge #66 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has graves dating from 1888 to the present. Several century-old gravestones have very decorative and unusual inscriptions, with many pioneer families interred there.

# Grant to receive coaches' association award

Longtime Heppner athletic director and coach Greg Grant will receive the 2021 Oregon Athletic Coaches Association's (OACA) Dave Johnson Contributor Award on June 6 at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

time they have served and contribution toward state and local athletic programs and service to the OACA.

Grant's teams have won state titles in 1992, 2015, 2019 and finished second in 2007, 2014. Grant has been the head football coach at Heppner since 1990. He has been the golf coach since 1990 and the athletic director since 2000.



Greg Grant

The award has been given the past 20 years for coaches in recognition of

# Chamber meeting scheduled

The next Heppner chamber meeting will be held June 3 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building. The meeting will be all entities reporting and RSVPs are required for lunch and seating.

Contact the chamber at heppnerchamber@gmail.com or 541-6765536 for additional information.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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whichever is less (subject to available funding). Increment requests will be allowed with maximum funding to business of \$25,000; e.g., multiple projects over time." Any business wishing to apply for one of these grants should contact the Heppner Chamber of Commerce office 541.676.5536 or email heppnerchamber@gmail.com. The office is located on Main St in Heppner. More information about the WCVEDG grant programs, including application forms, are also available online at heppnerchamber.com/economic-dev.

In an effort to clean up derelict properties in preparation of new construction in the south county area, WCVEDG has also instituted a new grant program for demolition and abatement of

environmental hazards such as asbestos discovered. The grants can also be used for extension of existing utilities to a new home site.

The final grant program offered by WCVEDG has been the Community and Public Enhancement grants. These grants are for local organizations, clubs, special districts or government entities for improvements to the communities. Some of the organizations that have received these grants are City of Heppner, Heppner Day Care, Heppner Little League, Heppner Community Foundation, Heppner Cemetery District, Oregon Trail Library District, Ione Booster Club, City of Ione, Ione Booster Club, Town of Lexington, Lexington Grange, South Morrow County Neighborhood Center and the Four Corners Snowmobile Club.

Also, in housing development WCVEDG recently completed construction and is currently renting out two town house style duplexes in Heppner and is nearing completion and ready for renters in a duplex in Ione. WCVEDG also recently purchased 23 acres in the Heppner city limits above Rock Street and is seeking funding to develop 13 1/2 acre lots that will have broadband, city sewer and water, paved streets and sidewalks and views.

Board members of WCVEDG include Kim Cutsforth, chair, Nancy Snider, vice chair, Marcia Kemp, secretary, Kraig Cutsforth, treasurer, and Jeff Bailey, Ed Rollins, Darrell Green and David Sykes, directors. Sykes and Snider were also recognized for each having served over 25 years on the WCVEDG board.

# HHS graduation

Heppner High School's Class of 2021 graduation ceremony will be held June 5, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the HHS gymnasium. The ceremony is invitation only due to current COVID restrictions and will not be open to the public. A live stream of the ceremony can be found at <https://www.nfhnetwork.com/events/heppner-high-school-heppner-or/evt320ee679d1>.

School staff will be available at the Heppner Elementary School gym from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday to accept gifts and cards for the graduates to gather after their ceremony.


Celebration of Life  
**Richard John Fisher**  
"Big Fish"  
5/9/59 - 2/7/21

Please join us as we honor the life and memories of our dear loved one who left us at Providence St. Vincent's in Portland on February 7, 2021

**June 5, 2021**  
**11 AM**

**Heppner City Park**  
**Main Street, Heppner**

Please bring chairs or blankets for seating and join us for a meal after the service.

HealthyMC.org  

# Main Objectives of Healthier Morrow County

*Through Healthier Morrow County, our hope and vision are that this community-wide initiative will benefit every person and family in our county today, tomorrow and for many years to come.*

*In everything we do, the decisions we make and the direction we take, you will find them grounded in the following goals.*

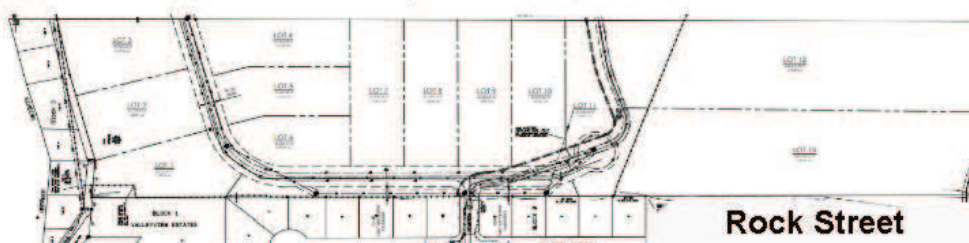
- Strive to be your First Choice for quality, compassionate, local care and lead the way in promoting wellness and improving health in Morrow County.
- Advance the quality of care provided in each patient care area while enhancing your patient and customer service experience.
- Maximize the value of our relationships with community and regional partners through initiatives that promote health and bring valuable health services to Morrow County residents.
- Ensure that our facilities, technology and infrastructure, as well as our workforce of 136 employees and 52 volunteers will continue to meet the needs of our communities today, and for generations to come.

 **MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**  
Excellence in Healthcare

*Working Together to be a Healthier Community Today and TOMORROW*

Where healthier is happening...  
Boardman | Heppner | Ione | Irrigon | Lexington 541-676-9133

**Buildable Lands**  
WCVEDG recently purchased 23 acres in Heppner City limits and is seeking funding to create thirteen 1-1/2 acre lots that will have broadband, city sewer and water, paved streets and sidewalks and views.



**Rock Street**

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