

TRSD board hears Homebuilders' vocational ed proposal

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A vocational education proposal was made by the Home Builders Association (HBA) of Josephine County to Three Rivers School District (TRSD) directors during their Monday night, April 20 meeting at Hidden Valley High School in Murphy.

HBA members John Chmelir, Gordon Longhurst, Jen Wheatley and Ralph Henderson proposed that some of the funds collected from an excise tax on new construction be allocated toward purchasing tools for students interested in vocational education programs.

In 2007, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 1036, which allowed school districts to impose a construc-

tion excise tax as a way to raise revenues for capital improvements. The TRSD board voted to implement the tax last year, as did Grants Pass School District 7. However, the TRSD board agreed to delay implementation until July 1 this year after HBA requested time to allow its industry to recover from the current housing slump.

"When the construction excise tax was proposed at the state level and local level, we were not very thrilled," Longhurst said. "We were opposed to it, but also recognized that the Legislature passed it and the school boards were pretty much bound to adopt it because it's a funding source and they're always desperate for funding sources."

Longhurst said that under SB 1036, school districts can only spend funds collected from the excise tax for capital improvements, which is why HBA is suggesting the purchase of tools.

"If it's generated by construction spending, we want to see the benefit of construction training," he said.

TRSD Director Phil Stephens said that he supports the concept.

"They didn't want the tax in the beginning," he said, "but since the board wanted to try to collect at least some of what was coming in, at least this is a good opportunity to return that money back into training high school kids that want a career or at least to know how to do the home building part of it."

Longhurst said that by using the construction excise taxes in such a way, the district could reverse the trend of funding cuts to vocational education.

"Traditionally, it's been a problem locally and nationally," he said. "Vocational education, for years, has been a poor stepchild. Usually, when budgets are getting cut, one of the first things to get cut is the shop programs."

The TRSD board did not act on the proposal during the April 20 meeting. However, Stephens said that he considers it worth pursuing.

"I think everyone on the board liked the idea," he said. "Vocational training is very important to a number of students. It's an idea we're going to be proceeding with."

Longhurst said that he has been working with Rogue Community College to try to encourage apprenticeships and provide opportunities for young people in the area.

"When the construction industry is healthy, kids can come out of school, do a couple of years of vocational training and make a pretty good living wage," he said. Likewise, the program being discussed right now by TRSD board and HBA would be conducted in conjunction with RCC.

Longhurst said that he supports the program because "it's multifaceted."

"It's not purely hands-on stuff," he added. "It's integrated more traditional academic stuff with vocational education."

Stevens said he would like to see students benefit from such a program.

"I thought it is a pretty neat idea," Stephens said. "Not only will they learn some skills, but they'll get college credit off of it too, which is nice."

Obituary

Irmande "Mande" Juliette Bouchard

Irmande "Mande" Juliette Bouchard, 88, of Selma, died Wednesday, April 15, 2009 in Cave Junction at a foster care home.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 9. It will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temporary meeting site on Redwood Hwy. south of Cave Junction in the former location of Fire Mountain Gems.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Richard Bouchard, P.O. Box 1835, Cave Junction OR 97523. Funds will be used for local people, he said.

Mrs. Bouchard was born on Oct. 6, 1920 in L'Annonciation, Quebec, Canada. She moved with her foster parents to Pittsfield, Mass. when

she was a small child. In 1938 she met and married the love of her life, Joseph "Joe" Emile Bouchard. They made their home in Pittsfield, and with five children their lives were complete.

On July 16, 1943 she became a U.S. citizen. In 1975 Joe died of cancer and Irmande moved to California to live with her daughter, Julia, who died of cancer in 1998. She then lived awhile with her two youngest sons, Richard and Paul, and then lived alone until 2004. At that time, she moved from Anaheim, Calif. to Oregon to live with son, Richard, and his wife, Dusty.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Surviving are four children, Joseph Emile Bouchard Jr., of Pennsylvania, Richard R. Bouchard, of Selma, and twins Paul Edward Bouchard, of Oroville,

Wash., and Pauline Sayers, of Pittsfield, Mass.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Hull & Hull Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements. The guest book can be signed at since1928hull.com.



