

School District remains optimistic about state budget

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Heppner TSA members Madison Palmer and Trevor Nichols are also state officers. The state TSA conference is April 20.

In other business, the board:

-heard from Special Education Coordinator Marissa Turner that they are doing a math intervention curriculum adoption for special ed K-12;

-approved an early graduation request from Irrigon High School student Alexa Ketelson;

-approved receipt of unanticipated revenue from Good Shepard Community Health Foundation in the amount of \$4995 to Riverside Jr./Sr. High School and \$7,350 to Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School; and

-heard that district-wide enrollment is up over last year, with 2,289 MCSD students in April 2023 compared to 2,274 in April 2022, with the largest gain in Heppner at 357 compared to 338 last April;

-learned of the resignations of Bo Bourasa, HES K-2 Teacher (will be finishing the 2022/23 school year), Marie Cain, RJSJS Head Volleyball Coach, Maria Covarrubia, SBE Educational Assistant, Alex Lindsay, HJSJS JH Track Coach, Mandi Parsons, IES Special Education Teacher (will be finishing school year), Italia Rodriguez, IJSJS Educational Assistant, Madison Rosenbalm, HES Third Grade Teacher (will be finishing the school year) and Edith Velasco, RJSJS JH Assistant Track Coach;

-approved the following employment/pro-

motions/transfers: Albro, Eric - JH Science Teacher - 2023/24 - RJSJS; Azurin, Elijah - Music Teacher - 2023/24 - WRE; Beard, Ashley - Instructional Coach - 2023/24 - MCSD; Chavez-Sierra, Kimberly - 5th Grade Teacher - 2023/24 - WRE; Edwards, Stephanie - 6th Grade Teacher - 2023/24 - WRE; Gerry, Samantha - PE/Interventionist - 2023/24 - HES; Harding, Johnathon - Music/Choir Teacher - 2023/24 - IJSJS; Harshberger, Richard - Instructional Coach - 2023/24 - MCSD; Hodgdon, Cynthia - 3rd Grade Teacher - 2023/24 - ACH; Kennison-Kerrigan, Dawn - Instructional Coach - 2023/24 - MCSD; Lopez, April - 1st Grade Teacher - 2023/24 - ACH; McCreary, Dale - Science Teacher - 2023/24 - IJSJS; Meyer, Stacy - 2nd Grade Teacher - 2023/24 - ACH; Mitchell, Martha - 2nd Grade Teacher - 2023/24 - SBE; Mittelsdorf, Jordan - Kindergarten Teacher - 2023/24 - SBE; Nitz, Deidra - 1st Grade Teacher - 2023/24 - SBE; Parker, Jennifer - Educational Assistant - 2023/24 - HES; Rambo, Alyssa - 3rd Grade

Teacher - 2023/24 - SBE; Roberts, Joshua - Social Studies Teacher - 2023/24 - RJSJS; Rodriguez, Adair - Educational Assistant - 2023/24 - RJSJS; Royler, Mike - Counselor - 2023/24 - IJSJS; Savage, Amber - 1st Grade Teacher - 2023/24 - SBE; Smith, BeAnn - 2nd Grade Teacher - 2023/24 - SBE; Streb, Alicia - Title Teacher - 2023/24 - SBE; Wares, Quentin - Assistant Custodian - IJSJS; Wilson, Melanie - Assistant Custodian - HES;

-approved the following extra duty contracts: Duenas, Edgar - Temporary JH Assistant Track Coach - RJSJS; Sweeney, Brandi - JH Assistant Track Coach - HJSJS; Velasco, Edith - Temporary HS Assistant Track Coach - RJSJS;

-heard that the OSBA Summer Conference is Aug. 11-13 at Salem Convention Center, Steam Friday is April 28, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12, the budget committee meeting is Tuesday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School, and the next regular board meeting is Tuesday, May 9, at 6 p.m. at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School.

WCCC Sunday men's play

Sixteen participated in men's play at Willow Creek Country Club on Sunday, April 16. The results are as follows:

KP #4-13, Tim Wright, 13'10".

KP second shot #6-15, Charlie Ferguson, 5'10".

Net—first, Tim Wright, 58; second, Tim Hedman, 59; third (tie), Curtis Day and Dave Gunderson, 61.

Gross—first, Charlie Ferguson, 65; second, Duane Disque, 67; third, Jeff Edmundson, 70.

The next men's play will be April 23, hosted by Jeff Watkins, Jerid Huddleston and Donald Mathews. April 30 will be the shootout—a two-man event, so golfers need to get their partners lined up for that.

Hunter Greenup excels in bareback riding



Hunter Greenup, the son of Travis and Tiffanie Greenup of Heppner, was champion bareback rider at Treasure Valley Community College Rodeo in Ontario, OR earlier this month. He placed third in the first round, second in the second round, second in the shortgo and first in the average. Greenup is currently a student at Blue Mountain Community College.

Town and Country awards banquet May 4

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Town and Country awards banquet on Thursday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at the Gilliam & Bisbee Event Center in Heppner.

A limited number of tickets are for sale at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, Heppner City Hall, and Murray's Drug. Tickets are \$40 each, which includes a prime rib dinner by Gateway Café and a no-host bar provided by Bucknum's Tavern and Grill, a silent auction and, of course, the community awards presentation.

Grow Em' and Show Em' holds second goat, sheep meeting

By Jasper Hanna
On April 16, the Grow Em' and Show Em' 4-H group had its second goat-sheep meeting, in which 12 members attended.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, which Axton Hendricks led. Then they did the 4-H Pledge, led by Mikalie Duncan. After the pledges, they did an M&M ice breaker where they shared interesting facts about themselves.

After the ice breaker, club members went over the basics of Animal Health Records, then Brooklyn

and Tenley, president and vice-president, read out the schedule, which was given to each member. Some of the important upcoming dates include May 1-25, 4-H camp registrations; May 15-June 1, OSU summer conference registrations; and May 19, 4-H community service at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

At the conclusion of the meeting, they had some time to document important information. The next club meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 6 p.m.

Plant-based cooking class planned at local church

The next Delightfully Yummy vegetarian and plant-based cooking class will be Tuesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. The class is free, and all are welcome. The class is located at and hosted by the Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church, 560 Minor Street, Heppner.

The showcase is Mexican cuisine. Recipes and samples will be available at class. Call or text 541-561-9132 to reserve a seat and apron.

This event will also be shared live on Facebook at Delightfully Yummy.

FISHERMAN'S NIGHT

Thursday, April 20th

Oyster & Fish Dinner

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