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## Ione city council discusses wastewater project and property upkeep

By Annalynn Black

At the May 14th Ione council meeting, a citizen expressed gratitude for the gravel that was brought in but raised concerns that it had been washed away due to the rain. In response, a council member assured her that they would investigate obtaining more gravel and mentioned that the previous supply had been donated by the county.

The council discussed an RV project proposed by a resident of Ione. This project involved the closure of multiple streets and the potential addition of a new laundromat. However, the discussion was postponed until they could determine the appropriate zoning for the area. Council member Spivey highlighted the potential benefits of RV parks saying, "the RV parks can be a huge boost for our few businesses that we have here."

The USDA conducted an ADA site visit and de-

termined that the sidewalk in front of city hall needed to be redone along with updates to the bathroom. Council member and city administrator Liz Peterson mentioned that a tree was also causing issues and needed to be addressed. Additionally, they planned to relocate the handicap parking spot and replace the hand railing in the bathroom, as well as move the bathroom mirror. Peterson explained that the most expensive repairs would be the sidewalk and the tree. It was decided that they would solicit bids from contractors for the necessary work.

Moving on, Peterson informed the council that the auditors were still working on the audit due to the need to correct previous year's audits

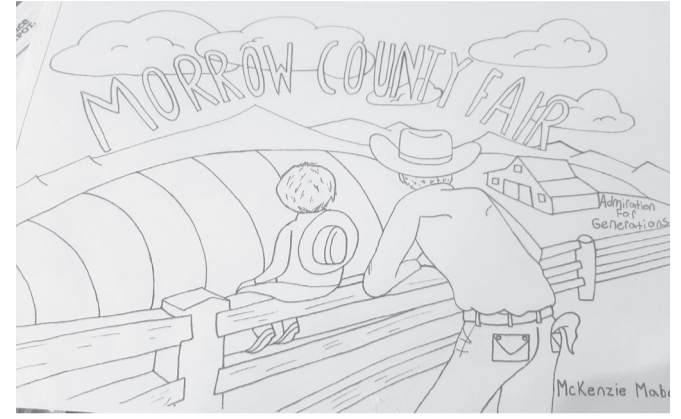
Dane Maben, an engineer participating via Zoom, provided an overview of the wastewater

project. He reported that contractors had visited the site and asked questions, with around 12 individuals showing up. Bids for the project were scheduled to be submitted on May 23rd, allowing contractors to participate virtually through Zoom. Maben stated that he would review the bids and announce the lowest bidder. He also mentioned that Anderson Perry, a construction firm, would ensure compliance with the state construction board and review the bid documents. Maben would then write a letter summarizing the bid results and recommend how the council should proceed. Following the selection of a contractor, the city would need to issue a notice of intent to award the contract, initiating a 7-day protest period. Afterward, the city could give the notice of award and proceed to work with the awarded contractor. The council agreed to

schedule a special meeting on the 29th to discuss the process in more detail. They also decided that the responsibility of approving change orders during construction would be determined in the special sessions meeting to be held on the 29th. Maben mentioned the requirement for the operator of the wastewater system to be certified, to which Peterson confirmed that it had been accounted for in the budget.

Liz Peterson brought up a complaint from someone outside of town regarding the condition of a local restaurant's property. Another council member mentioned an issue with excessive weeds on a property adjacent to his own. Although the possibility of sending letters to the restaurant owner and the neighboring property owner was discussed, it was not confirmed if they would proceed with this action.

## Maben wins MC fair drawing contest



Makenzie Maben's drawing. -Photo by Sue Gibbs

Makenzie Maben, the drawing contest winner, goes to school at Heppner High School and entered the contest through Mrs. Nelson's art class. The contest ran from January to

Spring Break. The contest was run by Morrow County Fair to help promote the fair and encourage youth participation. The drawing -Continued to PAGE SEVEN

## Bill Walton dies at 71

November 5, 1952 – May 27, 2024



Bill Walton in front of the Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner 2018. -Photo by John Killkenny

