

Advanced school transportation costs discussed

The Vernonia School District 47J Budget Committee held its second meeting on Thursday, April 16, 1981. Chairman Howard Hopkins called the meeting to order and the minutes were approved as read. District Superintendent, Art Parrow,

Horse logging alive and well

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has a positive effect on wildlife as well.

Horses and mules, it was explained, use smaller trails and paths, and are more maneuverable creating less damage to the wood you're moving and the trees left standing. They don't tear up vital seedlings and undergrowth or compact soil as badly either. Horses cost less to operate but are a lot slower we were told. According to Ott "The machinery logger can move three to four times the wood that a horse can." On one job, Ott says, it took him seven hours to move one big "hunk of wood" to a landing, whereas a machine could have done it in no time, but a machine couldn't get in and move it without tearing up trees and landscape.

Thinning is nothing new as a forestry practice. Many private woods owners and local tree farmers have used this and other methods for years. There have always been horse loggers, about ten in northwest Oregon mostly doing work in national forests and water sheds, for obvious reasons. If you have a backyard or hundreds of acres of trees that you need advice on managing or thinning contact any of these men for help and information. For the date of the next "Woodland Tour" contact your county forestry agent. It was a most informative tour and enjoyed by all attending, don't miss the next one.

proceeded to explain the District Center expenditure proposals.

Within the District Center expenditures, two items were discussed in length by the committee. The first was the transportation costs to and from Portland Community College for advanced classes for high school students. Several committee members spoke in favor of this program while some committee members questioned the expense of the program in a year when District receipts have been drastically reduced from the state and federal levels.

The second heavily discussed item in the District portion of the budget was the proposed transfer of funds from the District to the School Lunch Program. The subsidy from the District is proposed at \$28,000, an increase of \$23,000. Superintendent Parrow explained that this increase is due to reduced subsidy in this program from the federal level. Currently, those students that pay full price for a meal are subsidized through federal reimbursement at approximately 47¢ per lunch. This subsidy is in the form of cash and commodity food. The federal government has totally eliminated this subsidy for 1981-82. Those students that are on reduced-price lunch would lose ½ of the current subsidy of cash and commodities. The District increased subsidy of the school lunch program also assumes that the students would pay increased prices for lunches. The proposed increased lunch prices for elementary students would be 90¢ and high school students would pay 95¢ for their lunch. At present 67 percent of students eating lunch in the cafeteria pay full price, 6 percent pay reduced-price and the remainder are on the free lunch program. There has been no reduction in subsidy from the federal level for the free lunch students. The total loss of funds from federal sources in the lunch program is estimated to be in excess of \$48,000 for the next school year, Parrow said.

The budget committee continued by taking a detailed look at the High School Center expenditures. Questions were raised on equipment for the home economics, shop, business and math departments. The possibility of charging students a fee

for driver education was also considered. The committee voted to remove \$600 for instructional services in the high school health and physical education department, eliminating the fees for bowling and golf.

The budget as proposed to the Budget Committee has deleted the high school forest products program. A number of individuals from the community spoke in favor of this program and requested its reinstatement in the budget. Numerous budget committee members voiced their concern that this program had been deleted as they felt that it served a great value in a community whose principal occupation is the timber industry.

Discussion was held regarding the athletic program. A recommendation that several sports (cross country, wrestling, golf and track) be cut, leaving only boy's football and basketball and girl's volleyball and basketball, was made. It was also proposed that the JV football program be reduced by one game and that football games be held only on Saturday afternoons. The total elimination of interscholastic athletic competition at the elementary school level was also proposed. Considerable discussion was held on these proposals by members of the committee and the audience.

The budget committee will meet again on April 21 and 23 at 7:30 pm in the school district office. All interested members of the community are invited to attend these meetings.

Poison control class successful

Mike Johnson and Steven Katz held a Poison Control class on April 16 for interested members of the community.

Johnson, Forest Grove Hospital emergency room supervisor, and Katz, a Forest Grove pharmacist, paid special attention to safe guarding the home from accidental poisoning and pointing out poisons, such as garden supplies and household cleaners, we often overlook.

Emergency care for poison victims, including when to induce vomiting and when not to and methods of flushing irritants from skin surfaces were also discussed.

An ample supply of "Mr. Yuck!" identification stickers to warn your children of poisons are available at the Vernonia Freedom office.

WOMEN'S CITY BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Team—True Value 2723
Marita Woods
Rose Weissenbuehler
Donna Reynolds
Salee Marion

Florence Newton
Singles - Carol Hogan 511 scratch
Bette Weaver 608 hdcp.

Doubles -
Joyce Johnson & Pat Eager 1068 scratch
Bess Moser & Dot White 1118 hdcp.

Hi Series - Joyce Johnson 578 scratch
Salee Marion 631 hdcp.

Hi Game - Joyce Johnson 220 scratch
Jennifer Ragsdale 239 hdcp.

All Events - Joyce Johnson 1627 scratch
Freda Pederson 1690 hdcp.

Triple Score - Helen Clarke

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

90 local jobs open for youths

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) which in past years has provided federal funds (CETA) for youth 14 to 21 years to work for the summer months (June through August) will be administered this year by the State Employment Division (St. Helens).

Employment Specialist for this summer's SYEP, Mrs. Kit Lucey, announced this week that up to 90 summer jobs will be offered in the Scappoose, Vernonia, St. Helens, Clatskanie and Rainier areas. She will be meeting with employers during the month of April and May to develop the positions and to provide

guidelines for supervision as well as current information regarding minors and labor laws.

Private, non-profit employers who are interested in providing safe, well supervised positions for up to 32 hours per week are invited to contact Mrs. Lucey (397-1233) to complete job description forms for jobs beginning in June (after the end of school). Federal minimum wages are \$3.35 per hour. Youth who are eligible will be interviewed in the schools by Intake Representative, Ms. Jane Martinez beginning in May. Eligibility is determined by two factors: low income and learning disability.

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