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Church News

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cave Junction

The church at 265 S. Old Stage Road, P. O. Box 330, Website www.cavejunction-church.org is continuing each second Monday to invite the community to the Garden of Eating program.

The delicious meal is served at 6 p.m., and is followed by a special program and door prizes. Monday, May 11, tantalizing Mediterranean cuisine with great desserts will be served with entertainment by the Rogue Valley Adventist Academy Handbell

Choir. This group is talented and greatly acclaimed by many musicians.

The guest will be Marcella Lynch author and television personality. This talented woman is coming from her new home in Applegate Valley. She says that she always enjoys speaking to the residents of Illinois Valley as they are enthusiastic cooks.

On Mothers Day Sabbath, Saturday, May 9, at 11 a.m. a *Steps to Christ* musical concert will be offered by Manford & Sherry Bauer. This talented

couple from Montana often come to Cave Junction, as they have relatives in the area.

Gifts will be given to each mother present at the service.

A sad note to all who loved and appreciated Juanita Winton Goforth, who passed to her rest in Fresno, Calif. at the age of 83. She had resided in Cave Junction for more than 20 years and operated a care home.

She was active in helping with Community Services at the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She helped in many other ways in her church and the community.

A memorial service will be held for her at the Cave Junction Seventh-day Adventist Church Saturday, May 23 at 2 p.m. Remembrances may be given to the Better Life Broadcasting Network, which comes from Eight Dollar Mountain on

Channel 48.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

On that first Easter Sunday after his crucifixion and rising from death, Jesus appeared to his confused disciples and even ate and drank with them to prove He was not a ghost.

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He also reminded them that God was with them, even until the end of time. This same message is ours today.

Calendar: Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., church rummage sale; Sundays, 9:15 a.m., All-Comers Sunday School, 10 a.m., followed by worship and Communion.

Places of Worship

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children
Web Page:
<http://UMCImmanuel.org>

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River St., CJ
592-3658
Msgr. Gregory Moys, Pastor
Mass - Saturday 5:30 p.m.
No Sunday Mass
Holy Days TBA
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday - 4:30 to 5 p.m.

ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
2110 Caves Hwy., CJ
Pastor Frank J. Matz, Jr.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study
Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.
www.illinoisvalleybaptistchurch.org
Phone: 541-592-6149

BAHA'I FAITH
Phone 592-5234

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street
& Lewis Court, CJ
Pastor Don Torala
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: 592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.org

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Church Service
11 a.m. Saturday
Prayer & Praise
7 p.m. Tuesday
Pastor Verne Hyland
Church 592-3218
Everyone Welcome
Madrone Adventist School
592-3330
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy Whitchurch
592-6604

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Evangelical
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.
Pastor Dave Gordon
Christian Academy -
PK to 12th

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Les Knapp
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
592-6160

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
temporary location at
28195 Redwood Hwy., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. -
11:10 a.m.
Bishop John A. "Jack" Brown
1st Counselor Bob Knott
2nd Counselor Dan Fiske

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

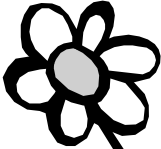
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
5181 Holland Loop, CJ
592-3923
"We celebrate God's Presence in our lives!"
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.

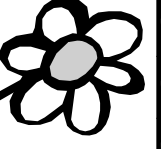
TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP OF CAVE JUNCTION
meeting at
Evergreen Elementary School
520 W. River St., CJ
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
6:30 p.m.
Pastor Pat Henderson
592-3092

Illinois Valley Garden Club Plant Sale
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Saturday
May 2
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Diversity & End of Life Care - April 29
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