An American professional basketball player and television sportscaster. He played college basketball at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and in the NBA for the Portland Trail Blazers, San Diego / Los Angeles Clippers, and Boston Celtics. He is a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and the Nation-

al Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. Bill Walton was part of the 1977 NBA champion Portland Trail Blazers team. They won four straight games after losing the first two in the NBA Finals against the Philadelphia 76ers. Walton died from colon cancer at his home in San Diego on May 27, 2024, at the age of 71

## Morrow County primary election results



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### Total county wide Results

#### Morrow County Commissioner, Position 1

Gus Peterson 641 – 28.5%  
Roy Drago Jr 632 – 28.1%  
Kelly Doherty 493 – 21.1%  
Rick Drake 388 – 17.2%  
Write-in 3 - 0.01%  
Total 2249

#### House Dist. 57

Greg Smith 4,574 – 75.3%  
Raymond Akers 1,486 – 24.5%  
Write-in 12 – 0.2%  
Total 6072

#### Senate Dist. 29

Todd Nash 8,732 – 54.2%  
Jim E. Doherty 4,089 – 24.9%  
Dave Drotzmann 3,300 – 20.1%  
Andy B. Huwe 285 – 1.7%  
Write-in 19 – 0.1%  
Total 16,428

### Results by city

#### Heppner

##### Morrow County Commissioner, Position 1

Gus Peterson - 213  
Kelly L Doherty - 140  
Roy Drago Jr -105  
Rick Drake - 161  
Write-in - 2  
Over Votes - 2  
Under Votes - 17  
Total - 640

##### REP State Senator, 29th

#### District Senate

Jim E. Doherty - 112  
Dave Drotzmann - 106  
Todd Nash - 183  
Andy B. Huwe - 4  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 15  
Total - 420

#### REP State Representative, 57th District House

Raymond Akers - 99  
Greg Smith - 304  
Write-in - 1  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 16  
Total - 420

#### Boardman

##### Morrow County Commissioner, Position 1

Gus Peterson - 68  
Kelly L Doherty - 123  
Roy Drago Jr - 334  
Rick Drake - 39  
Write-in - 1  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 13  
Total - 578

##### REP State Senator, 29th

Jim E. Doherty - 59  
Dave Drotzmann - 149  
Todd Nash - 91  
Andy B. Huwe - 5  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 6  
Total - 310

##### REP State Representative, 57th District House

Raymond Akers - 65

Greg Smith - 232  
Write-in - 3  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 10  
Total - 310

#### Irrigon

##### Morrow County Commissioner, Position 1

Gus Peterson - 147  
Kelly L Doherty - 172  
Roy Drago Jr - 132  
Rick Drake - 98  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 42  
Total - 591

##### REP State Senator, 29th

Jim E. Doherty - 93  
Dave Drotzmann - 135  
Todd Nash - 118  
Andy B. Huwe - 18  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 1  
Under Votes - 9  
Total - 374

##### REP State Representative, 57th District House

Raymond Akers - 112  
Greg Smith - 248  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 14  
Total - 374

#### Lexington

##### Morrow County Commissioner, Position 1

Gus Peterson - 78  
Kelly L Doherty - 37  
Roy Drago Jr - 24  
Rick Drake - 59  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 5  
Total - 203

##### REP State Senator, 29th

Jim E. Doherty - 38  
Dave Drotzmann - 19  
Todd Nash - 80  
Andy B. Huwe - 2  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 4  
Total - 143

#### REP State Representative, 57th District House

Raymond Akers - 38  
Greg Smith - 99  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 6  
Total - 143

#### Ione

##### Morrow County Commissioner, Position 1

Gus Peterson - 135  
Kelly L Doherty - 21  
Roy Drago Jr - 37  
Rick Drake - 31  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 1  
Under Votes - 12  
Total - 237

##### REP State Senator, 29th

Jim E. Doherty - 15  
Dave Drotzmann - 63  
Todd Nash - 82  
Andy B. Huwe - 1  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 6  
Total - 167

##### REP State Representative, 57th District House

Raymond Akers - 45  
Greg Smith - 112  
Write-in - 0  
Over Votes - 0  
Under Votes - 10  
Total - 167

## Heppner Elementary tours the County Courthouse



Heppner Elementary students had the opportunity to tour the county courthouse on Thursday the 23rd. District Attorney Justin Nelson and Commissioner David Sykes are pictured showing them the court room. - Contributed Photo



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